

HELPING OUR CLIENTS CREATE THEIR OWN UNIQUE LEGACY

DON & DIANE KENNEDY

ABOUT US

Our story began in September 1963 when a boy from Theodore, Alabama and a girl from Prichard, Alabama met at the first Baptist College in Mobile, Alabama (now the University of Mobile). Romance soon developed, and after a year of dating, we were married. The beginning was more humble than we care to remember, but it did not matter. Looking back over our lives, we can clearly see that God ordained a journey that neither of us could have imagined. He has been sufficient, and He has done tremendous things in our lives.

Don gave his heart to Jesus at a young age. In his adult life, he followed the path of military service and a health care career that God blessed along the way. Military deployments caused Don to think about his responsibility for his family's care, and in the health care field he saw firsthand the consequences of those who did not properly prepare for the future. These experiences showed Don that God requires all of us to be good stewards of all He has given us.

Diane also came to know Jesus as a child, and from a young age simply wanted to please the Lord. After marriage, she embraced motherhood until she entered the workplace to help make ends meet. She remained in the same banking career for about 50 years, and God allowed her to use this job as her mission field. It presented her with opportunities to point people to Christ in times when they did not know where to turn, what questions to ask, or what they should do about financial matters. While developing these careers, our family was faithful in church attendance and in tithing.

Today, we are enjoying retirement and joyfully worshipping with the family of believers at Springhill Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Springhill is a mission minded church that believes in discipleship of its own congregation, as well as reaching others outside the walls of the church building. Diane currently serves on the Board of the Springhill Baptist Church Foundation and the Board of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama. She has seen firsthand how lives can be changed when God's people are obedient in giving His money for His purposes, whether it be for missions, college and seminary scholarships, or bricks and mortar.



WE FELT THE NEED TO CHANGE OUR WILLS

However, we did not jump right into the Christian estate planning process when we first heard about it. Like many couples, we already had a will in place. But, our wills did not adequately address legacy giving because we did not know how to verbalize our wish to leave a portion of our estate to Christian causes. Gently, God continually reminded us of our need to be proactive in leaving our wishes on paper. This would ensure we honored Him with our financial legacy after we have stepped into Heaven.

WE MADE THE CALL TO PHILANTHROCORP FOR GUIDANCE

In 2014, we made a call to PhilanthroCorp at the suggestion of The Baptist Foundation of Alabama. Our goal was simple—we needed assistance in completing an estate plan that would not only take care of our family but also honor God with the resources He entrusted to us. When we were paired with a Christian planner from PhilanthroCorp, it was an awesome, liberating, and peaceful experience. There was an unexplained comfort that came as we prayed through and were guided by the Christian professionals at PhilanthroCorp to create the plan we wanted. Now we are honoring God with our estate, just as we endeavored to honor Him with our tithes and offerings during our lives. PhilanthroCorp's efficient process and experienced staff orchestrated our plan in a way that was easy and convenient for us. They showed us how to prayerfully consider the legacy we will leave for our faith and family. We will leave our love and God's spiritual and financial provisions, but more importantly, we will convey to generations of Kennedys our love for God's Kingdom work and our thankfulness to Him.



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"We know you are leaving a legacy too. All of us are. If you want to write your legacy in a way that will honor God and your family, we would encourage you to contact The Baptist Foundation of Alabama. We are forever thankful that when we leave this earth for Heaven, our legacy will continue to further the Kingdom of Christ while benefitting the family we love."


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