



Sardis Gift Trust:

Leave a legacy.



**Sardis Presbyterian Church**

Our Endowment opportunities are yet another way we can equip and build up the body of Christ.

# Sardis Presbyterian Church

The mission of Sardis Presbyterian Church is to glorify God as we seek to live, express and faithfully demonstrate the Great Commandment and Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We seek to advance this mission through the God-directed purposes of: worship, service, evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship.

To carry out its mission, Sardis needs financial resources beyond the annual giving and budget. These resources allow the church to meet capital, special, and long term needs to serve its purposes noted above.

In 1987, the Session approved the creation of an endowment fund and the formation of an endowment committee to oversee the use of funds donated to advance specific ministries of the church. These funds constitute giving above a member's annual pledge and are often designated for a special purpose. In December 2007 the Session expanded the scope for this type of giving by creating the Sardis Gift Trust Commission which administers the funds in the Trust subject to the ultimate direction and authority of the Session.

The mission of the Sardis Gift Trust is to promote the awareness of the real joy of giving from accumulated resources for the present and future ministries of the church— and to glorify God.

# Opportunities For Giving

- **Direct Contributions**

Commemorate joyful occasions in the lives of your friends and family and enhance the future of your church. The Sardis Gift Trust accepts honorary donations to recognize births, birthdays, baptisms, graduations, marriages, anniversaries, and retirements. Donations of cash, appreciated securities, real estate or other property are welcomed. Memorials may be made to the church for a specific purpose or to the church's "Undesignated Memorial Fund."

- **Insurance Policies**

By designating Sardis Presbyterian Church as both beneficiary and owner of an insurance policy, you may be able to provide a substantial gift to the church without including it as a taxable component of your estate, and you may be able to receive tax benefits upon payment of premiums on the policy.

- **Charitable Remainder Trusts/Annuities**

It may be possible to donate an investment to a trust for the benefit of Sardis Presbyterian Church and receive certain tax benefits, yet still receive the income from that investment throughout your lifetime.

- **Estate Bequests**

A bequest is easy to arrange. It is not payable until death, so it does not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. It is private—a will need not be filed or made public until death. A bequest can deliver a specific gift, or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate after taxes, expenses and specific bequests have been paid.

Others have labored  
and you have entered  
into their labor. ~John 4:38b~

# Endowments

## Sardis General Endowments

Receives undesignated memorials and endowments which support the needs of Sardis beyond the annual budget as determined by the Session.

- **General Endowment Fund**  
To meet capital needs of the church beyond the annual budget and for furtherance of the church's benevolence, educational and mission programs.
- **Betty McGinnis McLeod Youth Fund**  
Supports special needs of the programs for youth at Sardis.
- **Worship and Music Endowment**  
Serve needs in support of the worship and music ministries at Sardis.

## Sardis Benevolence Endowments

Established for local and international giving.

- **William H. & Ann M. J. Reed Memorial Fund**  
Supports charitable needs within Mecklenburg County.
- **Sardis World Wide Mission Fund**  
Supports charitable needs anywhere beyond Mecklenburg County.

## Sardis Christian Service Endowments

Established to provide financial help for Sardis members and their families, or Sardis staff members who are seeking help in order to secure new or additional degrees or designations in order to be able to serve God in Christian service.

- **Sardis Christian Service Fund**  
Supports members or staff seeking degrees for ministry or Christian Education.
- **Christian Education Endowment Fund**  
Supports needs of the Christian Education program.

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## Sardis Property Improvement Endowments

Established to provide for additional, immediate, or long-term maintenance, repair, or construction of real property.

- **Major Property Improvement Fund**  
For major property improvements.
- **Lowrance Sanctuary Fund**  
Supports capital needs, maintenance, and repair in the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Parlor.
- **Columbarium/Cemetery Investment Fund**  
For the perpetual care of our two cemeteries and the columbarium.
- **Playground Fund**  
Established for maintenance, repair, or up-fitting of the children's playground.
- **Cloister Garden Fund**  
Established for the maintenance and repair of the Cloister Garden between the Sanctuary and church office.
- **Memorial Gardens Fund**  
Established for the maintenance and repair of the Memorial Garden between the Chapel and Education Hall.
- **Schul Transportation Fund**  
To provide transportation of adults and youth for activities of Sardis Presbyterian Church.

# Often Asked Questions

## What Is The Minimum Donation?

There is no minimum donation for contributions to an existing fund in the Sardis Gift Trust. In order to establish a new giving/specified purpose fund, the minimum donation is \$10,000.

## How Do I Get Started?

Direct contributions can be made by sending a check made out to Sardis Presbyterian Church. You also may use the form on this brochure to indicate your interest in providing for Sardis in your will or for making a financial gift through an endowment, trust, annuity, or insurance policy. You should consult with your accountant, financial and/or tax advisor, or attorney in order to determine the best approach for leaving your legacy. The Sardis website ([www.sardis.org](http://www.sardis.org)) is also available for information. We encourage and are thankful for gifts at any time made to one of the established endowments listed here.

## Who Do I Contact?

A member of the Sardis Gift Trust Commission  
Phone: 704.366.1854  
Email: [giftrust@sardis.org](mailto:giftrust@sardis.org)

## SARDIS GIFT TRUST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I have already included Sardis in our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will consider including Sardis in our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I are interested in talking with a Gift Trust Commission member about our will or special gift.

*Please check an option above and place in the offering plate or mail to Sardis Gift Trust Commission:  
6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270*





## Make A Difference

But each of us were given grace  
according to the measure of Christ's gift...to equip  
the saints for the work of ministry, for  
building up the body of Christ.

*Ephesians 4:7-12*



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