

Spirit and Truth Fellowship
of Knoxville

Donation Guide

Thank you for your interest in contributing financially to Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville! This brochure is provided to answer some basic questions about the organization and to explain your donation options.

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<http://www.spirit-and-truth.net>

Organization Overview

Incorporated in Tennessee in August, 2010, Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville (STFK) is a church established by and for people who value science.

STFK holds separate meetings for religious purposes (Church Services) and for scientific discussion (Science Café). For younger attendees, the church provides educational lessons together with fun, hands-on activities. During Church Services, the lessons and activities focus on Bible stories (Kids Church). During the Science Café, the lessons and activities are strictly non-religious and unbiased explorations of real science (Kids Café).

STFK is a church that is friendly to the scientific community. To the surprise of some, the church's religious persuasion is neither Episcopal nor Catholic but Evangelical. STFK is not affiliated with any particular national Christian organization, and its founders represent backgrounds in several different mainstream denominations.

STFK wishes to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect among its supporters. For people who have deeply-held Christian beliefs but who possess little or no education or experience with real science, STFK encourages them to attend the Science Café and apply themselves to learn about science from experts in the field. For people who have a wealth of

scientific knowledge but feel a desire to find deeper meaning and significance to life, STFK encourages them to regularly attend one of the Church Services and contemplate the Christian concept of relationship with God.

Designations and Defaults

Donors who contribute to financially to STFK may explicitly designate their contribution in one of two ways.

Science Café

Contributions designated for the Science Café shall be used only for non-religious purposes including, but not limited to, providing facility, equipment, personnel, curriculum, advertising, food, and incidentals to operate Science Café and Kids Café meetings and similar activities for science education.

Church General Fund

Contributions designated for the Church General Fund may be used both for religious and for non-religious purposes including, but not limited to, providing facility, equipment, personnel, curriculum, advertising, food, and incidentals to operate Church Services and Kids Church. During the first year of STFK's existence, the church subsidized the operation of the Science Café and Kids Café with money from the Church General Fund.

Donors may contribute to either the Science Café or to the Church General Fund during both Science Café meetings and Church Services by using a donation envelope and explicitly designating the contribution.

Donations received during Science Café meetings that are not explicitly designated are assumed to be for the Science Café. During Science Café meetings, the default designation is the Science Café.

Donations received during Church Services that are not explicitly designated are assumed to be for the Church General Fund. During Church Services, the default designation is the Church General Fund.

Tax-Exempt Status

Because STFK is a church, it is automatically considered tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Code. Nevertheless, STFK plans to make application to the IRS for official recognition of tax exemption status.

The information in this brochure does not constitute legal advice. Consult competent legal counsel and a tax professional regarding the deductibility of contributions made to STFK.

Donating Online

You can donate to Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville using your debit card or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) by accessing our donation portal:

<http://give.spirit-and-truth.net>

The screenshot shows the login page for Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville. The header includes the organization's name and logo. The page is divided into two main sections: 'Login' and 'New User'. The 'Login' section has fields for 'Phone Number' and 'Password', with a 'Login' button. The 'New User' section has a 'New User Sign Up' button. Below these sections are links for 'Forgot your Password' and 'Reset Password'. At the bottom, there are logos for VISA, MasterCard, and Discover, along with a message: 'Please use your DEBIT CARD to make your donation!'. The footer contains a security notice: 'This site is provided by SecureGive. For more information, please contact info@securegive.com' and logos for McAfee SECURE and Click to Help.

STEP 1: Create an account. This is a basic contact profile so we can provide you with a receipt for your tax filing purposes.

STEP 2: Log in with the phone number and password you specified in step 1.

STEP 3: Select your contribution type (one-time or recurring payment).

STEP 4: Designate your contribution (Science Café or Church General Fund).

STEP 5: Enter your card information.

STEP 6: Click continue, and confirm your donation on the next page.

STEP 7: Log out.

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about donating to Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville.

1. Why are you asking for my donation?

Simply stated, we need your help to carry out our mission to create an environment of mutual respect between people of faith and people of science where topics of science can be discussed without religious interference and where sincere skeptics can contemplate the Christian concept of relationship with God.

2. How will my donation be used?

If you designate that your donation is for the Science Café, or if you make an undesignated donation during a Science Café meeting, your contribution will be used only for the Science Café and related purposes as detailed inside this brochure.

Contributions made to the Church General Fund may be used for any of the church's activities, including the Science Café (the church subsidizes the Science Café).

3. How can I make a donation?

You can make a donation by placing cash or a check made payable to "Spirit and Truth Fellowship of Knoxville" into the collection box provided. Or, you can make a donation using your debit card or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) by accessing our donation portal:

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