

Charitable Bequest

A charitable bequest is a planned gift left to charity through a will.

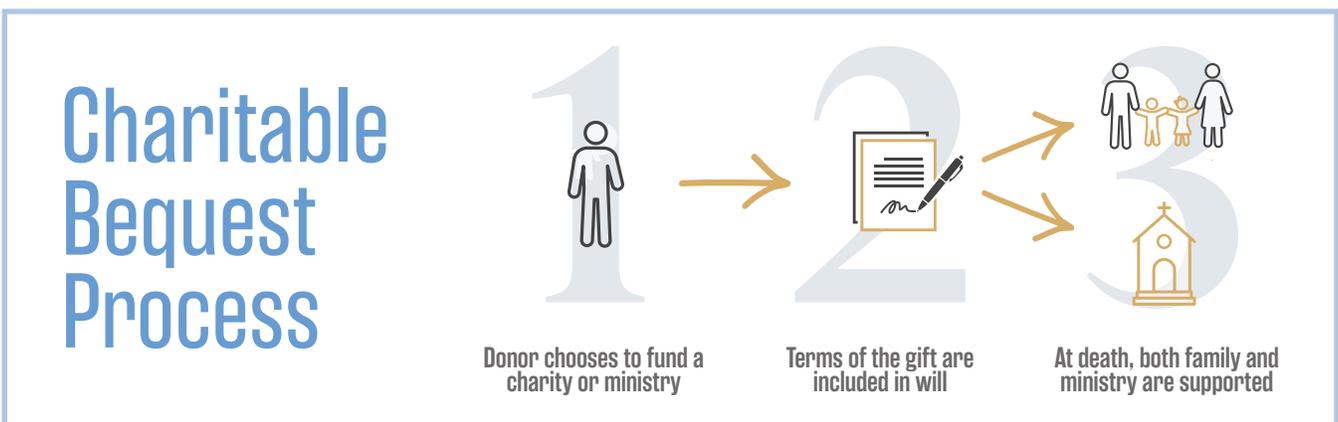
At Georgia Baptist Foundation, we believe that God calls each of us to be faithful stewards of the resources He has entrusted to us, understanding that everything we have ultimately belongs to Him. As part of this stewardship, planning for the future is essential. One of the simplest and most impactful ways to support the ministries and causes you are passionate about is by including a charitable bequest in your will or estate plan. A bequest allows you to designate a specific gift of money, property, or other assets to support your chosen ministry. This ensures that your legacy of generosity continues beyond your lifetime, providing meaningful support to the work of the Kingdom. By planning ahead, you can bless future generations while remaining a faithful steward of God's blessings.

 <p>Enduring Ministry Impact</p>	 <p>Control over Asset Distribution</p>
 <p>Potential Tax Benefits</p>	 <p>Leave a Lasting Legacy</p>

Benefits of a Bequest

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY. A charitable bequest is the simplest way to leave a meaningful legacy that supports the ministry or cause you're passionate about. It allows you to make a significant impact while ensuring your values endure for generations.

MAINTAIN CONTROL AND FLEXIBILITY. With a charitable bequest, you retain control of your assets during your lifetime. This allows you the flexibility to modify your gift as your circumstances or preferences change, ensuring your wishes are met.



REDUCE TAXES AND MAXIMIZE IMPACT. Strategic planning enables you to direct gifts from taxable estate assets, such as retirement accounts. This reduces the tax burden on heirs and ensures that more of your estate supports causes you care about, rather than going to taxes.

How We Can Assist

You can support your chosen ministry by including a charitable bequest through the Georgia Baptist Foundation in your will or revocable living trust. Additionally, consider designating the ministry as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account (such as an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or pension). Another option is to name the ministry as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, ensuring your legacy continues to support the causes that matter most to you.

Bequest Gift Options

There are several types of charitable bequests available for use in your estate plan. A percentage bequest designates a specific percentage of your estate for charity. A specific bequest allocates a fixed dollar amount or particular asset to a charity. A residual bequest directs the remaining balance of your estate to a charitable organization after all expenses and distributions. Each option offers flexibility in supporting your chosen cause.



A Smarter Way to Give

Sally and John wanted their faith to leave a lasting impact. They added a charitable bequest to their estate plan by naming their church as a beneficiary of John's retirement account. After their lifetime, the remaining funds will transfer directly to the church—tax-free—bypassing probate and maximizing the gift's value. This simple beneficiary designation ensures their church receives steady support for ministry, missions, and future generations. Their legacy of generosity will continue long after they're gone.



IS A CHARITABLE BEQUEST RIGHT FOR YOU?

1 Do you want to make a meaningful gift without affecting your current finances?

A charitable bequest allows you to support ministry in the future while keeping your assets available during your lifetime.

2 Are you looking for a simple, flexible way to include charity in your estate plan?

Bequests can be added through a will or beneficiary designation and can be changed at any time as your plans evolve.

3 Do you want to reduce potential estate taxes for your heirs?

Charitable bequests can lower the taxable value of your estate, helping you leave more to loved ones while supporting a ministry you care about.



Got Questions?

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