

Your guide TO THE 2022 *giving season*

Inspiration, ideas, and key
dates for year-end giving



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Joy to the world!

As 2022 draws to a close, once again you have a special opportunity to share the love of Christ through a spirit of generosity. As you consider how you will give during this critical year-end season, your NCF team is here to offer prayer, encouragement, biblical wisdom, and creative strategies to help you make the most of all the Lord has given you.

"Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts ..." **Matthew 2:11**

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DEVOTIONAL

Let every heart prepare him room

Joy to the world! How did a hymn that has no shepherds, angels, wise men, or mangers become one of the most popular Christmas carols of all time? Written in 1719 by Isaac Watts, an English minister, "Joy to the World" is actually a paraphrase of Psalm 98 – a psalm of David about salvation and praise. So, this hymn is not about Christ's birth, but rather his triumphant return.

During Advent, it's important to remember it was not only Christ's birth, but his death and resurrection, by which the gift of salvation was made possible. That truly is joy to the world!

Yet, in times of uncertainty, it's easy to forget this joy. Our news feeds, phone notifications, financial stresses, responsibilities, and endless to-do lists can fill our hearts and minds until there's little left for much else.

But what if we made more room in our lives for the gratefulness of our salvation and the generosity that flows in response?

This holiday season, let's take time to prayerfully prepare our families, our homes, and our hearts so we can offer the generosity of spirit that the world needs now.

*The Lord
is come!
Let earth
receive her
king!*



Download our 10-day Christmas devotional for more inspiration to share with your friends and family at:
ncfgiving.com/christmas

Unite with loved ones around generosity

Whether you're married or single, a child or grandparent, all of us have someone that we consider family this time of year. Have you ever yearned for greater purpose together? Generosity is one powerful way to achieve that. And the following exercises from NCF's Giving Strategy™ experience can help. As you gather with loved ones, use these questions to explore how giving together can lead to greater unity and joy.



Watch a 3-minute video at:
ncfgiving.com/strategy

If you envision a life that is more faithful, generous, and fully alive, that story can be yours. Scan the QR code to discover how a Giving Strategy based on biblical principles can help transform you and your family.

A fun family exercise

How would you describe your family's generosity story?

Have each person share their experience of and perspective on your family's giving.

What are some good things you can celebrate?

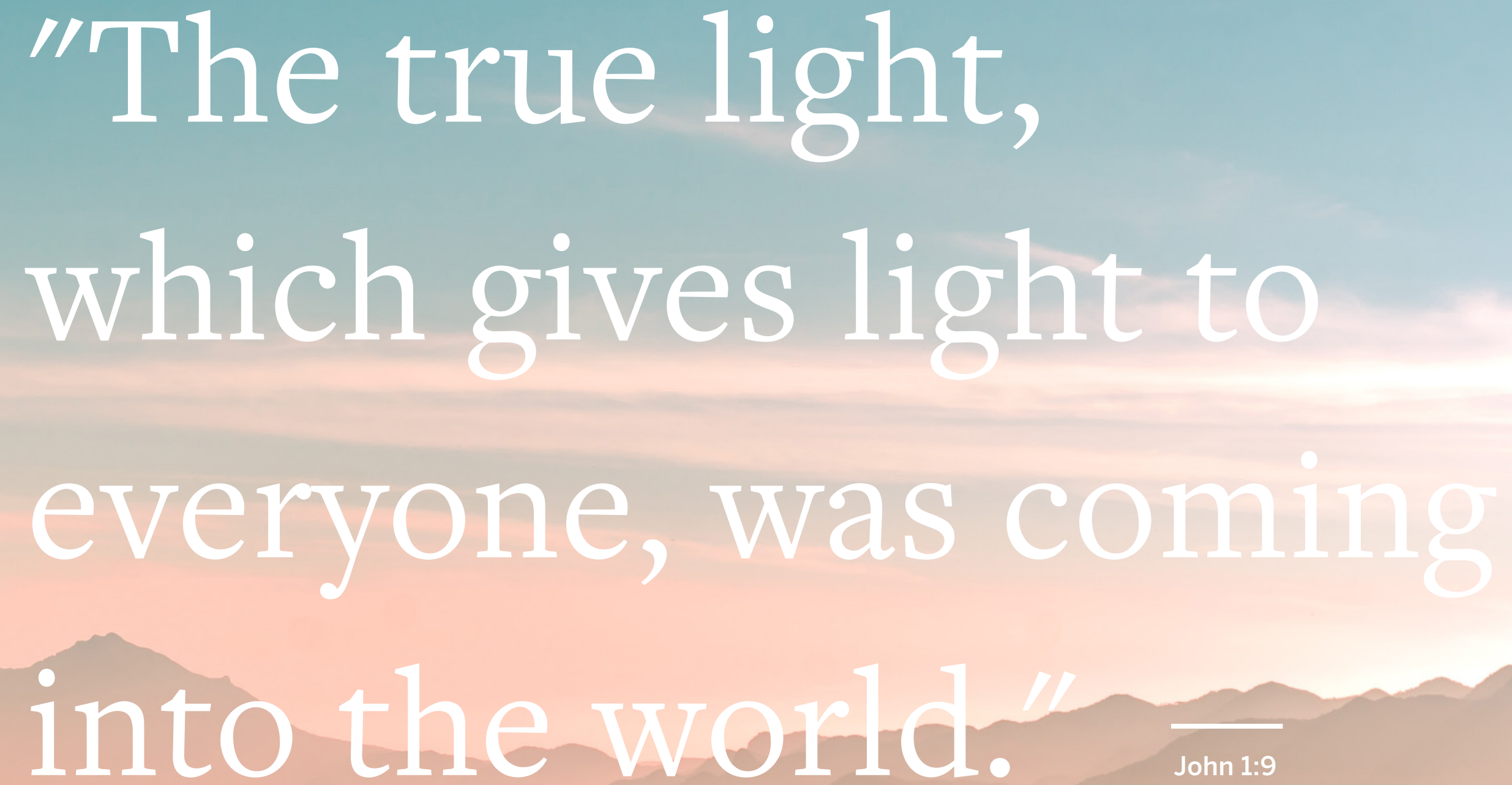
Consider generosity milestones, memories, answered prayers, and praises.

