

## TO GIVE

There are many ways for you to make an eternal contribution to the ministries of the First Baptist Church. Gifts of all sizes make a tremendous difference to the work we do for the Lord.

Everyone can put the church in their will as a part of their estate. Giving to the church in death as one gave in life ensures the continuation of ministry and the legacy of the giver.

Members looking for regular income from their assets can establish a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust that pays a high annual yield for their lifetime while giving the remainder to the church for its ministries.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention offers expert counsel on these matters through the WV Baptist Foundation representative:

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FUND POLICIES

To honor God and those who are generous in their gifts, we will abide by the following policies.

### PERMANENT FUNDS

Donors may indicate their intent that their gifts become a part of the church endowment (permanent) fund. The original corpus of such gifts will be maintained with only the earnings and market growth available for use.

Gifts in excess of \$50,000 will carry the name of the donor to celebrate their life and witness in perpetuity.

### RESERVE FUNDS

Reserve funds are generally unrestricted and may be used in their entirety for the mission and ministry of the church as approved by the governing board.

A Pinnacle of Faith



Through the Generations

## PASTOR'S INVITATION

First Baptist has been blessed throughout the years by people like you who have been faithful supporters of the ministry of the church. More than a few people chose to continue their faithful support of the ministry long after they had departed this world. Their legacy continues. We remember names like: Bee, Rector, Martin, Losee, Ayers, Conklin, Farnsworth, Highland, Broadwater, Fluharty, Neptune, and more. These provided support for the vital ministry of the church. I invite you to consider how your faithful support will bless future generations.

The leadership of First Baptist Church is committed to making a difference for Christ through the generations. We have stood together for 198 years and together we will continue until the Lord calls us home.

—Pastor Rich McClure

## HIGHLIGHTS

### PERMANENT FUND

Currently, the Permanent Fund of the First Baptist Church consists of the Kemp Fund and contributions through the estates of others through the years.

The Kemp Fund began with an initial gift of \$82,000 to be used for expenses related to the building and property of the church. Over the years, the fund was invested and grew allowing the church to make many improvements including: carpeting the Chapel and 9<sup>th</sup> Street entrance, repair and maintenance of the elevator, windows in the Education Building, upgraded boiler system and air conditioning, new tile flooring in the fellowship hall, many smaller projects, maintenance, and upkeep of our historic building.

The Kemp Fund balance in 2015 stands at nearly \$110,000. The leadership of the church has honored the intent of the donors

and their legacy will continue through the generations.

The Ministry Board and Trustees have established a benchmark of \$100,000 for the Permanent Fund and is committed to maintaining this minimum with the benchmark rising when future gifts are made.

### RESERVE FUND

The Reserve Fund or the Murdoch-Neptune Fund has been a great blessing as it has helped us fund ministries that we do for the Lord.

The Reserve Fund also contains designated gifts for special projects, missions, and future expenditures.

Reserve funds are very helpful when budgets are challenged by the economy. These funds are also very helpful when a new or expanded ministry initiative is pursued by the church. The Reserve Fund also pays a quarterly dividend to perpetuate the annual giving of investing donors.