



GENEROSITY JOURNEY GUIDE

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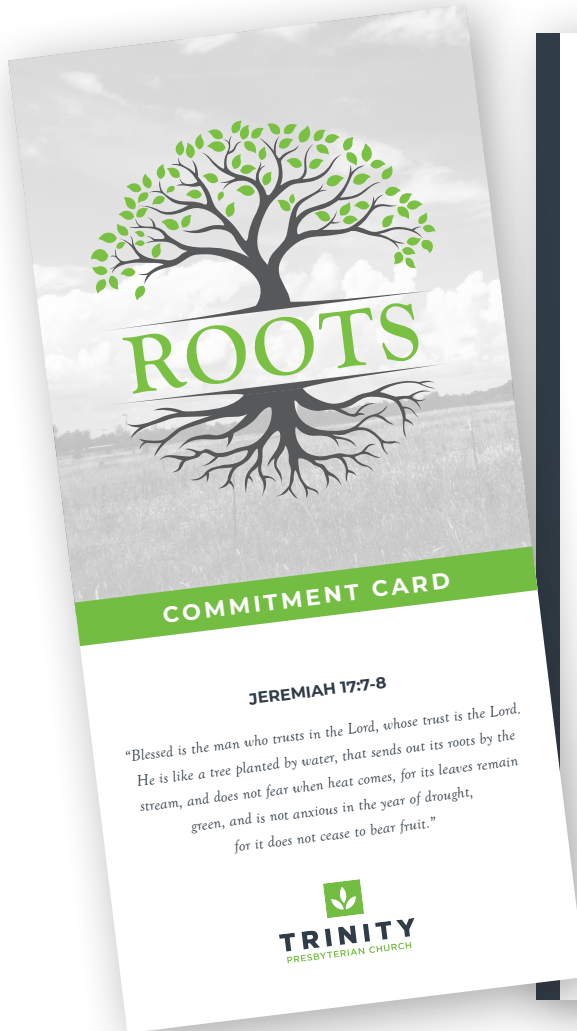
Financial decisions, big and small, are made everyday. Some involve loose change purchases like that first pumpkin-spice latte of the fall, while others—new vehicles, vacations or retirement needs—require planning and careful consideration.

Giving above tithes and offerings often creates anxiety, because it usually involves sacrifice. That pumpkin-spice latte may become a little flavored creamer in your coffee to save a few dollars... travel may become a stay-cation enabling you to give more than you ever thought possible. Our trust must be in the Lord, not in our limited bank accounts or ability to produce. We are simply the vessels He uses to give as He leads.

Our faith must be in the Lord's ability to provide, not ours.

Trinity's Vision to take the life-changing gospel to our community is constantly growing. Through the ROOTS Capital Campaign, we plan to build a home for Trinity that will stand for generations to proclaim, Grace Changes Everything. This guide will help as you discern God's blessing in your life, and how He teaches you to trust Him as you give. May we all learn to trust Him more as He renews each of us in the gospel, as our roots deepen to bear fruit for Christ's glory!

During our worship service on November 18, 2018, our Trinity family will have the opportunity to celebrate God's grace and generosity by making commitments to the ROOTS campaign, a two-year commitment to the future of our church.



TOTAL TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT \$1.2 M

Number of Commitments	Amount of Each Commitment
1	\$100,000
3	\$75,000
4	\$50,000
6	\$35,000
7	\$25,000
8	\$15,000
10	\$12,000
10	\$9,600
12	\$4,800
15	\$2,400
20	Under \$2,400

MY / OUR COMMITMENT

I/We make the following commitment to the Roots campaign, over and above my/our regular giving - November 2018 through October 2020.

Total Amount Committed \$ _____

I/We plan to make our gift as follows (check one)

- Weekly \$ _____
- Monthly \$ _____
- Equal amounts in each of the two years.
- Varying amounts as follows:
- Year One \$ _____
- Year Two \$ _____
- Other _____

Please mark all the boxes that apply.

- I will make my gift in cash or check or online giving.
- I will make my gift in stocks/securities.
- Please contact me about other types of planned giving.

Your information. Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

GENEROSITY LIFESTYLE

The most effective path to generosity is a spiritual one, where you set your heart on things above. Your financial priorities will then flow naturally from your spiritual priorities. In God's eyes our growth in generosity is less about a financial transaction and more about our learning to trust Him with our giving.

Living a generous lifestyle is to intentionally and prayerfully find ways to give. It is always a temptation to give to the Lord in such a way that it makes little impact on how you live, but as King David declared, "I will not give to God that which costs me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24) He understood that the value of the gift presented to God is determined by its value to the giver.

HEARTS CHANGE ALONG THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY

To move along the path of giving generously, hearts must change as understanding our God increases. What drives you to be generous?

- » **INITIAL GIVER** (2 Corinthians 8:7-15) An initial giver is one who decides to give for the first time, usually out of a response to God's Word about giving.
- » **CONSISTENT GIVER** (2 Corinthians 9:6-8) A consistent giver is one who decides to give something on a regular basis to exercise the discipline of giving.
- » **INTENTIONAL GIVER** (Luke 14:28-35) An intentional giver is one who is beginning to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend money.
- » **SACRIFICIAL GIVER** (2 Samuel 24:18-25) A sacrificial giver is someone who recognizes the cost that Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result.
- » **LIFETIME GIVER** (1 Timothy 6:6-19) A lifetime giver is someone who is thinking about the longer journey of generosity rather than the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year.

