



COMMUNITY CHURCH AT TELLICO VILLAGE

Getting Started

It takes some preparation to give a gift to God that is right for you and your family. The following outline provides some things you will need to do and to think about;

- **What kind of gift do you want to make?** If you would like to see the benefits of the Endowment in action during your lifetime then make the gift now. If you want your gift to be a legacy serving God's ministry long after your death then name the church as a beneficiary of your estate. Some may want to do both. An undesignated gift gives the church a greater capacity to weather the financial storms.
- **Family Involvement** - This will differ in every family but in most cases the spouse would be involved in the process and children may not be involved in the decision but it is generally best if they are not surprised down the road.
- **Advisors/Resources** - Use your trusted advisors including accountants and estate attorneys to help you through tax implications and estate issues. Several of the Endowment Committee's members have committed money to the church through their will and can share their experience with you.
- **How much will I give?** Some give a percentage of their estate while others give a fixed amount. If a family member is disabled, the gift could be structured as % of the estate balance **after deducting the amount needed to assure the child or spouse will be provided for upon your death.** Others have given a tithe or 10% of the estate. There is no minimum gift and the Endowment Fund is not just for wealthy benefactors!
- **Prayer** - Through the entire process pray and ask for guidance from the holy spirit.
- **Keep the church informed** - It will help their long-term planning and prevent the church from being surprised. A call, email, or letter will suffice for all gifts for changes to your will.
- **A simple way to give directly to the church, avoiding the probate of a will, is to simply name the church a beneficiary of an IRA Account!** Please let the Church know about that also.