

Giving Notes

Church Income

Trinity Hills Baptist Church is a nonprofit corporation. We do not sell products or services for a profit. Our income is through the gifts of people. Trinity Hills Baptist Church receives no income from government.

Then how do utilities get paid? How does the mortgage get paid? How do staff members get paid? Only through your gifts are payments made. In church life we call such gifts “**tithes**” and “**offerings.**” Your gifts are kept confidential, not publicized.

There is a difference between a “**tithe**” and an “**offering.**” This difference pertains only to Christians and is rooted in our understanding of the Bible. As a Christian we are to be followers of Jesus. Where our life does not demonstrate this discipleship we must allow God to change us.

A “**tithe**” is 10% of our income. An “**offering**” is anything over 10%.

Does this sound too Old Testament to you? The Old Testament used three tithes to provide for the operation of the Temple (church), to provide the priest and Levites (staff), and to provide for the needy (welfare). Today welfare has been largely usurped by government except for benevolence offerings.

The “**tithe**” is not optional for a Christian, it is required (Malachi 3:8-9). The “**offering**” is optional. The New Testament teaches sacrificial giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-5) and cheerful giving (2 Corinthians 9:7). It is as much for our sake as for the church. We must give if we love.

The “**tithes**” and “**offerings**” represent over 95% of income at Trinity Hills Baptist Church. Very little income can be attributed to bank interest or occasional insurance settlements.