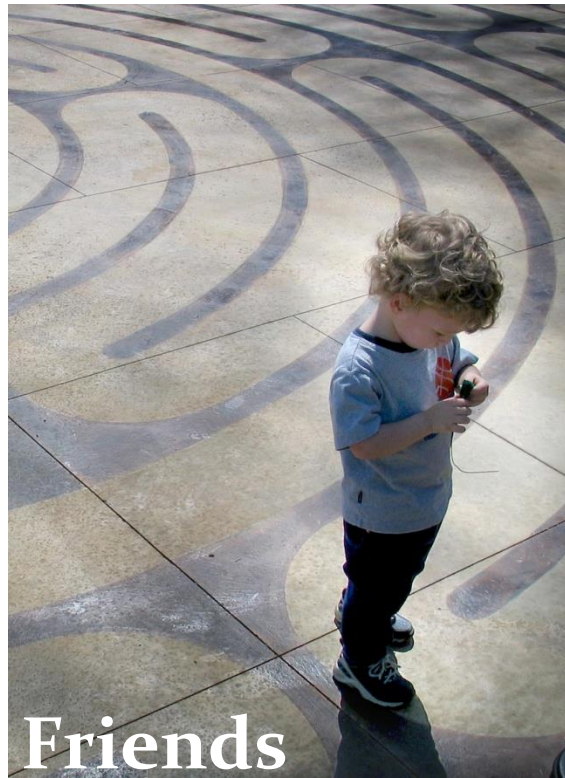


# We covenant together

to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources, and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

--from the Myers Park Baptist Church Covenant



## Friends of the Covenant

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath give thee."*

*Deuteronomy 16:17*

## What will be your Legacy?

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## Our Invitation to You

The Myers Park Baptist Church Covenant calls us "to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world." It has been that legacy of faithful stewardship that has nurtured this church and the many people it serves.

What will be your legacy?

We'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the *Friends of the Covenant* and join the growing number of people who have made planned gifts to the MPBC Endowment general fund.



*...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

*II Corinthians 9:6*



## The Work of the Endowment

The General Endowment Fund was formed for the sole purpose of enriching the life and missions of Myers Park Baptist Church by supporting the continuing excellence of its staff, the variety and depth of church programming, the rich integrity of our worship, and being good stewards of our church home. Without the church's endowment, it would be impossible to financially sustain the life and integrity of this church. Gifts that are made by individuals as a response to God's love are managed with care and prudence.

### The MPBC Endowment Funds have provided \$2,500,000 for:

Staff sabbaticals | College scholarships  
Church governance consultants  
Strategic planning | Energy-efficient lighting  
Guest preachers, musicians & lecturers  
Youth summer interns | Camp scholarships  
Elementary class outings | Friendship Trays  
Enderly Park Freedom School  
Music Together | Annual church audit  
Southminster Retirement Center | Signs  
Campus WiFi | Audio-Visual equipment  
Heating | Air-conditioning | Furnishings  
and so very much more....

# Planned Giving

is typically done in conjunction with estate planning and is a viable option for donors of all income levels. Depending on how a planned gift is set up, it may also provide you with income for life, earn higher investment yield, or reduce your capital gains or estate taxes for your loved ones. Here are a few options you can discuss with your financial advisor:

## Estate Gifts by Will or Trust

The most common form of deferred gift to support the church is a bequest contained in a person's will or revocable (living) trust. These gifts could be via the following methods:

- Cash
- Property
- Appreciated Securities

*By donating securities, you receive a tax receipt for the full market value of the securities and you do not pay tax on any gain derived from the disposition. It can be a very tax effective way to make a donation.*

## Gifts by Beneficiary Designation

### Retirement Plans

Naming the church as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan means income and estate taxes are not imposed when plan assets are distributed to the church. If left to an heir, the plan assets are subject to income tax.

### Life Insurance

If you retain any control over the policy, no income tax deduction is allowed; however, if the church is named both the sole owner and beneficiary of a policy, you may receive an immediate charitable deduction for the lesser of the policy's fair market value or the net premiums paid. Additional premiums that you pay may also be tax deductible.

## Retained Life Estate in Property

You may generate a current income tax deduction by giving real estate to the church, while retaining the right to live in your home or use the property during your lifetime.

## Life Income Gifts

Life income gifts serve a dual purpose: They provide philanthropic support for the church while also providing both a charitable income tax deduction and an income stream to you and/or your loved ones.

- A charitable remainder annuity trust provides a fixed income for life.
- A charitable remainder unitrust makes payments that fluctuate with the market and therefore may provide a hedge against inflation.



*While we all share a desire to keep MPBC vital for future generations, every family's financial situation is unique. Please consult with your legal or financial advisors to find the most suitable gift arrangements for you.*

## We Decided to Give Back

*"This is a gift for more than today -- it's from one generation to all that follow. And, it honors those who helped build MPBC in generations past."*

--Todd & Lisa Rubenson



*"We made our planned gift because we believe in the integrity and effectiveness of the ministries of Myers Park Baptist, and want to see them continued for the benefit of those who follow us. We want to support this church whose doors are open to all and closed to none, believing this to be a reflection of God's love for all."*

--Mack & Deborah Moore Clark

*"My gift is an expression of my gratitude to the Church for all the ways it and its staff and members have enriched my journey of faith."*

--Gloria Gibson



*"Simply put, we have grown to love this church. With our planned gift, we hope we can help provide that experience for future generations at Myers Park Baptist."*

-- Jay & Cathryn Rivers

## Want to learn more?

Contact us at 704-334-7232 x16

[www.mpbconline.com](http://www.mpbconline.com)

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## Planned Giving Form

- I have already setup a Planned Gift for MPBC.
- I would like to learn more about Planned Giving at MPBC.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive:

- An Endowment Brochure
- A Call from MPBC Staff
- A Call from MPBC Philanthropic SLG Member
- Information about Special Gifts

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO:



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