



LEAVING A LEGACY

“RAISING UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO” THROUGH CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING ACTIONS OF GENEROSITY YOU CAN DO!

Whether you’re providing financial security, supporting a cause you care about, or passing on traditions and values, an estate plan helps you leave behind a legacy for your family to hold on to.



WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS CAN I GIVE?

Calvary Christian Schools can facilitate all types of gifts whether to the overall mission of a Christ-Centered education, or a directed gift. It can be as simple as giving online at: <https://www.calvaryeagles.org/support> or mailing a check. You can also transfer stock or if you’re 70 1/2 or older, do a charitable rollover from your IRA, both of which may save you additional taxes. CCS also offers gift planning assistance if you are considering a gift of property or something more complex. We hope you’ll also consider leaving a gift through your will or trust, or an insurance policy or retirement account beneficiary designation.

WHO STARTS - or - GIVES TO AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

Anyone can help build our future with a gift of any size. It does not require great wealth. It requires generosity of spirit and a love of Calvary Christian Schools. While we continue to depend on your gifts for our current operations, we hope you’ll consider an extra gift to build the fund that will ensure our work continues. We do have an endowment fund with the Community Foundation to assist in helping Calvary reach its mission with families of all economic situations. If you would like to contribute to a scholarship fund at Calvary we can assist you in that as well!

“LEAVING A LEGACY”
COMMEMORATIVE TREE –
WE STILL HAVE LEAVES LEFT
TO ADD NAMES –
ANY NAME YOU CHOOSE:

“Your name”

“In Memory of”

“In Honor of”



For assistance and/or discussion on how to prayerfully give to this ministry, please contact Tom Kapanka or Brad Richards at 231-865-2141. We would be happy to discuss on the phone or set up a time for you to come sit down and visit with us! CCS has two estate planners who are willing to sit down with you with no obligation.

Please take a moment to read the following devotional from Boyd Bailey – powerful words!



A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22

Grandparents have an opportunity to invest financial, emotional and spiritual capital into their children's children. This return on investment may prove to be the most significant, if done prayerfully and proactively. Thus we pray, "How can I give to our grandchildren in a manner that blesses them the best, while honoring their parents and the Lord in the process?" Ultimately we trust God to take our generous gifts and use them to grow faithfulness for future generations.

A grandparent's generosity is not a subtle scheme to control desired outcome (no matter how noble it might be), rather the goal of generosity is to be a catalyst for God's will. Our role as grandparents is not to tell our adult children and grandchildren what to do, but to support them in what they do. They are their own persons, hopefully under the authority of the Spirit's leading, so we bring the most lasting value when we value them over their chosen path to follow in life.

"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it" (Ezra 10:4).

Grandparents show respect when they confer with their adult children before

they give to their grandchildren. It could be as small as a cream filled donut for breakfast, or as big an issue as opening a college fund. We ask permission before our big-hearted acts so we have the full support of mom and dad. Well-meaning help will hurt if done outside the intentions of the parents. Next generation generosity is most effectively done in collaboration with our children.

Most of all, invest spiritual capital into your grandchildren. Make sure your influence for the Lord is allocated heavily on the asset side of their spiritual balance sheet. Pray with them. Go to church with them. Read Bible stories to them. Share God examples of life change and answered prayer. Teach them old hymns while you feed the ducks. Having fun without instilling a faith influence is like taking a fevered child to the amusement park without offering any comfort or medication. Yes, your intimacy with Jesus is the most precious gift you can give your grandchild. *"But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children" (Psalm 103:17).*

Three Generations

By Tom Kapanka, for Grandparents Day



*It takes two generations to bring along the third... for the echo of Truth is sometimes heard more clearly than the words first spoken. A **cord** of three strands is less likely broken than one or two, and equally true and strong is a **chord** of voices intent on passing along what matters most from age to age. The oldest voice gently leads and helps confirm that the Page the from which the middle voice reads or shares each day is worth the ink and worthy indeed to a child think beyond their lifetime. Some say "it takes a village," but more often than is heard, it takes two generations to bring along the third.*

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