



OVERVIEW

The LIGHT Christmas Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a goal of \$10,000 for **Three Ministry Initiatives**:

- * To share God's love through **Servant Evangelism** in 2010!
- * To fully fund the **2010 Benevolence Ministry** to support our fellow attenders at their time of greatest need!
- * To work towards a permanent space for **Bridge Offices and Ministries!**

The Christmas Offering will be received through January 31, 2010

Use the Enclosed Envelope in the program and mark your checks/online gifts with "LIGHT"

THE PURPOSES OF THIS OFFERING

To Share God's Love Through Servant Evangelism With Our Community.

As the name implies, a primary purpose of this offering is will be to reach out to our community through Servant Evangelism. Servant Evangelism is a simple method of reaching out that shares the love of Jesus in a tangible way. We made 1,300 touches on Black Friday!

To Fully Fund The 2010 Benevolence Ministry.

Since the beginning, our church has served people at their time of greatest need. To date, we have been able to approve all valid requests for benevolence funding due to your generous giving through regular offerings. The Benevolence Ministry has allowed us to come alongside of people in distress due to difficult financial times, a death in the family or a need for Christian counseling. We are anticipating and preparing for an increase in benevolence requests in 2010 as we continue to grow.

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To Work Towards Permanent Space For Bridge Offices and Ministries.

As a new church, it is challenging to support the internal ministries of a growing and thriving church while remaining mobile. Families want and need times for their children and teens to grow and that means having the space to do so outside of Sunday mornings. We are actively seeking space that will house both offices for our staff and enable us to extend our ministries beyond our Sunday service.

The LIGHT offering will ensure that we continue to aggressively share God's love with our city through Servant Evangelism, while at the same time ministering to the people of our city through benevolence and counseling, and working towards a permanent space for The Bridge to come alongside families and equip them for growth!

Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Christmas Offering?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Christmas Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in 2010. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather is to position us to make a greater impact in our city, in our church and around the world in 2010.

What's the Difference Between the Regular Offering and this Christmas Offering?

The regular Bridge offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Christmas Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. The Christmas Offering should be over and above what you regularly give.

How Much Should I Give?

Since the goal is \$10,000, this Christmas Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Some in our church can give a \$500, \$1,000 or even a \$5,000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$50 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

Why is the Goal So Large?

The LIGHT Offering is our first Special Offering to date, and the goal of \$10,000 will position us for impact. Since the beginning of The Bridge in 2006, we have been a church that has dared to dream big dreams for God. The ministries supported by this offering are BIG – thousands of Servant Evangelism touches, a fully funded Benevolence Ministry and Permanent space for Bridge offices and ministries. Big Dreams require big faith and big funding. The accomplishment of these big dreams will be determined by your gifts to this Christmas Offering.

When Should I Give?

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2009. Please use the LIGHT Christmas Offering Envelopes or include a note designating that your gift is for the Christmas Offering.

Can I Give On-Line Via Bank Check or Through Auto-Debit?

Yes. Our On-Line Giving should be active in the next two weeks. When you give at www.thebridgekc.com via online giving, simply mark your gift in the memo/fund account area as being for the “LIGHT” Christmas Offering. Likewise, you can use your bank online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Again, simply mark in the memo area that your gift is for the “LIGHT” Christmas Offering.

Are My Gifts Tax-Deductible?

All gifts to The Bridge, whether via the regular offering or this Christmas Offering, are completely tax deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2009 will be deductible on your 2009 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax-deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

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How Did We Arrive at a \$10,000 Goal?

The \$10,000 goal was prayerfully set by The Bridge Leadership Team. It is approximately five times our regular weekly giving. It is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by our Bridge attenders and members. Since we are expecting God to bless this Christmas Offering, it has been determined that any amount over and above our goal will be divided equally between Missions and Ministry Advancement.

How Will I Know if We Reach Our Goal?

Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated on our giving progress through "Vital Signs" (our weekly newsletter) and during the Sunday service. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what we can do together as we stretch our faith under God's leadership.

**Have additional questions?
Please contact Chris at chris@thebridgekc.com,
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