

Legacy 200



Last Will
and
Testament



You are
never too
young
to plan.





**The only thing you take with you
when you are gone is what you leave
behind.**

Do you have a will?

Have you made beneficiary designations to take care of the people you love?

Do you have an estate plan?

Do you want to be in control of the distribution of your assets upon death or let the state (and therefore the laws of North Carolina) decide for you? Do you want to choose who administers your estate, or again, let the law determine who that will be? Estate planning allows you to be in control and make your own choices about the answers to these questions. First Presbyterian Salisbury wants to encourage this kind of planning for the future so you can provide for your family's well-being when you can no longer do it in person and so you can be reassured that the person you want to handle it is in place--to give you peace of mind while looking ahead. That is most important!

First Presbyterian Salisbury would also like for you to consider naming the church in your estate planning. This kind of giving is considered "Legacy Giving." Direct bequests in a will of money, stock, or even some kind of tangible asset (such as a vehicle or house) and beneficiary designations related to other assets are ways to accomplish legacy giving.



Our Legacy 200 Ministry Team's purpose is to establish a Legacy 200 fund to be used for the future ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

Legacy 200 invites members of our congregation to consider the impact of their generosity beyond death. This is a spiritual and heart matter.

Since we believe that the church's mission is more important than ever, it is incumbent upon us to invite church members to consider the future of First Presbyterian Salisbury in their end-of-life giving.

Legacy 200 Givers

**Robert and Lynn Bertram
Stephen and Andrea Bullock
Del and Carol Denny
Frank and Nancy Eason
Luke and Diane Fisher
Ames and Jennifer Flynn
John and Kyna Grubb
Gerry Hurley
Lee and Tricia Johnson
David Jordan
Betty Lomax
Dyke and Deborah Messinger
Revs. Josh and Lara Musser Gritter
Carl and Mary Repsher
Ozzie Reynolds
Hap and Annette Roberts
Denny and Dotty Shantz
Bob and Caren Steele
Jay and Sharon Whittington
Dan and Jan Williams
Anonymous
Anonymous**



Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I contribute to the Legacy 200 Endowment?

- 1) Because God made us to give, and this endowment allows you to be generous even beyond your death.
- 2) Because giving not only helps others, but also enlivens our own relationship with God in the world. All we have and own belongs to God, and this endowment offers you the chance to leave a part of your legacy to God's church.
- 3) Because the church faces complex and difficult days ahead. Your gift will help the church of the future continue its ministry.

Why is this necessary now?

Giving trends suggest that in 20-30 years the church's budgetary possibilities could be dramatically different—in church attendance and church giving. If we wait that long to begin preparing for the future, it will be too late. Our hope is that this endowment can support the future ministries of First Presbyterian so that it may thrive in the future, come what may.

How will the money be used?

The money will be used in three ways; 1) to supplement the ongoing ministries outlined in the church budget; 2) to assist in the health and sustainability of the church's buildings and campus; 3) to fund mission projects.

How will the money be invested? Who will oversee it?

The fund will be invested through The Foundation of the Carolinas. First Presbyterian will elect a Legacy Endowment Ministry Team who will facilitate the spending of the funds annually. Final decisions and authority for the spending of the funds belong to the Session of First Presbyterian.

I'm not a wealthy person. Wouldn't my gift be too small to make a difference?

Many small acts make the church what it is! No gift is too small. Jesus described his kingdom as one where small seeds grow into large trees and where a little bit of yeast can leaven bread and serve many. Your gift, no matter the size, is a seed that God will use.

What's the scriptural basis for building up church wealth in this way? WWJD?

Rather than "building up church wealth," we like to think about planting seeds for God's future. Jesus said the kingdom is like mustard seeds planted in a field that grow into big trees. This is the image behind our endowment. God can water and grow our generosity into a fruitful tree that will be used for God's kingdom in the future.