

# Cornerstone Christian Center

Cornerstone Christian Center is a non-profit organization, registered with the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) subordinate unit of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri. All donations to Cornerstone Christian Center are tax deductible to the extent that no goods or services were provided in connection with the donation.

## HOW CAN I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

- Place your contribution in the offering plate at any one of our weekday or weekend services.
- Mail a check to 11301 W. Indian School Rd. Avondale, AZ 85392, Attention: Finance Dept.
- Give online (single or recurring gifts) may be made by Visa or MasterCard. You may use your Debit Card as long as it has the Visa or MasterCard logo. As well you may give via eChecks.

## IS IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO USE AN OFFERING ENVELOPE?

- Yes. The Finance Office uses these envelopes to verify your current address and to record your donations to the fund(s) you have requested, such as Tithes, Missions, Youth, etc.
- Envelopes provide our Count Team and Finance Team a cross-check figure to verify cash received and deposited.
- When giving a cash offering, please complete the information on the outside of the envelope so that we may give you an annual accounting of your contributions. Additionally, it is used as a method of accountability for the hands of those who collect, process, and deposit the funds.
- Please print clearly and complete all information requested on the envelope. If you have the same name as your parent/child, be sure to label your checks/envelopes in such a way that we are able to see the difference in names and/or address, i.e. Doug Sr. and Doug Jr.
- If your check has an old address, please be sure to write your correct address on the envelope and update your check, so we can properly apply your donation to your giving record.

## WILL I RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR MY DONATIONS?

Yes. Each January we mail out a contribution statement for all gifts given in the previous calendar year. Please make sure the church has your current mailing address.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MY GIVING HISTORY?

Please contact the church Finance Dept. at (623) 877-3220 or send an email to [church@cornerstonaz.org](mailto:church@cornerstonaz.org), Subject: Finance Dept.

## CAN I SET UP AUTOMATIC SCHEDULED CONTRIBUTIONS?

Yes. You can set up your scheduled contributions through our secure online giving link. Once you are logged in, you will see an option to schedule your contribution on a specific date, set up a weekly or monthly donation, as well as other options.

## I WANT TO RESTRICT MY GIFT TO A PARTICULAR PROJECT OR PROGRAM. CAN I DO THIS ONLINE?

Besides our General Fund (unrestricted funds) to support the church and events, you may restrict your gift for an approved project or program, such as General Missions or Youth Department. Other approved projects or programs may arise periodically throughout the year.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GIFT IF MORE MONEY IS RAISED THAN IS NEEDED FOR THE RESTRICTED FUND?

While we try not to raise more than is needed for a particular project or program, we cannot always guarantee this is the case. Once a restricted funds' purpose is met we will close the fund, but if there are excess donations we reserve the right to use those funds for other purposes. Whenever appropriate we will attempt to use excess funding for a related program or purpose.

## I WANT TO RESTRICT MY GIFT TO A PARTICULAR PERSON. CAN I DO THIS?

No. A gift restricted to a specific individual constitutes a person-to-person gift and is not tax deductible. We cannot accept gifts restricted for a staff member or to help a needy individual.

## GIVING TO SUPPORT A PARTICIPANT ON A SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP?

When you write a check to support a specific short-term missionary and indicate their name on your check, you are in actuality making a donation to a fund created specifically for the mission trip, not to the individual participant. Cornerstone Christian Center retains administrative and accounting control of the money that is contributed and uses it to pay for the trip expenses. No money is given to the participant other than to pay for their direct trip expenses such as food or transportation while on the mission field. In the event that a participant is unable to travel with the Missions Team, Cornerstone Christian Center retains the right to apply funds received to another participant. We are unable to refund your donation to this fund due to IRS regulations regarding tax deductible gifts.

## CAN I RESTRICT MY GIFT TO A PARTICULAR PROJECT OR PROGRAM NOT AFFILIATED WITH CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CENTER?

Cornerstone Christian Center can only accept donations for ministries that have been approved by the Pastoral Staff, Ministry Staff or Servant Council. In some instances Cornerstone Christian Center may take an offering for a project or program not affiliated with our church; however, it has been pre-approved by the leadership mentioned above.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your gifts to God's work through the ministry of Cornerstone Christian Center. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any assistance to you.