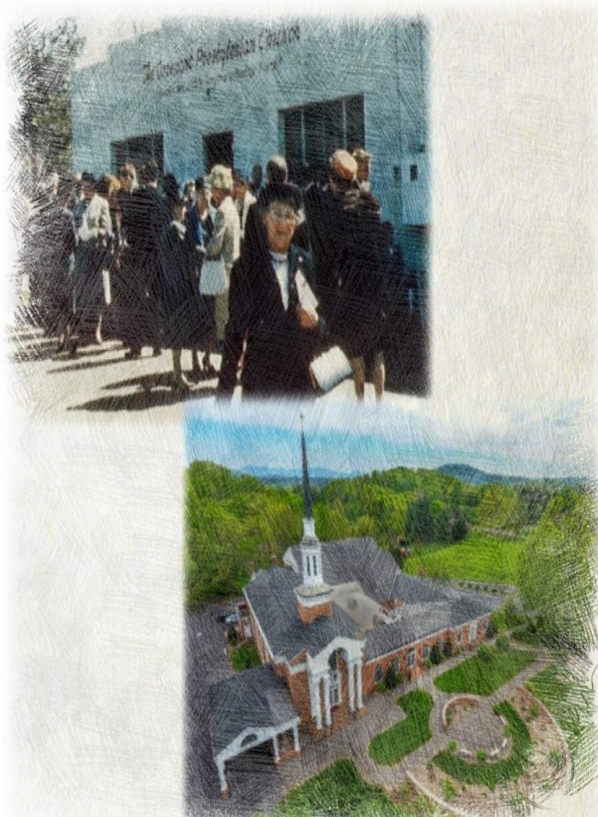




# PLANNED GIVING

The Covenant Family has been remarkably generous in its historic support of our church's ministry. Over the years our members have expressed their desire to secure and enhance our mission through memorial gifts, special purpose gifts, and bequests. While there are many ways to make such gifts a growing number of members are including Covenant in their estate planning. This can easily be done through a simple bequest in one's will or through a codicil to an existing will.

***Striving to be faithful  
disciples of Christ:  
Worshiping with Joy,  
Growing in Faith,  
Serving in Love.***



## Questions?

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Strong operating budgets will always be important to our ministry, but fully funding our annual “dream budgets” is a challenge, especially for young families. This is where a thoughtful planned gift can answer the call. Think about the importance of your annual support and how you might perpetuate that support with an estate gift. Often a modest bequest can have a huge long-term benefit, insuring that your support for the varied ministries of the church goes on for as long as there is a Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Unless otherwise restricted by the donor, bequests to Covenant have historically gone into the church’s endowment fund. Only a portion of the value of the fund is distributed in any one year, so the fund is never exhausted and provides a continuing source of income for the church.



This gives Session additional resources to address special needs, to expand existing ministries, or to fund other unique outreach opportunities. Your gift to the endowment fund can be in the form of cash, real or personal property, or securities.

Future gifts to the fund can be made in wills, trusts, deferred or planned gifts, and life insurance policies. Some forms of gifts carry significant tax benefits.

As you think about your planned giving and the disposition of your estate, we hope that you will consider including Covenant in those plans.



## **SAMPLE CODICIL TO EXISTING WILL:**

*This may be helpful to share with your attorney and/or financial advisor.*

*Example #1 —*

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (city/county)  
in \_\_\_\_\_ (state), declare this to  
be the first codicil to my Last Will and  
Testament, which was executed by me  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). I give to Covenant  
Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia,  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars  
(\$\_\_\_\_\_).

*Example #2 —*

All the rest, residue, and remainder of my  
estate (my residuary estate), I devise and  
bequeath as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_\_% ) to  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Staunton,  
Virginia. Except as expressly modified by  
this codicil, I approve, ratify, and affirm by  
will dated \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

*“We are blessed by those across the years who  
have made gifts and sacrifices so that Covenant  
would be here for us and our children. We now  
have the opportunity and responsibility to pay it  
forward for future generations.”*