



east bayou

Top Giving Questions

Where does East Bayou's money come from to run this place?

People like you! All of our ministries are supported by the generous contributions of people who attend East Bayou. There are no "big hitters"—just a broad base of generous ordinary folks. We do not rely on an endowment or any other outside sources of income.

Will you be constantly asking me for money from the stage?

Jesus taught about money and possessions more than any other subject - we will not go that far. We are, however, committed to teaching and preaching about finances on a regular basis (usually one sermon series per year, as well as principles weekly). The aim of our teaching is not to fund an organization, but to help people learn life-changing Biblical principles in the area of personal finances.

What is a tithe? What is an offering?

A tithe is to give the first 10 percent of your gross income to the work of the Lord at your local church as taught by Malachi 3:10. An offering is given above and beyond the tithe. Proverbs 3:9-10, Luke 12:34, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

How does East Bayou summarize the Bible's teaching about money?

God is the owner of everything according to Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." We are His managers and should honor Him in all of our financial decisions. Matthew 6 tells us that our treasures follow our hearts, so ultimately money is a heart issue. Visit the finance page at eastbayou.org for resources and the latest message on giving.

Is East Bayou secretive about finances?

We are an open-book. We publish an income summary in the weekly program and an expense summary monthly. Our budget is set annually based on the goals and objectives of each ministry area within the church. It is approved by Trustees and Stewardship Team, then reviewed and voted on by members. Detailed budget information is available to members upon request and on the website.

How does East Bayou spend money?

East Bayou is "an innovative church designed to bring people and God together." All of our money goes to accomplish this mission. Approximately 10 percent of the annual budget is invested in local, national and international missions. We spend money on ministry staff, spiritually charged programming for children, youth and adults, outreach to the poor, facility operations and much more.

Does East Bayou have a budget?

Yes. Our budget is set annually based on the goals and objectives of each ministry area within the church.

Does East Bayou give to missions?

Yes, we consider every penny spent at East Bayou to be mission spending! Therefore, every dollar given to East Bayou through tithes and offerings goes to missions. Our budget also supports contributions to international and local missions, benevolence and scholarships.

How is East Bayou held accountable for financial dealings?

The finance department and staff are held accountable by a firm set of internal controls including oversight by the Trustees, stewardship team, and pastoral support team. These teams also review our detailed financial statements monthly.

Does East Bayou send contribution statements to those who tithe and give?

Yes. Contribution statement updates are mailed periodically throughout the year and a summary statement for the year is mailed soon after December 31. For questions regarding financial statements, please email finance@eastbayou.org.

Will the pastors and staff know how much I give to East Bayou?

Only the Business Manager has full knowledge of the amount individuals give.

Can East Bayou help me with my financial problems?

Yes. At East Bayou we teach people how to be free from debt and faithful managers of what God has given them. We offer Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* and other financial education throughout the year. A volunteer team of trained budget coaches is available to personalize a spending plan for you and to provide the encouragement and accountability needed to reach your financial goals.

How can I give to East Bayou?

Several ways:

- Tithes and offerings can be placed in the drop boxes during East Bayou services at all campuses.
- You may mail your contributions to the church office.
- You may drop your contribution by the office in person.
- East Bayou also accepts donations of stock.

For more info about East Bayou giving and/or finances contact:

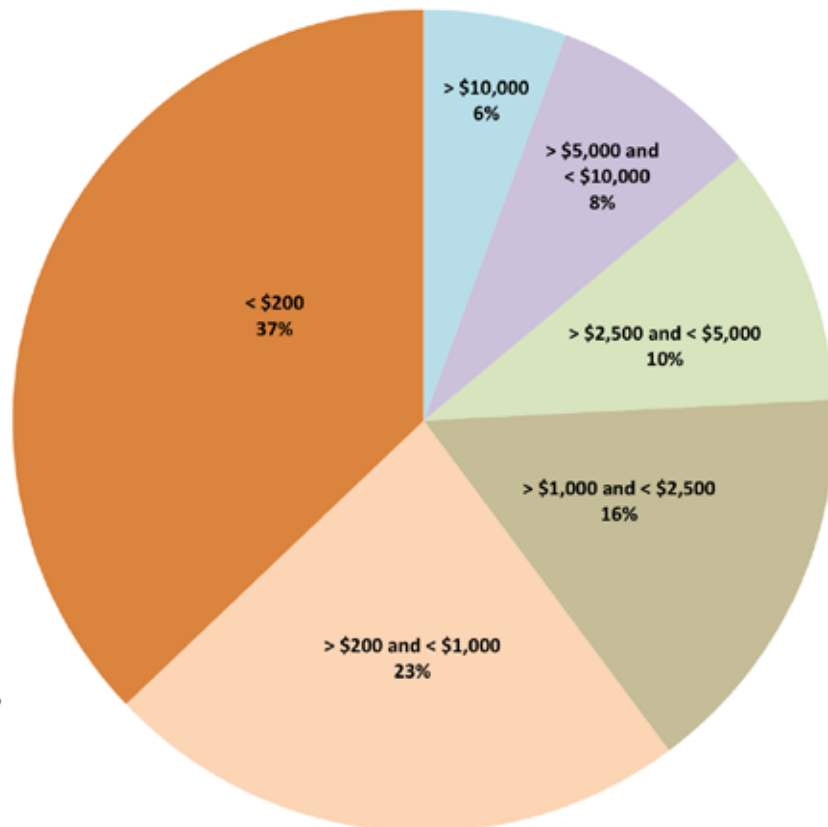
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Distribution of Giving Units by the Amount Given—2006 through 2009

This graph reflects the annual amount given and the number of Giving Units, expressed as a percentage, who gave during the four year period from 2006 through 2009. A Giving Unit might be a family, an individual or a child and would receive an annual statement of contributions from East Bayou

76% of contributors (37% + 23% + 16%) gave less than \$2,500 in each of the years shown and accounted for 17% of total contributions.



24% of contributors (6% + 8% + 10%) gave \$2,500 or more in each of the years shown and accounted for 83% of total contributions.

If your annual salary is \$10,000, your tithe would be \$1,000.

Giving \$1,000 in a year equates to \$83 per month.

If your annual salary is \$25,000, your tithe would be \$2,500.

Giving \$2,500 in a year equates to \$208 per month.

A Gift per Week or Month Would Result
in an Annual Gift of:

<u>Weekly Gift</u>	or	<u>Monthly Gift</u>	equals	<u>Annual Total</u>	and is 10% of	<u>Annual Salary</u>
\$ 20		\$ 80		\$ 1,040		\$ 10,400
\$ 40		\$ 160		\$ 2,080		\$ 20,800
\$ 60		\$ 240		\$ 3,120		\$ 31,200
\$ 80		\$ 320		\$ 4,160		\$ 41,600
\$ 100		\$ 400		\$ 5,200		\$ 52,000
\$ 120		\$ 480		\$ 6,240		\$ 62,400
\$ 140		\$ 560		\$ 7,280		\$ 72,800
\$ 160		\$ 640		\$ 8,320		\$ 83,200
\$ 180		\$ 720		\$ 9,360		\$ 93,600
\$ 200		\$ 800		\$ 10,400		\$ 104,000
\$ 300		\$ 1,200		\$ 15,600		\$ 156,000