

FOUNDATION NEWS

Finding the Time to Make a Difference

One Family's Story

Susan and her husband, Max Draughn, are like many young couples today – busy. With three young boys under the age of 5, you can imagine there is not a lot of free time. The Draughns, however, wanted to find time to make a difference.



Max and Susan Draughn with their sons Owen, Case and Stephen.

“My husband and I wanted to make an endowment gift to our church’s preschool ministry, but we also knew we didn’t have time to deal with managing the investment on a day to day basis. That’s where the Baptist Foundation came in,” said Susan. After contacting the Foundation, the Draughns found a partner that had similar goals and values who would work with them. “As an accountant,

I was comfortable with the people at the Foundation and I knew what their investment strategies were and that they would stay true to them,” shared Susan.

Susan said, “we’re happy with the performance of our investments and we have a good relationship with the people at the Foundation.” This positive experience has led the Draughns to not only create an Endowment for the preschool ministry of

Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, but also to set up a Cemetery Trust. This trust helps with the upkeep of Boyles Chapel Methodist Church and is done in memory of Max’s mother.

SPOTLIGHT



FEATURE

Pooled Income Funds

Strength In Numbers - Getting together to make a difference is what our Pooled Income Fund allows you to do, all while enjoying lifetime income and tax advantages. This fund allows you to pool your gift with other friends and benefactors for investment purposes. Then, income from the investments are distributed quarterly to all participants on a proportional basis. When the last named income beneficiary of the gift passes away, that portion of the Fund principal is made available to support the programs you designated.

Another advantage to the Pooled Income Fund, is that the gift you make not only provides income, but growth. That allows the dollar amount passed along for use in the Lord’s work to be substantially more than you originally contributed. What a wonderful stewardship of God’s money.

Personal Fund Analysis - We encourage you to learn more about our Pooled Income Fund and how you can benefit the Lord’s work AND your financial picture at the same time. Contact the Foundation today for your personalized analysis. We look forward to hearing from you.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6	White Sand BC, Prentiss; Senior Adult Program and Lunch; Time: 11 am. Led by Jane Newell, Associate Director of MBF	Sept. 12 & 13	The Retired Ministers Benefit Golf Tournament, Bay Pointe Country Club
August 26	Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Regional Senior Adult Rally	Sept. 23-27	Franklin Baptist Associational Senior Adult Meeting, at Hopewell BC, Bude. For more information call Floyd Higginbotham, Associational Missions Director, 1-601-384-2759
August 27	First Baptist Church, Clinton; Regional Senior Adult Rally		
August 28	North Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford; Regional Senior Adult Rally	<i>Looking for a speaker for your meeting? Would you like The Mississippi Foundation to make a presentation and answer questions for your group? If so, then call (601) 292-3210 today.</i>	

Create ripples that will positively affect you, your family, your community and the world!

Like a stone dropped into water, a philanthropic legacy creates ripples that spread to affect you, your family, your acquaintances, your church and - yes, quite possibly - the world!

Your estate plan is your personal statement regarding what you value. Through a comprehensive set of skillfully drafted legal documents, you direct the distribution and/or the management of your hard-earned estate assets in a manner that reflects your values and wishes. Other important goals that can be accomplished with a carefully crafted estate plan are:

- Control all your property including its management, accumulation, and distribution.
- Allow 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.
- Keep your affairs private and confidential.
- Provide federal estate tax planning.
- Perpetuate your lifetime giving patterns by supporting your designated charitable organizations in perpetuity.

Founded in 1943, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Inc. has assisted thousands of individuals in drafting their charitable estate plan. If we may assist you accomplish your philanthropic goals, give us a call.



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The Director's Corner

Have you heard that often-used evangelistic question, "If you died tonight are you sure you would go to heaven?" I trust you have answered this question and will spend eternity with our heavenly Father. A similar question we deal with at the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is, "If you died



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tonight do you know what would happen to your assets? Are you certain your family would be provided for?" Unfortunately many people answer "no" to these questions. When it comes to dealing with money and other assets the Lord has entrusted to us, we always think there is a tomorrow. We will make a Will tomorrow, we will double check who is named as beneficiary of our life insurance or retirement accounts tomorrow, and we will check to see how our property is titled tomorrow. The answers to all these questions are important, yet many times we are not given "tomorrow" and our families are left to deal with these questions as well as their consequences. This is sad because it is so easy to do these things if we would just take the time.

As Christians, we are to be good stewards of the assets the Lord entrusts to us. We are instructed in Timothy to provide for our family, yet many times we fail as Christian stewards by failing to do the basics of estate planning. Our failures to plan do not affect us because we are in heaven with the Lord, but it affects those we leave behind. Take your role as a Christian steward to heart. Prepare your Will and make sure your family is provided for.

Serving others today and providing for those who will serve others tomorrow.

Sidney and Margaret Pitts of Terry, Mississippi have spent their lives serving the Lord and serving others. Members of FBC, Terry, MS for 40 years, they served as Sunday School teachers and were involved in all church activities. Sidney is also an active deacon.



Sidney and Margaret Pitts

They began work in 1989 as Mission Service Corps' volunteers with the North American Mission Board. They served as Area V Coordinators for 5 years, and served as Mississippi "Volunteer In Missions" Coordinators for 7 years.

Their volunteer work included mission trips to Michigan, Missouri, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Maryland, and Georgia. In addition, they spent six weeks in Nanning, China, teaching conversational English at the Quangxi University.

As teachers they were both interested in education and when Margaret's father, Herman E. Fields, died, they contacted The Mississippi Baptist Foundation and established the Herman E. Fields Memorial scholarship for Mississippi College in his memory.

Then in December 1989, following the death of their daughter, Kathryn

(Kathy) Louise Pitts Ferrell, they established a scholarship at Mississippi College, in her memory. We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Pitts in their commitment to help students prepare for Christian service and are honored that they chose The Foundation as a vehicle through which these scholarships are awarded.

In addition to being active in Terry First Baptist, they have served as Mississippi Baptist volunteers. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts worked through the Men's Ministry Department at the Baptist Building for many years. While there, they helped spread the gospel and helped with volunteer work.

Sidney Pitts retired from the MS Employment Security Commission and his wife, Margaret, is a retired school teacher. The Pitts have five children: Kathy (deceased), Larry, Jerry, Beth, and Amy.

These scholarship funds are just one of many accounts established to benefit Mississippi College. We receive many letters from students who would not have been able to continue their education if it had not been for these funds. These students leave school to go out and serve the Lord. These scholarship funds not only provide for these students that receive them, but they touch all those that student serves throughout their ministry.

In addition to the funds that benefit Mississippi College, we have numerous accounts established to help students attend Blue Mountain and William Carey College along with our six southern Baptist seminaries. Thanks to all of you who have been so faithful in giving to the Lord's work. You may never know how many lives you have impacted in this world.

Honoring God with our Possessions

What if there were a way that you could further God's work in your hometown and throughout the world? What if that help could go even beyond your lifetime? Well it can with planned giving. Many of the blessings we enjoy today are the products of dedication from people in the past. They were committed to leaving future generations a rich inheritance on which to build.

It isn't about having a lot of money. It is about a willing heart and thoughtful planning. There are many ways that we can do our part today to insure money will be available in the future to carry out God's work.