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Enabling Generous Giving

Since its founding, the Kentucky Baptist Foundation (KBF) has been enabling generous giving through its assistance to Kentucky Baptists seeking to practice the discipline of financial stewardship at a deeper level.

Educating

The Bible has much to say about this financial discipline and



Your Kentucky Baptist Foundation staff members, left to right: Janet McIntosh, Laurie Valentine, Richard Carnes, Barbara Spencer, Katrina Umphrey

the proper view for Christians toward money and possessions. The Foundation's staff provides practical estate stewardship guidance that is biblically based through speaking in churches, conducting estate planning seminars and publishing articles on the KBF's website and the *Western Recorder* (Kentucky Baptist's state news journal).

These efforts of the KBF staff provide the opportunity for us to educate individuals and families in various estate and gift planning ideas that can serve their personal and charitable giving goals.

Encouraging

As the development agency for Kentucky Baptist churches, the KBF helps educate a church's staff and lay leadership on effective ways to implement intentional legacy giving programs for church members. The KBF can assist congregations in establishing a vision for how legacy giving can sustain and grow the ministry outreach of the church.

Further, the KBF can help a church establish an organizational structure, provide appropriate print and media communications, and recommend effective components for an ongoing awareness/education program for its members.

The provision of this resource is made possible by Kentucky Baptists through their generous Cooperative Program gifts. Thus, there is no additional cost to the churches for accessing this valuable service.

Empowering

The KBF's Trust Counsel Laurie Valentine is available at no cost to provide private, confidential estate stewardship consultations to individuals wanting to learn how best to plan their finances to care for their family and Baptist ministries important to them.

Please call the KBF at our toll-free number (866) 489-3533 (KY only) to schedule a seminar in your church or a private consultation in person or by telephone.

Visit us online at:

www.kybaptistfoundation.org

Still Time to Plan This Year

The fall is a natural time to look forward and make plans for the end of one year and the beginning of a new one.

As you make or update your financial and philanthropic plans, keep in mind that taking the time before December 31 to review your finances and tax picture can help ensure a financially healthy 2017.

By reviewing these plans now, you still have time to take steps that can lower your tax bill next spring. And carefully planning your charitable gifts can help increase their effectiveness and may also result in reduced tax liability and other benefits.

Your gifts—your savings

Gifts to qualified charities continue to be income tax deductible for those taxpayers who itemize. It's good to know there are still ways that can help enhance the value of your charitable gifts and the satisfaction you derive from making them.

What can you give?

Because you do not pay income tax on gifts you are allowed to deduct, you may be able to make a larger gift at a lower after-tax cost. The property you choose to give

can make a difference as well. Many of our supporters are making gifts of securities and mutual funds and receiving tax benefits in addition to the satisfaction of giving.

Put your assets to work

There are many ways you can make meaningful gifts by carefully planning the timing of your gifts and the property used to fund them.

We would be happy to work with you and your advisors to help you complete your gift in a timely manner.

Year-End Planning Checklist

- Complete your gifts before December 31 to qualify for tax savings.
- Keep all receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- Consider using appreciated securities to make your gifts. Such gifts typically yield greater tax benefits.
- Keep track of capital gains realized this year, as charitable gifts may offset these gains.
- Consider how charitable gifts can help offset taxes on a Roth conversion.



An Unexpected Source for Giving

Using retirement funds for making charitable gifts is generally not among most people's plans at the outset. However, retirement plan assets can be a wise source for making your gifts, both now and in the future.

Giving Now

Make Tax-Free Gifts to a Favorite Charitable Cause from Your IRA. If you are aged 70½ or older, you can give directly from a traditional or Roth IRA completely free of federal income tax (up to \$100,000 per person per year).

Giving directly from your IRA won't increase your adjusted gross income and possibly subject your Social Security income to a higher level of taxation. Additionally, your charitable IRA gift may count towards your required minimum withdrawal.

Giving Later

Make a Favorite Charity the Beneficiary of a Retirement Plan.

When you leave the balance of an IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) to your heirs, they must carefully manage the account to avoid losing its tax-deferred status and potentially triggering large income taxes and possible penalties.

You can simplify matters for your loved ones by directing all or a portion of what remains in your retirement accounts to charities and leaving other more tax-favored assets to your heirs. Designating a charitable beneficiary of a retirement account does not require you to change your will.

For more information about making a gift using retirement plan assets, simply return the enclosed card.



Six Reasons to Give Appreciated Property

Making charitable gifts using appreciated assets can make good sense from both a philanthropic and financial planning perspective.

1. You may deduct the current full value of the asset instead of what you paid for it.
2. You bypass any capital gains tax you would owe if you sold the asset.
3. Your capital gains tax savings may never be more beneficial.
4. You can claim a deduction in as many as six years, if you itemize.
5. You conserve your cash for other purposes.
6. You make a wonderful gift to a favorite charitable organization whose values you share.

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Advancing the Kingdom



Since 1945 the KBF has distributed more than \$166 million toward Kingdom advancement through the various church, missionary, educational, evangelistic and compassion ministry causes of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and other Christian organizations. 72% of this \$166 million was distributed in the last fifteen years!

These distributions were made possible by the many faithful and generous stewards who practiced estate stewardship and generous giving at a deeper level. Since many of these donors' gifts established perpetual endowment and trust funds, the distributions from them will continue until Jesus comes again.

The staff of the KBF are available to you at no cost or obligation for private, confidential estate stewardship and charitable gift planning consultation. The KBF also can assist individuals by serving as the trustee of irrevocable charitable trusts and the administrator of endowment funds, charitable gift annuities and donor-advised funds.

Today, the combined market value of the funds entrusted to the KBF exceeds \$174 million. We are eternally grateful to those individuals who have helped us reach this milestone of distributing significant financial resources toward Kingdom advancement and we invite you to join them.

We are just a toll-free call away. We look forward to speaking to you.



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Steadfast and Solid for Kingdom Advancement Since 1945

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