

FAQ: Giving

What is the best way to give?

Please consider giving online through our giving platform at theepicchurch.com. It allows you to manage your giving and gives you the option of setting up a reoccurring amount.

Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more towards IMAGINE?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give. You might have possessions, assets, stocks, or other stored resources that God has blessed you with that He might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you. You can contact our Financial Director at info@theepicchurch.com for more information.

What if I am new here?

IMAGINE is about the vision for our church in Flagler County. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards and we would love for you to make Epic Church your home and join us in the IMAGINE initiative. All money you give will impact our community and its future. If you are ready, this is a perfect time for you to join.

What if I have never even given to Epic Church before?

IMAGINE was crafted specifically with you in mind. IMAGINE is a “One Fund” generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving—thus creating two steps for people who aren’t yet giving. IMAGINE helps everyone decide what they are being called to give and to begin giving. If you have never given before, this is your opportunity to engage at Epic through giving. We really hope you will.

What if I don't have a job right now? What does that mean for my commitment?

IMAGINE is about your trust and generosity to God’s mission at Epic. Although generosity will look different for every person, we believe God calls us to generosity in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance. IMAGINE is about surrendering our lives and giving completely to Jesus. That may mean the Lord challenges you to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don’t quite know how to fulfill right now. Trust God to provide as you seek ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. We would like for 100% of those who call Epic home to be a part of IMAGINE so that we can all be spiritually stretched during this season.

What if I am severely in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

If you are currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt, we commend you for making progress and you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend financial coaching that might help you. Being in debt does not, however, excuse a person from giving. Giving is not about what God wants from you; rather, it’s about what God wants for you. Like everyone else in our church family, we would encourage you to

seek the Lord for direction and then follow through in obedience to Him. Please contact us if you need assistance or if you would like us to set up some financial coaching. We would be honored to help.

Will I be able to change my commitment over the two years if I need to?

Yes. We understand that things can change over the course of two years. You might face a surprise expense or be blessed with a new source of income. If God leads you to increase or decrease your commitment during the two years, just contact us so we can plan accordingly.

Why do churches talk about money and finances so much?

Jesus spoke more about money than He did about heaven and hell combined. People take different spiritual steps at different times. Some people begin praying before they attend church while others go to small group before they begin talking to God in prayer. Giving is a critical spiritual step, and it comes at different times for different people. Like all other spiritual disciplines, giving draws us closer to God, and God expects that faithful followers of Christ will be joyful and generous givers. Paul is so concerned about our tendency to separate our giving from our living of the Christian life that he admonishes us to excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). Giving is an essential part of the Christian life. Money has the potential to take us away from the things of God. Jesus tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). What does the use of your treasure say about your heart for Christ and seeing all come to know Him?

How do I know that Epic Church is a trustworthy place to give my resources?

Epic has implemented carefully designed teams, policies, and procedures for every area of finance and accounting. We have multiple teams involved in receiving funds, budgeting, spending, fiscal transparency, and accountability. Our financial books are in full compliance of accounting standards. We spend a significant amount of time to make sure that our books could be reviewed at any time by a third-party professional for review. Epic does not have any debt.

What if I'm unable to attend Commitment Sunday or I don't live nearby?

"Commitment Sunday" is when the whole church will bring our Intention Cards to show what we are planning to give. It will be a special moment that we are excited for everyone to take part in. However, we also realize that many people who want to be involved might be unable to attend for reasons beyond their control. Be sure to scan your Intention Card and send it to info@theepicchurch.com or mail your Intention Card to our office location of Epic Church, 160 Cypress Point Pkwy, #C107, Palm Coast, FL 32164. Then tune in to our livestream or watch the service from our Facebook page on Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Why does the goal of \$8.4 million include the operational budget?

If people give their normal gifts towards just the Building Fund, then this would hurt Epic's ministry on a regular basis throughout the year. We need the operational budget to continue to be funded for ongoing ministry. We don't want to harm the ongoing ministry of Epic to achieve these IMAGINE initiatives. We want to keep on leading people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, and we believe the One Fund approach best

helps us to do that from a financial standpoint.

Can more people join the IMAGINE initiative?

Yes, as more and more people come to call Epic home over the next two years, we will engage them to join us at the point that they come. So hopefully more and more people will come to join us in what God is doing through Epic.

How much money does Epic need up front to build?

The more monies we can have on the front end of the IMAGINE initiative, the better. We will need around \$2.5 million to strongly begin. So, if you can give more up front, that would help tremendously as we go to build and launch these initiatives.