



## Introducing *easyTithe* at the Harrisburg BIC Church!

# easyTithe™

In an effort to offer several giving options to our congregation, we are introducing a new e-giving service through *easyTithe*. *easyTithe* is a church-focused e-contribution processing service. *easyTithe* offers several fast, secure, and safe ways to give at the Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church (HBIC), providing additional flexibility for those who prefer to transact electronically. It also provides donors the ability to set up personal accounts to track past e-giving, and set up automatic e-giving.

There are several options through which to donate to the Harrisburg Brethren in Christ (HBIC) through *easyTithe*:



1. **Mobile Giving:** Download the *easyTithe* app from the App Store for your mobile device. Select the Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church and login to donate.



2. **Text Giving:** From any mobile phone text any dollar amount or “help” to **717-303-5153**. You will receive a reply with instructions for a one-time set up. After initially registering your phone, simply text an amount to this number to donate.



3. **On-line Giving:** Visit our website at [www.harrisburgbic.org](http://www.harrisburgbic.org) and select “Give” in the top right corner. From there you will be directed to the church’s *easyTithe* giving page. You can make a one-time gift, or you can sign up for an account to track giving and set up automatic, recurring donations.

## ***easyTithe* FAQ's**

### **How does this benefit me?**

In a growing cashless society, sometimes it's hard to give when you want to. Electronic giving through *easy-Tithe* allows you to give anywhere and at any time and through almost any method. For credit/debit card users, you can earn card points/miles, etc. on your donations if your card company offers them. Setting up an individualized *easyTithe* account also allows you to track your giving and set up automatic recurring donations. Unlike giving by check, electronic giving has no time gap between writing the check and the funds coming out of your checking account. Your donation is instant and typically takes less time than writing a check.

### **Why is the church doing this?**

The main reason that HBIC is doing this is to be more flexible in accepting tithes and offerings. In a recent national study of churchgoers, over 60% reported they would prefer to use e-giving alternatives if they had the option. At HBIC, we want to provide contributors many alternatives for giving so that everyone can select a choice(s) most convenient and comfortable to them.

### **I already have my bank automatically send my offering? Do I need to change?**

No—not at all! You can continue to have your bank send your check in the mail.

## **I already have a recurring gift set up through the church by electronic funds transfer (EFT)? Will this change to *easyTithe* impact me?**

No. If you would like to continue making a recurring gift, or would like to change the amount or frequency of a gift established through a previously arranged EFT with the church, you are more than welcome do so.

For more information, please contact David Derr, Assistant Treasurer ([accounting@harrisburgbic.org](mailto:accounting@harrisburgbic.org)).

## **Is this safe and secure?**

As required by the PCI Security Council and all processing banks, *easyTithe* is fully PCI DSS Compliant (Payment Card Industry - Data Security Standards). This means *easyTithe* conforms to the highest set of security standards in the payment card industry. Account managers, end users, and *easyTithe* employees will never have access to the type of sensitive information that might lead to an unauthorized transaction. All personal, credit card, & bank information is submitted using 256 bit encryption. There is no stronger form of protection than this encryption and by doing this, *easyTithe* eliminates the possibility that someone might "tap" the line and extract your personal data from it. 256-bit SSL encryption has never been broken and according to RSL Labs, it would take a "trillion-trillion years" to crack the code using today's technology. For more information on *easyTithe*'s security please visit [www.easytithe.com](http://www.easytithe.com).

## **How can I use *easyTithe*?**

You can use any of the methods, or any combination of methods, that *easyTithe* offers (online, mobile, and/or text). If you elect to set up an *easyTithe* account, contributions made via any *easyTithe* tool will be accounted for in your *easyTithe* account.

***Please Note: We believe that giving should come out of what we have, and strongly discourage the use of credit cards for giving if the gift causes you to incur debt that you are unable to pay in the next statement or payment period.***

## **What types of credit or debit cards are accepted?**

*easyTithe* currently accepts Visa, and MasterCard. Contributions can also be made via debit card or an ACH transfer (e-check) from your bank.

## **How much does this cost?**

This service is absolutely free to givers. The church pays a small administrative fee to provide *easyTithe* to HBIC. With *easyTithe*, you would have the option, though, to add 2-3% to your gift to help cover the processing cost by the card issuing bank (Visa, Mastercard, etc.). This option would appear if you submit your gift online or through the mobile giving app. When selected, it automatically calculates the addition to your gift.

## **Want to know more?**

If you'd like to know more about *easyTithe*, visit their web site at [www.easytithe.com](http://www.easytithe.com). If you have questions about using *easyTithe* at the Harrisburg BIC Church, feel free to contact David Derr, Assistant Treasurer, at [accounting@harrisburgbic.org](mailto:accounting@harrisburgbic.org) or 717-602-3884.