Where are you now on the journey? Where is God calling you to be?

The most effective path to generosity is a spiritual path where you set your heart on things above. Then, your financial priorities will naturally flow out of your spiritual priorities.

People often describe this as “living a generous lifestyle.” It is always a temptation to give to the Lord in such a way that it makes little impact on how you live. The challenge of living a generous lifestyle is to intentionally and prayerfully find ways to do just that – to let your giving touch your living!

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A gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the life of the giver! This is the spirit of lifestyle generosity — “If it is for my God, my gift must have meaning and value to me.”

Lifestyle generosity is a level of giving that affects you – your plans, your activities, your attitude and your approach to life. It means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another.

Following are some ways to give that perhaps you haven’t thought of before.



WAYS TO GIVE GENEROUSLY

PRIORITY BUDGETING

You may choose to rearrange your priorities and give up something in your current budget in order to give more to the ROOTS campaign. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, remodeling, or other major purchase.

REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Often families have significant short-term expenditures for specific needs. Cash flow changes when a loan is paid or a child graduates. If a present expenditure will cease during the two-year initiative, would you consider using those funds toward your commitment?

INCREASES IN INCOME

You may receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses from your employer or business. The temptation is to increase your lifestyle to fit the higher income. Perhaps God has provided the increase, so you may give more into His kingdom.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Automobiles, motorcycles, art, jewelry, coin collections, and other valuable assets can be sold, with the proceeds given toward your commitment.

APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own assets that have achieved tremendous unrealized gains in value over the years. This is good news. The bad news is if these assets were sold, some portion of the gain could be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets—typically investment securities or real estate—can be advantageous to both the donor and the church. Unlike gifts of cash that have already incurred an income tax, gifts of appreciated assets avoid the incurrence of capital gains tax. In addition, the donor receives a deduction for the full market value of the asset.

ESTATE PLANNING

As you consider your financial commitment to God and His work, you may want to think about estate planning. Many sincere and committed Christians have not made provision for God in their wills and estate plans. This would be a good time to make a provision in your will that ten percent of the value of your estate be donated to Trinity at the time of your passing. It can also involve a planned giving method such as a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Qualified Charitable Distribution. While such gifts may not give immediate financial benefits to the ROOTS campaign, they are still wonderful commitments to the ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church for future generations.

METHODS TO GIVE TO TRINITY

GIFT TYPE	HOW TO GIVE
Cash / Checks	During Worship or mail to: PO Box 772, Owasso, OK 74055
ACH	give.trinityowasso.com or PushPay.com
Credit Card	give.trinityowasso.com or PushPay.com
Stocks, Mutual Funds, Bonds	pcafoundation.org
Real Estate	pcafoundation.org



WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

What will it take for us to reach our Roots Campaign goal of \$1.2 million over two years? Certainly it will take some substantial gifts. There are also ways that we can step closer to our goal by each of us making small changes in our lifestyles to sacrifice something that has value for something we value more, in this case the future home of Trinity. Here are just a few examples of how a small change could become very large if we were all in on this effort.

ACTIVITY PER MONTH	AVERAGE COST	x24 MONTHS	x120 FAMILIES
4 cups of coffee	\$16	\$348	\$41,760
2 large pizzas	\$24	\$576	\$69,120
Fast food meal for family	\$30	\$720	\$86,400
1 round of golf or mani/pedi	\$50	\$1200	\$144,000
Movie & snacks for family	\$75	\$1800	\$21,000
		TOTAL	\$557,280

WHAT CAN I DO ON THIS JOURNEY?

PRAY

- » Pray over your own finances and diligently examine your spending habits.
- » Pray for generosity in the hearts of our Trinity family.
- » Pray for our Trinity leadership as they make ongoing decisions throughout this campaign.

FAST

- » Join the Trinity family in weekly fasts.
 - » Week 1: Food (one meal or many as God leads)
 - » Week 2: Social Media & Video Games
 - » Week 3: Radio and Music
 - » Week 4: Shopping for Non-Essentials
 - » Week 5: Heart Check (Ask the Lord what to fast from this week.)

COMMIT

- » Consider where God is calling you to make sacrifices.
- » Commit to supporting the ROOTS campaign through your generous pledge on Commitment Sunday, November 18th.

TRUST GOD

- » Trust God is His provision for you.
- » Put your hope in God's power, promise and faithfulness.
- » Know that He will never leave nor forsake you.



THE CHALLENGE

Dear Trinity Family,

The vision God has given us is a bold, God-sized dream! It is the vision of being a spiritual center for this community, meeting people's physical and spiritual needs, as they learn how grace changes everything. I know this vision is from God, because it speaks to our heart, stretches our imagination of what is possible, and causes us to rely and trust on Him to meet this opportunity.

Our goal is \$1,200,000, above and beyond regular tithes and offerings, over the next two years. An equally important goal is for the entire Trinity family to participate in the Gift Profile Guide. This guide reveals ways to help each of us find our next season of reaching, growing and serving. It shows us that every gift—every single gift—makes a difference. We are praying together about equal sacrifice, not equal giving. God has positioned some of us to give more than others, but our sacrificial lifestyle of generosity is the same journey.

Thank you for taking this journey seriously and for the privilege of allowing me to journey with you.

Grace changes everything,

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Pastor Blake

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