

## Thoughts about Legacy Gifts

From Jeff Bills, Lead Pastor

**HOPE Church**, today, is the benefactor of the many Spirit-led people who, for more than three decades, have contributed their time, talents and treasure.

Those who have gone before.

Those who first dreamed of HOPE.

Those who first had the vision and courage to build HOPE ... Blessing us then ... Blessing us now ... And blessing us in the future.

*Legacy giving really is love sent forward.*

I hope you prayerfully consider using the powerful option of a planned gift to HOPE Church.

Planned gifts are a way for you to share a portion of God's blessings that you have received, with others who will carry on the ministries of this church which are so important to you and to so many others.

Your planned giving will help provide the resources to ensure HOPE continues to grow as a community where people can feel welcomed and experience faith and God's love long into the future.

*Where your treasure is, there  
your heart will be also.*

*Matthew 6:20*

*Here's how some describe how  
Legacy Giving makes them feel ...*

*"Deeply satisfied to have an  
opportunity to cultivate generous kids!"*

*"Children watch and learn from their  
elders! We're teaching future generosity!"*

*"It's remarkably moving. When we give  
away what we have earned, God replaces  
it with joy, every time."*

*"We actually get to experience a greater  
sense of wealth and security."*

*"I feel practical and pragmatic because  
sometimes it takes dollars to help get  
God's work done."*

*"Treasure is a great compliment to talents  
and time."*

*"It's rewarding, Legacy Planning very  
often results in immediate tax savings."*

*Good stewardship means learning more about  
Legacy Giving and which method would be the  
most advantageous for your particular  
financial and estate planning situation.*

*We encourage you to check with your attorney,  
accountant, or other tax advisor for additional  
information.*

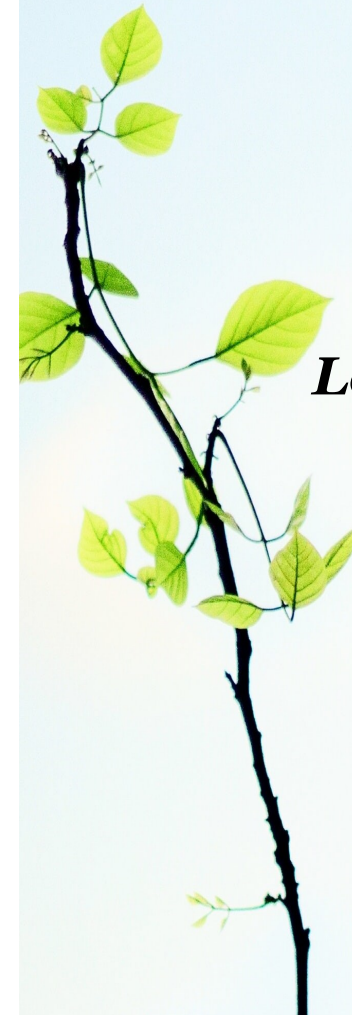
*Remember, we are called to partner in faith  
with those who have gone before us and to  
offer the best we have to give to those who  
follow.*



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## Legacy Gifts

*Love sent  
forward*



## What is a Legacy Gift?

Also known as Planned Giving, a Legacy Gift is a contribution that is arranged in the present and distributed at a future date.

Commonly donated through a will or trust, Legacy Gifts are most often granted once the donor has passed away.

Legacy Giving is a way to make a powerful and permanent statement in what we, as Christians, believe in.

Legacy Giving encourages, teaches and inspires others, by way of example, in their giving.



## Some examples of Legacy Gifts

### GIFTS NOW

**Gifts of Cash, Physical Assets, Stock, Life Insurance, Real Estate, Retirement Assets, Donor Advised Funds, and Foundations.**

### GIFTS THAT PAY INCOME

**Charitable Gift Annuity:** The charity creates an annuity which pays the donor a set annual income until the pay period ends, typically upon death of the donor, at which time the charity retains the leftover funds.

**Charity Remainder Trust:** When a trust that is gifted to a charity pays an annual amount to the trustee(s). Once complete, the charity receives the remaining funds.

**Charitable Lead Trust:** The lead trust's income payments are distributed to the charity for a set period of years, after which the assets are transferred back to the grantor or whomever the grantor has named the beneficiary.

### GIFTS LATER

**Charitable Bequest:** An donor's official statement found in a will, a trust, or an estate plan that designates a gift to a specific charity. Gift amounts can be stated in three main ways: a specific amount, a percentage amount, or a remainder amount.

**Bank or Investment Account:** Financial accounts that leave a legacy gift for the charity.

## Where will my Legacy Gift go?

*HOPE Church has established three options to chose from. All three are designed to address and provide resources for future, long-range needs and opportunities.*

### DISCIPLE MAKING

HOPE's culture of making disciples through our **Invite, Connect, Grow** and **Serve** strategies is reinforced by this fund which supports both existing and new ministries including the physical resources, staffing, and promotional materials needed to equip the church to develop future disciples.

### FACILITIES

Our physical spaces provide an important home base for all of HOPE's ministries. Keeping them clean, safe, well maintained and well equipped is essential to being good stewards. From our children's classrooms to The Meeting Place, from our Activity space to the Worship space ... or to some future spaces ... this fund impacts every ministry area of HOPE Church.

### UNDESIGNATED

Giving fertile ground to the dreams, creativity, and ideas that God continually places in our hearts, this fund allows HOPE leaders, both current and future, the room and tools to grow their innovative, God-given visions into new ministries for HOPE Church.

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