

## HELPING OUR CLIENTS CREATE THEIR OWN UNIQUE LEGACY

# WALTER AND CATHY NORRIS

### HOW WE MET

We first met after our pastor, Jay Wolf, introduced us at church one Sunday evening. We had each come to First Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) seeking a Bible teaching church where we could grow and serve. Although Walter was raised going to church every Sunday, it was not until he was in his thirties that he truly began to walk with Christ. Cathy, on the other hand, has been walking with Jesus since she was eight years old. In 1995, we were married at First Baptist Church on Walter's birthday, in almost the exact spot where we had met a year and half earlier.

After we married, Cathy worked for several years as a marketing director for a group of physicians, and then became a stay-at-home mom in recent years. Walter has sold real estate in Montgomery for the last 30 years and began investing in rental property in the late 1990s. Over the past 20 years, we have raised two daughters, buried two fathers, and built a home and a life filled with faith, family, and friends. God has truly blessed us immeasurably more than we could have ever hoped or imagined.



### PLANNING FOR OUR FAMILY THROUGH LEGACY CONVERSATIONS

First Baptist Church had been ministry partners with The Baptist Foundation of Alabama for a number of years and, through the Foundation, began a relationship with PhilanthroCorp in 2011. It was through First Baptist Church that we were introduced to PhilanthroCorp for help in planning our estate. As Christian estate planners, PhilanthroCorp encouraged us to look at all of our assets as if God owns it all; then they asked if we had ever considered giving a portion of our estate to Christian causes of our choosing. Through a series of low stress phone conversations with our PhilanthroCorp advisor, we were able to create the plan we wanted—an estate that benefits not only our two children, but also our beloved church and other Kingdom causes that are dear to our hearts. Although we had been tithers of our income ever since we were married, PhilanthroCorp helped us realize that we do not have to stop giving to the Lord's work once we have gone to Heaven. We were able to set up our will so that the resources God entrusted to us while we were on earth will continue to grow His Kingdom for His glory. And that will truly be the gift that keeps on giving.



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*"There is a great amount of comfort that comes with planning. Not only does it allow you to check an important task off the list, but it also allows you to count your blessings and name them one by one. We were literally able to list God's past, present, and future presence and provision in our life. God has blessed us tremendously.*

*We are so grateful to The Baptist Foundation of Alabama and PhilanthroCorp for helping us to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, not only now, but even when we have stepped into Heaven."*



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