



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME **FOUNDATION, INC**

Seeking His Heart, Being His Hands



OUR RICH HISTORY

First Baptist Church of Rome has a unique heritage as a Baptist congregation. For over 190 years, we have built a strong foundation of real faith in Jesus Christ addressing life's real issues. Ordaining women as deacons and ministers, practicing open communion, and leading trends in denominational relations all distinguish us among many other Baptist churches.

"Seeking His heart...being His hands" describes the two focal points of our efforts: growth in Christian maturity and participation in Christian service. Our trademarked mission statement directs how we share Christ with others. Though the statement was developed in 1996, it describes the long-standing commitments of the congregation. The statement embodies what we have cherished for generations, long before the words were actually put to paper. Seeking to grow in Christlikeness and offering ourselves as the hands of Christ in the world are noble callings that inspire commitments of us and of our resources

We organized and continue to fund the First Baptist Church of Rome Foundation to build on our heritage and to strengthen our mission, now and into the future. When you make a current gift to the Foundation or remember the Foundation in your will, you will help perpetuate our church's unique heritage of real faith for real life.

THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation assists members and other donors in being faithful witnesses with their contributions to Christ's work through the mission of First Baptist. The Foundation receives and manages gifts that provide lasting support for missions, faith development, and the capital needs of our congregation.

With these purposes in mind, three Funds have been established within the Foundation:

THE HEART OF CHRIST FUND

endows ministries that support faith development and discipleship of our own members.



THE HANDS OF CHRIST FUND

endows missions work in our community and around the world.



THE HERITAGE FUND

endows the foundational needs of the church including operations, capital needs, facilities and maintenance.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the benefits of donating to the Foundation?

The benefits begin with the satisfaction of making a gift that will have a lasting impact on countless lives. Your gift can ensure the excellence of a given ministry now and in future years. You may also benefit from one or more of many tax advantages associated with making current and deferred gifts.

2. Who can make donations to the Foundation?

Anyone can make a donation; however, the Foundation is established especially as a means for church members to support the ministries and missions work of First Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia.

3. How much should a donation to the Foundation be?

There is no specific amount of a donation required and any amount is welcomed. If a donor makes a gift of \$25,000 or greater, the donor may request that a separately named endowment fund be created in accordance with the donor's intentions and consistent with the mission of First Baptist Church.

4. Should a donation to the Foundation be in addition to my budget offering?

Yes. Your donation to the Foundation should be in addition to your regular tithe and offerings. Many members will choose to make gifts through their wills or estate plans.

5. May I designate how the income from a gift is to be used?

Gifts to the Foundation may be designated to specific endowment funds that have been established for different purposes: missions work, internal ministries or capital needs.

6. How are investment decisions of the Foundation made and when is earned income distributed?

The Foundation Board of Directors believes that investment decisions should emphasize the safety and preservation of invested funds as first priority, then attempt to maximize the investment return available with the least amount of overall relative risk. The Directors make distributions to the church budget annually from a portion of the earnings of the endowed funds.

We believe in the heritage and mission of First Baptist. Therefore, we desire to ensure for future generations the same kind of experiences that have been vital to the faith of our church for nearly two centuries.



TYPES OF GIFTS

Current gifts made during your lifetime. Cash is the easiest gift to make. The Foundation can also receive appreciated assets, such as stocks, real estate and life insurance policies.

Current gifts of cash or other assets that are structured to provide you with an income during your lifetime.

Gifts that are deferred until your death because you have placed the Foundation in your will or you have made the Foundation the beneficiary or co-beneficiary of a financial asset.

GIVING TO THE FOUNDATION

There are multiple ways to demonstrate appreciation and love for our church's heritage and mission. Please scan the QR code to submit an interest form.

You can also reach out to our church office for more information or if you have any questions.

