



# Live Forward, Give Forward<sup>®</sup>

Wills and Legacy Giving

# Did you know ...

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**61%**

61% of Americans do not have a will.



Without a will, the distribution of your estate – is determined by the laws of your state



A will is one of the simplest things you can do to make a positive impact on the future

# What if you could ...

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Change a life



Impact a community



Make a difference for  
the future

# The Live Forward, Give Forward Wills Program

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## You Can!

The Live Forward, Give Forward Wills Program is about making choices to live and give toward making the future better for those you care about by living out the values of generosity and stewardship.

One way you can do that is to make a Will that provides for your family and blesses your faith community!



“’Tis in the act of giving that we live!”

— William Hall

# What is a Bequest?

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A bequest is a gift of personal property, made in a will.



# What can a bequest do?

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Speak into the future of the church and its mission by:

- Educating children and youth
- Supporting existing ministries
- Creating new programs
- Strengthening our local outreach and missions
- Meeting future physical needs of church property



How lovely to think no one need wait a moment;  
we can start now changing the world!

– Anne Frank



MYTHS ABOUT MAKING  
**A BEQUEST**

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# Myth # 1 – I Have to be Rich to Make an Impact

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- You don't have to be wealthy to leave a meaningful bequest.
- Most bequests come from middle class households
- Smaller gifts can be invested to grow over time.



# Myth # 2 – It's Complicated

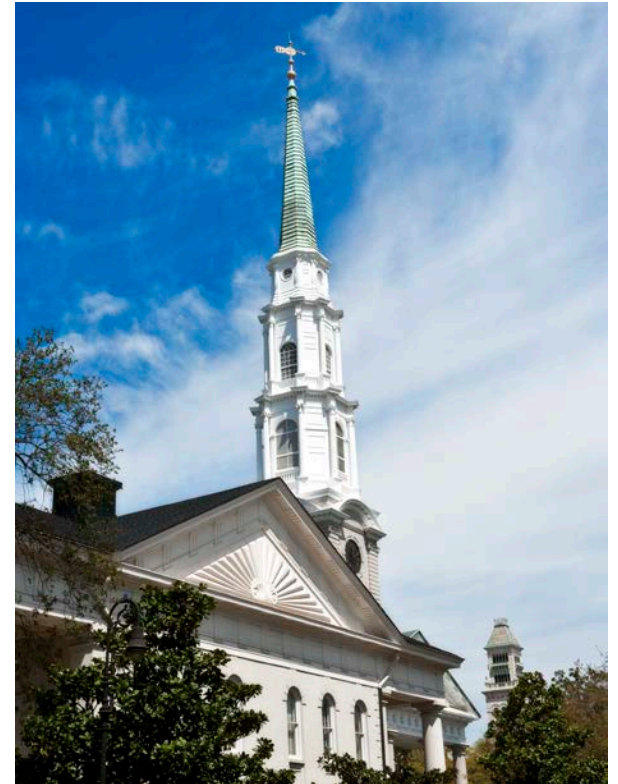
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- Making a bequest is actually easy
- There are ways to make a bequest to fit you
- You can give a dollar amount, a percentage, a remainder amount, or even assets like property, stocks, artwork and royalties
- A simple statement in your Will is all you need – *“I give and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_ to (Church name) in (City, State), USA”*

# Myth # 3 – The Church Doesn't Need My Help

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- The church's annual budget only tells part of the story
- Your faithful tithes and offerings go toward meeting today's needs
- Your bequest goes toward the needs of tomorrow



“A legacy speaks not about how we died but how we lived. It speaks about the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us. A legacy is an expression of gratitude and thanks to God for all that has been given and enjoyed in life!”

— Steve Pierce, Ian Clark

# Help Shape the Future With a Bequest

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- Doesn't cost you anything now
- Could be the most important gift you make
- Helps you share what matters to you in ways that reflect your faith and stewardship values



Questions?

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