

FOUNDATION NEWS

Wise Stewards Helping Their Community

Our Story

Sherry and Don Hopkins of Batesville have followed the example found in the Parable of the Five Talents (Matthew 25:15-29). God provided them with a blessing and they decided to invest what they had been given. The Hopkins contacted their pastor, James Bailey, and he directed them to The Mississippi Baptist Foundation.



Don and Sherry Hopkins

Instead of making a one-time gift, they invested it and now the income will be used to further God's work for years to come. "We were glad that we could choose where the money went. We wanted the gift to stay local and help our community," said Sherry.

By being wise stewards, the income from their initial investment will provide a source of funding for benevolent,

charitable, educational and missionary functions of the Lord's work in Batesville and the impact will reach even further. "What a blessing the Foundation has been. They're professional, knowledgeable and will work with you so that your money goes where you want and achieves what you want," stated Sherry. "Another benefit is that Don and I don't have to do anything and we get quarterly reports

sent right to us," added Sherry.

Surely they will hear their Master say, "well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February 13 | 6:30 p.m. - Associational Wide Meeting First Baptist Church, Mathison Estate Planning - Wills | April 24 | 8:00 a.m. - Regional Senior Adult Meeting First Baptist Church, West Point |
| March 6 | 8:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Meeting Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg | Date Your church - call today to set up a date for your group's next meeting.  | |
| March 31 | 8:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Meeting Jackson Street Baptist Church, Tupelo | | |
| April 17 | 8:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Meeting Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez | <i>Looking for a speaker for your meeting? Would you like The Mississippi Baptist Foundation to make a presentation and answer questions for your group? If so, then call (601) 292-3210 today.</i> | |

SPOTLIGHT



FEATURE

Trusts For Tomorrow

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Today, you can create a trust that will have a vital impact on your future...and ours. With a Charitable Remainder Trust you permanently place cash, securities or other property into the fund while still receiving a specified income – usually for life. When the trust ends, the remainder of the trust is used for the Baptist cause that you selected.

One of the benefits of using a Charitable Remainder Trust is that Congress says that you are entitled to a substantial income tax deduction because you "accelerated" your charitable giving by way of a trust. Depending on how you arrange your trust, you may see other advantages.

By deciding to place gifts in a Charitable Remainder Trust, you can meet a wide range of personal and financial needs AND support the Lord's work in the future.

Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. – James 1:17

WHY DRAFT A CHRISTIAN WILL? SEE INSIDE.

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What Can You Accomplish Drafting A Christian Will?

In the target sport of darts, hitting the bull's-eye begins not by leaning or lunging forward, but with a solid stance by the darter. In the world of estate planning, research has repeatedly shown that instability caused by the lack of a valid Last Will and Testament forces as many as 8 out of 10 Christians to miss the mark of Christian stewardship and to leave a legacy that they never intended. This unsteadiness forces their loved ones to experience needless expense and emotional distress. Treasured personal possessions are distributed according to impersonal laws and statutes. Targets that can be accurately hit or realized with a skillfully drafted Will include:

- Controlling your property including its management, accumulation, and distribution.
- Allowing you to leave explicit instructions for the care of your loved ones including protective trusts for your surviving spouse, parents, young children, disadvantaged children, adult children, or grandchildren.
- Providing federal estate tax planning.
- Perpetuating your lifetime giving patterns by supporting your designated charitable organizations in perpetuity.

Since 1943, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation has skillfully assisted individuals to establish a solid stance in the highly specialized area of charitable estate planning. If you want to make certain that you hit the mark of Christian stewardship by drafting a Christian Will, a Durable Power of Attorney and a Health Care Directive (i.e. Living Will), give the Foundation a call.



CONSIDER THIS:

Tithing Another thing to consider is tithing your estate. So many of us tithe throughout our lifetimes, why not tithe the remainder of God's gifts to us in our Will? What a testimony and what a wonderful way to further God's work in Mississippi and abroad.



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WHAT THE LAWYER NEEDS TO KNOW TO ASSIST YOU IN ESTATE PLANNING

- Your full name
- Address and phone number
- Spouse's full name
- Full name and relationship of each person who will receive anything under your Will and is to be included in your Estate plans
- Full name, address, and phone number of Personal Representative (Executor/Executrix)
- Full name, address, and phone number of Guardian of Minor Children
- List any property to be distributed: (Securities, Real Estate, Life Insurance, Retirement plans, Personal possessions)
- List specific bequests. Match people with property. (Specific amounts of money or specific items of property)
- List who will receive the balance of your estate and the percentage each is to receive
- Decide what you want to happen if the individual you listed to receive property or the individual who is to be your personal representative dies before you

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:9-10

Malry D. Rolison Fund Established to Support BSU at Southern Miss

The family of the late Malry D. Rolison has established a memorial fund in his name with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Lloyd Lunceford, BSU Director at Southern Miss, reports that the fund has been established to provide funds for the ministry to students at USM.

Malry was the son of the late W.M. and Gladys Rolison of Meridian, Mississippi, who were charter members of the Arrowood Baptist Church in Meridian. Mr. W.M. Rolison served as church treasurer for over twenty-five years.

The fund was established by Mr. Rolison's son Nate Rolison. Mr. Rolison passed away on December 23, 2001 and is survived by his wife Brenda Rolison, son Nate Rolison, and daughter Kallie Rolison, all of Petal and sister Winnie Nace of Hattiesburg.

The Rolison family established this memorial fund in such a way that friends, family, and any supporters of Baptist Student Union work at Southern Miss are encouraged to make contributions to this fund. Because of his support of this ministry, the family feels that this is a fitting memorial to his life.



Memorial Scholarship Fund celebrates a life by helping others



Archie and Barbara Herrin with scholarship recipient Robert Zehentner.

A person can influence so many throughout their lives, and Clay Herrin was one of those people. His life impacted others. That is why Reverend Archie and Barbara Herrin of Columbia, Mississippi established the "Clayton (Clay) Allen Herrin Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund." Clay Herrin went to be with the Lord on July 6, 2000, but his outstanding Christian influence will continue to serve the Lord through this memorial fund.

The Clay Herrin fund perpetuates his memory while helping students at William Carey College in Hattiesburg. The fund furthers God's work by assisting many worthy students pursuing church or missions related careers.

The first recipient of the Clay Herrin Memorial Scholarship is Robert Zehentner. Robert is from Columbia, Mississippi and is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Columbia.