

Creative Giving

This month we want to acquaint you with an alternate way of giving called **Online Giving**. It is a simple idea. Instead of writing and enclosing a check or giving cash in an offering envelope during worship, your gift to the Lord is transferred electronically from your credit card account directly to the Church treasurer.

This program has great appeal to busy individuals and families who already pay monthly bills by electronic transfer. But members who wish to continue making their gifts by check or cash are certainly encouraged to do so.

To start this process go to www.thechurchofthecross.net and click on “Resources” and then “Online contribution.” Follow the instructions to make your gift. The program will honor Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Simple. Questions? Call *Susan Miller* at the Church office at 757-2661.

You might ask why The Church of The Cross is promoting this giving alternative.

Here are some of the reasons:

- Members have inquired and requested that such a plan be made available.
- It is simple and convenient for those who use the internet.
- It is secure.
- It allows you to make your gift, even if you are out of town or unable to attend worship.
- Online giving is environmentally friendly – it eliminates check writing.

But let's not forget what Christian giving is all about. It is not about whether we write a check or use Online Giving. It's whether our hearts are full of wonder and gratitude for what Jesus Christ has done for us in His death and resurrection. “Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” *II Corinthians 8:7*

Burt Harding