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Foundation Focus is a quarterly newsletter to help you understand our church's **Legacy Foundation**, why it is so important for the future of our church and its ministries, and how you can participate.

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No Reason to Hesitate

Some people might hesitate at the thought of leaving an Estate Gift to our church. Why? Even though they love our church and recall many life-shaping events here, they may not feel confident that our church could handle an Estate Gift without hurting our general fund giving.

The good news is that our **Legacy Foundation** can change that feeling for good. That's because our church's **Legacy Foundation** allows us to receive Estate Gifts, directed to the ministries of our choice, with the peace of mind that Barnabas Foundation is managing the important details for us.

Barnabas Foundation has been helping families and churches with Gift Planning since 1976. They have the specialized expertise needed to manage and invest Estate Gifts to help us fund future ministry opportunities without impacting our general fund giving.

YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Kingdom Thinking in God's Economy

Have you ever felt like you didn't quite fit in? Like you were a round peg in a square-hole world? If the answer is yes, then here's some really good news: you're not alone - we are supposed to feel that way! Despite the fact we were born here on earth, the citizenship of every believer actually belongs to another world, a *better* kingdom.

The giants of the faith understood that this world was not their home. Listen to the words of Paul in Hebrews 11, "...*And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth... they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.*" Then Peter takes it a step further, reminding us that we are not just strangers, but those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, "*Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect...*" (From 1 Peter chapter 1)

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YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

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If we – like the great men of God who came before us – truly gain a kingdom-mindset, it will transform the way we live, where we give, and how we love others. We have been purchased with such a high cost, the blood of Jesus! Make your aim to identify with God's economy, investing in the things that matter for eternity, and remembering that you're a stranger in this world, headed to your heavenly home. *"The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."* 1 John 2:17

Ask Barnabas Foundation

Estate Planning Q & A

Q. How do I know when it's time to update my Estate Plan?

A. There are a number of reasons why you may need to update your Estate Plan:

Family. Has your family situation changed? Perhaps you had small children when you first designed your Estate Plan. Now, they are grown and self-sufficient without a Bequest from you. A death in your family may have changed your situation, requiring a change to your Estate Plan.

Finances. Has your financial situation changed (or is it about to change)? Perhaps you are contemplating selling a business or real estate, or planning your retirement. It could be that through the Lord's blessing the size of your estate has increased so that estate and gift tax consequences are now a concern.

Ministry. Do you want to have a greater and more lasting impact for God's kingdom? You can, by adjusting your plan to more fully include Christian ministries. Perhaps your Estate Plan omitted gifts to Christian causes altogether. This has resulted in an Estate Plan that does not fit your values and is not the legacy you wish to leave as your last statement concerning what you believe is most important.

*Have a gift planning question?
E-mail it to jzack@barnabasfoundation.com*

Legal Language for Naming Our Church in Your Will

If you decide to support our church with a gift from your estate, please contact our Foundation Committee. They will indicate which specific program funds within our **Legacy Foundation** are open for contributions. If you do not designate a specific fund, the Foundation Committee will decide which **Legacy Foundation** fund will receive your bequest.

Additionally, please provide your attorney with the following language to include in your bequest documents.

1. **If you did not select a specific program fund,** use the following language:

"I bequeath _____ (% or dollar amount) of my estate to Granite Springs Church for the Granite Springs Church Legacy Foundation."

2. **If you did select a specific program fund,** use the following language:

"I bequeath _____ (% or dollar amount) of my estate to Granite Springs Church for the (Name of the Fund) of the Granite Springs Church Legacy Foundation."