

## Great Giving

Over the years at Grace Community Church we have received many planned gifts. These include will bequests, life insurance, charitable trusts and outright gifts of stock, real estate and other assets. Each one of these gifts has been received with sincere and enthusiastic appreciation.

Though every gift has a special quality, we have learned that some gifts stand out from the rest as *extra* special. What makes a gift extra special are the circumstances surrounding it, including the attitude of the donor.

As we look back over the many gifts, certain common characteristics emerge that combine to make a good gift great. See if you agree.

### **1. A great gift is motivated by our mission.**

Something intangible, yet valuable, is added to a gift when it addresses the purposes of our various ministries. The donor identifies with our vision and mission. His or her planned gift reflects a sense of ownership and partnership. Such a gift warms and inspires us even more than, say, a gift that comes to us anonymously . . . or a gift that is motivated solely for tax purposes.

### **2. A great gift is well planned.**

Great giving requires time and effort. One must consider a variety of factors and options and select the right asset for the right gift vehicle at the right time – and do it in a manner that will appropriately address one's overall estate plan, as well as the needs of Grace.

As the saying goes, anything worth doing is worth doing well. Great giving may require more work, but the rewards are worth it.

### **3. A great gift pleases the donor.**

That is, the donor is convinced his or her gift will make a positive difference at Grace. It has been well planned and there are no regrets. A sense of fulfillment prevails and crowns the gift with added value. The gift is made greater by the glow of satisfaction.

As you consider what kind of planned gift you would like to give to Grace, we urge you to contact our Stewardship office. We are committed and dedicated to helping our donors make "great" gifts.

You can reach us by phone at 480-894-2201 or email us at [stewardship@gccaz.org](mailto:stewardship@gccaz.org). We look forward to serving you.

1 Chronicles 21:24b: *"I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."*