

## 2023 Estimate of Giving Worksheet

As you consider how you have been impacted by the mission and ministry of SOTC, and as you consider your participation in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to those within our congregation and those within the community, we encourage you to consider your financial giving.

Note that this worksheet will *not* be collected. Rather, this worksheet is meant to be a resource for you to spiritually discern how God may be calling you to live out your discipleship through your stewardship.

### Step 1

To make an estimate of giving begins with spending time in thought and prayer regarding your feelings and behavior around money and your financial situation. Take a look at the At-Home Practices - shared digitally in our weekly email, and in print in the church narthex - to spark thoughts/conversation.

### Step 2

After doing so, consider offering the following prayer:

*O God of abundance, help me to be generous with all you have entrusted to me: my self, my time and my possessions - signs of your gracious love. Amen.*

### Step 3

Then, complete your estimate of giving for the coming year:

In 2023, I gave \$\_\_\_\_\_/week or month (circle one) to the mission of Jesus through SOTC.

In 2024, I pledge to give \$\_\_\_\_\_/week or month (circle one) to the mission of Jesus through SOTC.

### Step 4

Offer your commitment to Jesus in prayer, asking God to remind you of God's generous love, and asking God to give you the will and desire to participate in God's mission.

## Looking for an Electronic Way to Give?

We've got you covered! Here are various ways to give to SOTC electronically:

1. **Tithely** - Give through your checking account or credit card by going to [shepherdofthecross.org](https://shepherdofthecross.org). Give one-time or sign up for recurring giving. For general offering giving, select "General Fund" from the drop down menu.
2. **Zelle** - SOTC now has Zelle! If you'd like to set up Zelle, contact the church office or Matt Bentz.
3. **Direct Bank Deposit from your Bank** - Some members have their offerings set up through their personal checking account to be sent to SOTC. Check out if this is an option for you!
4. **Credit Card Swipe for Special Events** - We've recently purchased a credit card reader for use at special events like Soup Fest and for special collections (money for Christmas poinsettias, baseball game tickets, etc.) The credit card reader will *not* be used routinely on Sunday mornings for offerings as there are other avenues to set up regular giving. However, look for the credit card reader to be used more in the coming months!