

iGive Church Offerings



Supporting regular electronic offerings for your Church.

iGive is an online method to set up regular electronic payments for church offerings. Baptist Financial Services Australia Limited ('BFS') provides this facility to churches as a free service. It has unique features specially designed for church offerings. Payments can be made by direct debit from any account or from a VISA or Mastercard. Merchant card payments are processed through a facility provided by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia ('CBA').

iGive operates under the overall BFS platform for electronic payments known as GiveWay. Refer to the GiveWay fact sheet for more information on GiveWay.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS OF IGIVE FOR THOSE IN YOUR CONGREGATION

- **Supporting your Church**

iGive facilitates regular electronic offering payments to support your Church. It assists with our responsibility to support our church financially and to do this in a regular way. iGive is a tool that makes this simple, convenient, and reliable.

- **You do not have to be a BFS Client**

Anyone can make their offering payment from any account they nominate. This can be from an account with any financial institution in Australia or from a Mastercard or VISA credit or debit card issued in Australia. An extra fee applies for payments from cards issued by a financial institution outside Australia, which is charged to the church.

- **Payment Flexibility**

You can nominate the period for your offering payments. It is sensible to set a point in time to review the amount you give regularly. You can also nominate the frequency for your offering payment, such as weekly, fortnightly, or monthly. This is entirely up to you.

- **Regular and Reliable Giving**

iGive enables you to continue to make offerings on a regular and consistent basis. Even when you are away from church, your offering continues to be made to your church without you having to remember to catch up any payments.

- **Privacy and Security of your Information**

BFS ensures your personal information is kept confidential and iGive offering payments remain anonymous to your Church. BFS and CBA ensure security over your credit card information by complying with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS). Credit card information is entered by you directly into CBA systems and credit card details are not stored by BFS.

- **Confirmation of your iGive offering**

For Direct Debit payments only, you will receive an 'iGive Establishment Confirmation' by email from BFS.

- **Cancel or change your payments**

You can cancel your iGive payments just by emailing or calling the GiveWay Client Services team (giveway@bfs.org.au). New payments can be set up at any time online. Payments cannot be amended but must be cancelled and replaced with a new payment authority. This is necessary due to relevant regulations applying to direct debits.

EASY TO SET-UP

Simply visit your Church website and follow the links. Alternatively visit www.giveway@bfs.org.au and search for your Church's iGive payment page – it only takes a few minutes. More instructions are detailed overleaf.





FEATURES AND BENEFITS FOR CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS

- **Security of Payments**

Electronic payments mean less handling of cash, reducing the need to collect, count, record, and physically take cash to your financial institution. All of which takes time and involves risk.

- **Reporting**

BFS provides a weekly report of the total amount of all iGive transactions with one weekly settlement of direct debit payments. This provides a full reconciliation of all settlements made to your BFS account.

- **Reduced Data Entry for Direct Debit Payments**

Unlike other individual direct debit payments, all iGive payments are settled to your church account once a week. This means that only one book entry is needed for all offering payments made via iGive each week.

- **You do not need to Publish the Church's Account Details**

Payments can be setup through iGive without disclosing the church's account details. This increases the security of the church's account by avoiding the need to widely publish account details, particularly removing the need to place such details on the church's website.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information go to our websites at www.bfs.org.au, www.giveway.org.au or call us on 1300 650 542.

iGive is a service of Baptist Financial Services Australia Limited (BFS) ABN 56 002 861 789 for participating churches to receive offerings from individual givers. iGive enables payments by credit card or by Direct Debit Request from an eligible account with an Australian financial institution. Funds received by BFS will be allocated to the nominated church within seven (7) NSW business days. BFS is not responsible for any delays which may occur prior to the receipt of the funds.

Note: Only churches that have a 'Savings' or 'Cheque' account with Baptist Financial Services are eligible to participate in iGive.

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- **Reduced Administration**

Individuals can set up electronic offering payments by either visiting your church website or www.giveway.org.au. They do not need to contact or deal with the church administrator or treasurer to set up their electronic offering payment.

- **Fees and Charges**

iGive is an entirely free service. However additional fees may apply where payments are made from a card issued outside of Australia. This will vary according to overseas financial institution so BFS cannot confirm these costs until BFS is charged these costs.

HOW TO SET-UP IGIVE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Go to www.giveway.org.au then FAQs, then download the application form, complete and sign it then return it to BFS.

Only churches that have an account with BFS are eligible to participate in iGive. If your church does not have such an account, it will need to open one. Download the appropriate application forms from <https://www.bfs.org.au/forms/>

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