

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Within each of us is a desire to leave a legacy. Inspired by the hope that our lives will have lasting significance, we look beyond the significance of this life to imagine ways that we can leave a sustaining legacy for the generations that follow us.

This desire inspired members of our church to envision an Endowment Fund that will provide a financial legacy for our church. This has now become a reality: The Cornerstone Society! This brochure explains its mission and strategy, in the hope that you will share our vision and decide to make a lasting contribution to the future of our congregation.

As our congregation enters its 55th year, we recognize that Peakland Baptist Church has become the vibrant, healthy congregation it is today because of the rich blessings of God and the faithful stewardship of its members. As generations have shared their talents, time, and financial resources, our church prospered. Many of us recognize that our will is as much a part of our stewardship as is our annual pledge. It is our final stewardship decision. I am grateful for The Cornerstone Society, which provides a channel for my final, and most enduring, stewardship decision.

The Virginia Baptist Foundation manages the assets of our Endowment Fund. If your estate plan includes a church gift, their legal team will write your will for you or work with you to set up a planned gift. Suzanne and I decided to remember Peakland Baptist Church in our wills. We contacted the Virginia Baptist Foundation, and their legal team prepared our wills at no cost to us.

As you read this brochure, I hope that you will share our vision and ask yourself, “What legacy of love does the Lord want me to leave behind?”

In His Love,
Steve

The Cornerstone Society

Dorothy C. Bliss
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Members who have passed and fulfilled their legacy through their generosity.

Virginia S. Burton
William Alan Glenn

AS OF MAY 2010

We look forward to including your name in this list of members in the very near future

This is you, isn't it?

I love this church. I often thank God for somehow making me a part of Peakland Baptist and its congregation. Being a member of this unique little church hidden away off Peakland Place is one of the best things that ever happened to me. It sustains me!

Every Sunday is truly a blessing. The hymns we sing together. Our one-in-a-million Pastor who always feeds me with his sermons and his friendship. And all my friends here! It truly is a miracle.

Of course it's no accident that Peakland Baptist is what it is. I know that many years ago, people much like me set out to create a special church here in our city's western suburbs. They didn't know how to go about establishing a church any more than I would—but they had a dream. A vision. And it came true! And I am the beneficiary of their dream, their desire to create for the future.

Now it's time for me to ask: what is *my* vision for the future of this wonderful church?

It is no accident that those who preceded me here at Peakland inscribed its cornerstone: “Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone.”

We as a church have been spiritually endowed by our Savior. So one of my roles can be to help provide the *material* endowment, the financial support for all the years ahead. I'm glad someone thought to create The Cornerstone Society. I will talk to one of its members. I will join them in being a continuing part of this extraordinary church.

It's easy to take the next step to begin exploring possibilities

Just fill out the form on the other side of this panel, tear it off, and mail to:

Peakland Baptist Church

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Or, for more information, call one of the Planned Giving Committee:

- Parker Lee
- Pat Lovern
- Bill Painter
- Ron Rash
- Bill Riley



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☐ I (we) would like more information
about The Cornerstone Society

☐ I (we) would like to be contacted
by a member of the Planned Giving
Committee

☐ I (we) have named Peakland Baptist
Church as a beneficiary in my Will
or Trust and give permission for
my name(s) to be published as a
member of The Cornerstone Society.

Signature Date

Signature Date

☐ I (we) have named Peakland Baptist
Church as a beneficiary in my Will
or Trust and do not give permission
for my name(s) to be published as a
member of The Cornerstone Society.

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The address is on
the back of this form

The Mission of The Cornerstone Society

Our mission is twofold:

1. To assure an enduring financial legacy
that will outlive the donors and nurture
succeeding generations at Peakland
Baptist Church
2. To offer church members and friends
the opportunity to be good stewards
of their accumulated assets

We will carry out this mission through
regular efforts to keep the concept of planned
giving in the minds of our congregation. For
many, this will be an educational process; for
others, it will be simply informational. As is
the established spirit of our church, no pressure
of any kind will ever be a part of any activities
of The Cornerstone Society.

The value and annual performance of the
endowment supported by the members of The
Cornerstone Society will be reported at the
church's annual meeting.

Everyone who creates any type of long-
term planned-giving relationship with Peakland
Baptist will be a member of The Cornerstone
Society. We understand that there may be
supporters who prefer anonymity, but we
hope that you will identify yourself to our
Planned Giving Committee, who will assure
you that your name will not be revealed or
published. The Church does not need to know
the amount of your planned gift, just your
intention to give.

How to go about doing whatever *you* want to do regarding your plans for Peakland Baptist's future:

There are *many* ways you can set aside
a specific amount to go to your church
when you are no longer writing checks
yourself:

- **Your Will.** It is essential that each
individual have his and her own will.
- **Insurance.** You can designate a part of
an existing policy or create a new policy.
- **A Trust Fund.** There are many types to
enable you to achieve your specific goals.
- **Annuities.** These, like trusts, can be
funded with cash, stocks or bonds, or
real estate.
- **Retirement Plan Assets.** A portion of
an IRA or 401(k) can easily be set aside.

There are more. Begin the process of
deciding which suits you best by talking
with any member of the committee, with
your attorney, CPA, or other tax advisor.

An excellent resource is the Virginia Baptist
Foundation. Peakland Baptist has contracted
with their team of financial specialists to man-
age our endowment, and these professionals
will assist you with estate planning and with
the preparation of your will.

The Virginia Baptist Foundation has been
assisting churches such as ours for the past 82
years. Today over 200 churches utilize this
excellent and highly successful organization.

