

Prayer for Generosity

Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the blessing of our church's ministry and for the many who have contributed of their time, talents, gifts, and service to realize the missions and outreach we have been called to do. Bless us again with a spirit of generosity and renewed commitment, trusting in you as we move forward to grow in grace, faith, and discipleship. Continue to grant us a great vision and to equip us to do our part in the work of your kingdom. And to You will be all the honor, glory, and praise!

Amen

"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Mark 4:8-9

**COME
GROW**



**WITH
US**

Guide to Generosity

As we begin the 2nd year in our new location, we give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. God has used the resources we have committed to transform lives in our community, but we have only just begun! We are confident in the plans God has for us!

As you consider your own commitment, please begin with prayer. Thank God for the blessings in your life and ask for guidance, wisdom, and discernment. Recognize that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and your investment in God's work.

What is expected of me?

Our annual giving commitment represents an act of worship in which we thank God for our blessings and acknowledge that everything we have is a gift from God. The Bible teaches us to give a tithe or the first ten percent of what we earn to God and God's work. For some, the giving of the tenth is a goal you are growing toward each year. For others, it is the starting point, and you will give far in excess of this. If you are not yet tithing, consider taking a step toward the tithe this year. Determine your giving in proportion to your income. What percentage will you give? Then set a percentage that you can increase each year until you reach the tithing goal. Ultimately, the amount that we give will differ from person to person as each has different means and resources. Stepping up to a tithe may require a change in our spending. As you pray for guidance, ask for wisdom and discernment related to your finances. Pray that God will give you a spirit of faith and trust.

Why do I need to return a commitment card?

Your annual giving card reflects your tithes and offerings to support your church's ministry and mission through the year. It is important that every member of the KUMC family return commitment cards. The process of prayerfully asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment with your financial gifts is an act of worship and an expression of gratitude and praise to God. In addition, on a more practical note, your commitments allow our church to budget and better plan for our ministries in the coming year.

When do I make my commitment?

Commitment Weekend is October 31st. We will present our annual giving commitments during a special "Celebration Sunday" of praise and worship. After that date, you may complete a commitment card online at: www.knightdaleumc.org/give.

What is the timing of my commitments?

Annual giving commitments run coincident with the calendar. New commitments begin January 1, 2011 and continue through December 31, 2011.

How can I give my tithes and offerings to KUMC?

• *Weekly Worship Offerings* — Giving during the worship offering time is an act of thanksgiving and worship. For your convenience, envelopes are provided in the seat backs or attendance notebooks.

• *Mail to the Church* — Gifts may be mailed to Knightdale UMC, 7071 Forestville Rd., Knightdale, NC 27545

• *Online through our secure portal* — By scheduling a recurring contribution via our secure portal, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first, before anything else. Our simple process guarantees that the church will receive your gifts on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or forget one week and you will continue to receive your quarterly giving statement detailing all contributions received. For more information about the online giving process, refer to our website at www.knightdaleumc.org/give.

What if financial hardship prohibits me from making a commitment this year?

We do ask that everyone return their commitment cards, even if it is a limited financial commitment at this time. Return a card with a zero if you are unable to participate this year. This lets us know that you received your card and had the opportunity to participate.

You can always change your commitment if your situation changes by calling our Church Office at (919) 266-2373 and asking to speak to the Financial Secretary.

In you are unable to give at this time, don't let that keep you from participating and serving in church. Remember that God honors your faithfulness and that your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give. If you are experiencing financial hardship, be sure to let our pastoral staff know of your situation so that they can pray for and support you. We also offer financial classes throughout the year. Watch the calendar and newsletter for information about the next available class.