Are you experiencing any barriers to your family's giving?

This is a great opportunity to identify challenges and how to overcome them.

Explore your family's "giving intentions." Ask each person how God can use generosity to bring about transformation in your family.

Write a few statements that capture your collective aspirations.



“The true light,
which gives light to
everyone, was coming
into the world.”

John 1:9

Creative ways to maximize your Giving Fund

Besides the basics of adding money to your balance and then supporting the causes you love most, did you know about these other ways to use your fund?

Automate your giving

Instead of just one-time transactions, you can set up regular, automatic withdrawals from your bank account or credit card to go into your fund. You can also create recurring schedules so grants go to your favorite charities monthly, quarterly, or annually ... even when you're out of town or unable to log in.

Grant anonymously

When supporting a charity, you can mark your grants as anonymous, so money goes out without your name attached. It's a great way to give humbly and with complete privacy.

Discover new charities

There are now more than 50,000 charity profile pages organized by 58 causes, such as adoption, evangelism, and human trafficking. You can browse charities, add them to your favorites list, and send them support when you're ready.

Consider bunching your gifts

Did you know that your fund can play an integral role in a bunching strategy? You can give multiple years of charitable contributions in a single year, then grant the contributions to charities over the years you claim the standard deduction. Our team of charitable professionals is ready to help you explore such opportunities.



New to a Giving Fund?



Open one in minutes at:
ncfgiving.com/givingfund

Invest for impact with NCF's Faith-Driven Pools

Build a personalized investment mix for your Giving Fund using NCF's Faith-Driven Pools. With a variety of investment options to choose from, these pools prioritize investments in high-performing companies with shared biblical values.

Leave a legacy of giving

Your fund can be a powerful tool to impact your favorite causes, even after your lifetime. Log in to set up a succession plan so your kids and grandkids can manage your fund for years to come. Also consider naming NCF as the beneficiary in your will, trusts, 401(k)s, IRAs, and other estate documents.

Experience the power of non-cash giving

Have you ever considered giving appreciated, non-cash assets – such as real estate, business interests, or stocks – to support the causes and charities you love most? It's a powerful and creative way you can experience ...

Expanded giving capacity

Accelerate your generosity by giving from wealth tied up in your business or other non-cash assets, rather than cash flow.

Tax savings

Enjoy a potentially significant reduction in capital gains taxes, and receive a greater potential income tax deduction.

More to charity

Experience the joy of increased charitable giving and more impact for the causes you love most.

