

## Creating or Updating Your Will

Not everyone realizes the importance of having a will and keeping it updated. It not only ensures that your wishes will be carried out, but your will also gives you the chance to continue passing on your love for Christ's Church and the mission of God beyond your lifetime.

Being faithful stewards includes the opportunity and responsibility to wisely use the financial gifts God has entrusted to us. Part of this responsibility lies in arranging how our resources will be used after our death and talking to our family about our decision.

This brochure provides suggested language for including Shades Crest Baptist Church in your will or trust.

You should always discuss with your legal counsel any changes or modifications you would like to implement in your estate plan.



*Though it is not required, it is helpful for the Charter Fund Committee to be notified if you have chosen to include Shades Crest in your will.*

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# How do I Include Shades Crest in My Estate Plan?

Sample Language for Wills and Trusts



.. share the love and power of the Kingdom of God with the next generation.

## General or Specific Outright Bequest

I give, devise, and bequeath to Shades Crest Baptist Church, a tax-exempt organization located at 452 Park Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35226, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or real or personal property herein described), to be used for the general purposes of the Shades Crest Charter Fund or specific purpose or function of the Shades Crest Charter Fund.

## General or Specific Contingent

In the event that {*insert name or names of spouse, children, sibling, or heirs*} shall not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, within \_\_\_\_ days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give, devise, and bequeath those beneficiaries' shares of my estate to Shades Crest Baptist Church, a tax-exempt organization located at 452 Park Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35226, the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the Shades Crest Charter Fund or \*specific purpose or function of the Shades Crest Charter Fund.

## General or Specific Percentage

I give, devise, and bequeath to Shades Crest Baptist Church, a tax-exempt organization located at 452 Park Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35226, \_\_\_\_% of the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the Shades Crest Charter Fund or \*specific purpose or function of the Shades Crest Charter Fund.



## General or Specific Residuary

I give, devise, and bequeath to Shades Crest Baptist Church, a tax-exempt organization located at 452 Park Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35226, the rest and residue of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the Shades Crest Charter Fund or \*specific purpose or function of the Shades Crest Charter Fund.

### DID YOU KNOW?

*If you already have a will, you can use a codicil to make an addition. A codicil is a legal "P.S." and should be attached to your will. Consult your legal counsel for appropriate wording.*

**Codicil:** a simple way to make an addition to your existing will.

### **\*If Leaving Money for a Specific Purpose**

Because of the uncertainty of the future, we suggest the following language when leaving a gift with a specific purpose:

**It is my preference that the gift be used for the specified purpose. However, I understand and agree that if, at some future time, it is no longer practical in the judgment of the Shades Crest Charter Fund Committee to use the gift for the purpose intended, the Charter Fund Committee shall have the right to use the gift for whatever purpose they deem necessary and reasonable in accord with the intent described herein.**

### **\*Examples of Specific Purposes or Functions of the Shades Crest Charter Fund**

- General Fund
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Missional Efforts
- Educational Ministries