



Expanding our Global Influence.

Dear Friend,

I'm excited about this Christmas season and praying that you experience the joy that Jesus brings! Our annual Christmas Offering is a tradition here at Alive Church that brings us much joy and helps us live out our values. This special time of giving is different from our regular tithes. It's an opportunity to extend our love and support to those in need beyond the four walls of our church building.

The regular operations of Alive Church (from keeping the lights on to maintaining our beautiful building) are funded through our regular tithes. This is under the scripture's guidance. However, the Christmas Offering is above and beyond giving. It is an extra, a surplus, a generous outpouring of our hearts that goes entirely to those outside our church community who need our help.

Every dollar of the Christmas Offering is directed towards ministries that help those most in need and support our tireless missionaries. This is where we play a direct part in making a difference, transforming lives, and bringing Christmas joy to someone's world.

I wholeheartedly invite you to be a part of this transformation. Your generous contribution can take many forms - as you will see when you read through this short booklet.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in our 2023 Christmas offering.

Scripture holds numerous insights into the heart of generosity. One of the most quoted verses comes from Proverbs 11:25, "The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

This wisdom from Solomon reminds us that our generosity, through our Christmas Offering, cascades into blessings that return to us in many different ways. This passage calls us towards intentional, cheerful generosity, recognizing that our gifts are seeds bearing fruit in our lives and the lives of those we touch. As we give freely in our Christmas Offering, let's find joy in knowing that our generosity aligns with God's will and that we serve as His hands and feet bringing hope and love to those who need it most.

May the Spirit of our Lord Jesus bring you His hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas season.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff

P.S. If you find yourself in a season of need, please do not hesitate to let us know. At Alive Church, we are a family, and families support each other during challenging times. Whether the need is financial, spiritual, emotional, or practical, we are here to serve you and help in any way we can.

Life Transformation

We are passionate that each person experiences life transformation through a relationship with Jesus. To date, we have given away almost 23,000 Life Transformation Bibles that are being used around the world. We are excited to have Adult, Youth, Kids, Spanish, and audio readings of the Life Transformation Bible. With your help, we can maintain an inventory of Bibles and continue to put them in the hands of others.

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:2

Scan here to give!



Mexico

Guatemala

Philippines







Outside Our Walls

We are committed to making a difference outside the walls of our building. We have chosen several like-minded Global and Community Partners who lead the way in resourcing churches and leaders, eradicating Bible poverty, and supporting people in crisis. When you give to the Outside Our Walls fund, you're making this possible. Learn more about our Community Partners at alivechurch.com/missions.

"And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8b

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GAP Ministries

Gospel Rescue Mission

Convoy of Hope







Missionaries

Alongside our Community and Global Partners, we are supporting several missionaries across the globe to transform lives for Jesus. Currently, our missionaries are in Mexico, Panama, and South Asia. Your generosity can fuel each of their missions to bring the love and good news of Jesus to the people who need Him or don't know Him yet. If you'd like to learn more about their mission work, go to alivechurch.com/missions.

You can give to each missionary individually online by <u>selecting their name in the giving drop-down</u> or by writing their name on the offering envelope.

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Joe and Averyl Morris Panama

Anika Howe Mexico

Kadi and David South Asia







Gifts of Love

Gifts of Love is how we, as a church, provide gifts for children and families in need. This year we have adopted 175 kids and families. To participate in Gifts of Love, simply choose a name from the Christmas tree in the lobby and take it to the Gifts of Love table. You can also email michael@alivechurch.com to participate.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

John 13:34







Mexico Pastor Training

Our Mission at Alive Church is to Lead, Train, and Send. We want to train people to follow Jesus and send people to lead for Him. Our Pastors have been working alongside several churches in Mexico to build up more Pastors to live out this mission in their communities. Currently, we are working with over 80 Pastors in Puerto Peñasco and Hermosillo. When you give to the Outside Our Walls fund, you are making it possible to continue training Pastors!

"Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

John 14:21

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Ways to Give

With your generosity, we can continue to see Life Transformation here in our community and across the globe. Prayerfully consider donating where you feel called to make an impact.

Offering Envelope

You can donate physically to any fund by filling out an offering envelope and dropping it into any donation box located near the exits.

Digital

You can donate securely online at <u>alivechurch.com/give</u> or scan the QR code below. When you do, select the fund you'd like your donations to go to in the dropdown.

Not fure Where to Give?

If you want to make an impact but are unsure where to give, you can donate to the "Christmas Offering" fund to have your contributions sent to whichever fund we feel needs it most.

Scan Here!



Through December 31, 2023 Our Goal: \$75,000

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 (2 Corinthians 8:1-15). 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 2024. This offering will position us to make a greater impact both in our community and around the world.

What is the Christmas Offering?

Our weekly giving of tithes goes toward supporting Alive Church's Mission, Vision, and Values. From time to time, there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. The Christmas Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. The Christmas Offering should be over and above the weekly tithe. None of the Offering goes to keeping the lights on at Alive Church.

How much should I give?

Because of its size and scope, 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 will be able to give \$500 - \$5,000. Some will be able to give \$25 - \$250. The issue is not equal giving but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

All gifts to Alive Church, via the regular tithes and offerings or the Christmas offering, are completely tax-deductible. Be sure your gift arrives at our office or is postmarked before December 31, 2023, to ensure that it can be applied to your 2023 giving statement. Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you in early 2024 for your tax preparations. (You are not required to utilize a tax deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.)



Service Times 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm

No service on Saturday, December 23

How do you feel leading up to Christmas? Are you experiencing hope or despair, peace or chaos, joy or misery, love or hatred? This Christmas, experience great joy and understand how you can experience and show others the hope, peace, joy, and love leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Scan here to see more about Christmas and the events around it!



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Thank You for Making a Difference!

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give.

And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

"For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'"

2 Corinthians 9:7