Real estate

Whether you own commercial real estate or a vacation home, you may be able to turn your valuable property into food for the hungry, Bibles for evangelism, research to fight a disease, or anything else God is calling you to support.

Considering selling?

You can potentially reduce taxes by giving appreciated commercial, residential, or undeveloped property. Our in-house team of charitable professionals can work with you and your advisor before you decide to sell.

Managing property?

Your income-producing real estate can become a kingdom-advancing investment with NCF. You can work with your advisors to give residential or commercial real estate, and even rental income property.

Download a helpful 1-pager to learn how this works at:
ncfgiving.com/realestate



Business

Whether you're selling your company in the future or just feeling overwhelmed by taxes and limited cash flow, you can join countless people using their businesses to make a bigger difference for the charitable causes you care about most.

Selling a company?

Many entrepreneurs have the opportunity to sell their successful company for a sizable gain and also have a heart to give charitably. We can work with you and your advisors to maximize your sale and your impact, even during the holiday season.

Learn more in our new guide for business leaders at:
ncfgiving.com/business

Stocks

Even in a down market, many people still have one or more appreciated stocks or mutual funds in a taxable investment portfolio. In most cases, you have a significant opportunity to give more, potentially pay less tax, and improve your personal cash flow.

Learn more and get started today at:
ncfgiving.com/stocks

Watch the power of non-cash giving in our 2-minute video at: ncfgiving.com/noncash

2022 year-end giving dates to remember

There's no better time than now to start planning your year-end giving.

Nov 29: Real estate gifts

Any real estate gifts requiring a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment must be initiated with NCF by November 29.

Dec 9: New separately managed accounts (SMAs)

Any new SMAs (NCF fund assets that are separately managed by an advisor) must be set up by December 9.

Dec 9: Proprietary mutual funds

All proprietary mutual fund transfers must be initiated by December 9.

Dec 16: Grants to charities

Grants do not have to be made in 2022 for tax purposes, but if you'd like a grant sent by the end of the year, grant requests to approved charities must be submitted by December 16.

Dec 16: Stocks, mutual funds, and eChecks

All stocks and mutual fund transfers should be initiated with the transferring broker by December 16. Bank account transfers (eChecks) also need to be initiated by this date as well. A physical check or a wire transfer should be considered instead of an eCheck after December 16. (NCF must receive the gift by December 31 to count toward the 2022 tax year.)

Download all necessary forms at:
ncfgiving.com/forms



Questions? Connect with your NCF team

If you have questions about your year-end giving or need help finding the right forms, don't hesitate to reach out to any of our 30 local teams across the country. We're here to serve!

ncfgiving.com/locations

Dec 16: Complex gifts

(business interests, real estate, life insurance, etc.)

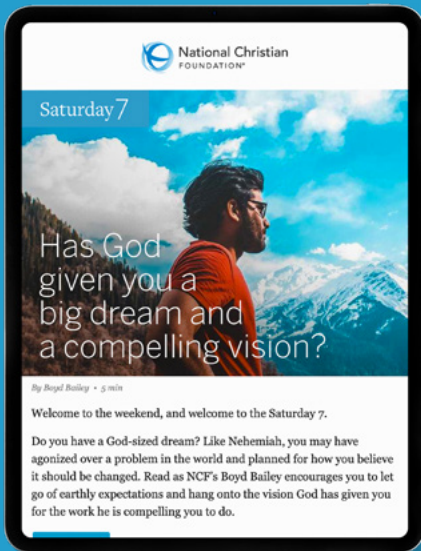
To ensure your complex gift can be completed by December 31, a completed complex gift donation form and all accompanying required documents must be received by December 16. Due to the high volume of complex gifts at the end of the year, we encourage you to submit your documents as soon as possible. We can accept your gift as early as today with an effective date of December 31.

Dec 31: Cash gifts

Physical checks must be postmarked by December 31 (though because some post offices are closed on Saturdays, we recommend having your mail postmarked by Friday, December 30). Cash and wire transfers must be received in NCF's bank account by this date as well.

Dec 31: Charitable gift annuities (CGAs)

Applications for CGAs, along with physical checks, must be dated and postmarked by December 31. Wire transfers must be received in NCF's bank account by this date as well.



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Close to 50,000 people catch up on the latest news, ideas, solutions, and opportunities for your generosity – all in a single email from your friends at the National Christian Foundation (NCF). It's called the Saturday 7, and you won't want to miss it.

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