

**April 2016**  
**A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH**

**#193 Giving Should be Done Regularly** -- "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come." (1 Cor. 16:2 - NRSV) "Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." (1 Cor. 4:1)

We are called to be "servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." As stewards of God's gifts, we look for ways to share them with others regularly - without fear! Are you finding it difficult to share your gifts—especially financial gifts--regularly as you watch and wait during these tenuous times in our history as a nation and a church? If so, you might consider making a life income gift. Yes, by giving a gift, you may have more resources available now to give regularly. Plus, you have the assurance of knowing that a larger gift will benefit your church and other favorite charities upon your death.

How? Through a Charitable Gift Annuity, which allows you to receive income during your lifetime, and to benefit your church and other favorite charities afterward. Charitable Gift Annuities can be established with a gift of \$2,000 or more and the income rate is dependant upon your age at the time of your gift.

For more information, please contact our office and we'll be happy to run a personalized illustration for you.

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**Helps for the Stewardship Chair**

Biblical Stewardship Principle:

***Giving should be done regularly.***

**Quotes for Bulletins/Newsletters:**

Planned Giving One Liners

1. Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family and showing charity towards others.
2. Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as your beneficiary.
3. Consider naming the church as a beneficiary in your will or living trust. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased.
4. Giving to the church through your will or trust is the most common way to continue your support beyond your lifetime. When the estate plan is prepared, consider a gift to the church.
5. Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to the church than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming the church as beneficiary of any insurance policy.
6. Anyone can make an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made as an endowment. You may do this now or as part of your estate plan.
7. Think about the part you want to play in our church's future. You have the opportunity to support this ministry in many ways. Naming the church as a beneficiary in your estate plan, or making an endowment gift, can assure your continued participation in this ministry far into the future.