

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT AFC 2026

What is the America for Christ Offering?

The America for Christ (AFC) Offering is an annual mission offering that supports the ministries of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). It funds programs that share Christ's love through discipleship, leadership development, community transformation, and justice advocacy across the United States and Puerto Rico.

When is the AFC Offering collected?

The official collection period is from January through March each year, but churches can give at any time throughout the calendar year that is convenient for their congregations. Every contribution, regardless of when it is made, directly supports vital ministries across the United States and Puerto Rico.

How are AFC funds used?

Gifts to AFC Offering help fund:

- **Leadership Empowerment** - providing pastors, lay leaders, and chaplains with the resources they need.
- **Healing & Transforming Communities** - providing grants, training, and resources for community ministries.
- **Justice Ministries** - supporting programs that address poverty, immigration, anti-racism, and other Biblical justice issues.
- **Discipleship and Faith Formation** - nurturing spiritual growth for all generations, and more.

How much of my donation goes directly to ministry?

Most AFC funds go directly to ministry efforts and mission partners through ABHMS. Administrative expenses are kept to a minimum, ensuring that your gift has the maximum impact.

Can my church set its own goal for the offering?

Yes. Many churches set an annual AFC goal to encourage their congregations to participate.

Are promotional materials available for my church?

Yes. ABHMS provides free digital and print materials—including bulletin inserts, posters, stories, videos, and worship resources—to help congregations plan and promote the AFC Offering. Most of these materials can be downloaded from the ABHMS website.

How can individuals give to the AFC Offering?

There are several ways to give:

- Through their local American Baptist church during the campaign period.
- Electronically through ABHMS' website.
- By mailing a check designated for "America for Christ Offering" to ABHMS.

Why is my participation important?

Your gift makes a real difference. It helps churches thrive, supports struggling communities, and empowers leaders to share Christ's love in tangible ways. When we unite as American Baptists, we amplify our impact and strengthen our collective witness for Christ.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes. All gifts to the America for Christ Offering are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Who should I contact with more questions?

For more information, resources, or support in planning your church's AFC campaign, please contact the ABHMS Development Office by email (donate@abhms.org) or phone (1-800-222-3872).