



FUMC FOUNDATION
— BUILDING THE LEGACY —

WHY EMPHASIZE ON WILLS?

Just as the church is concerned about your spiritual health, it is also conscious of the well-being of each of us. This includes making plans to take care of loved ones after your death. It means being a good steward of our assets. Making sure these things are accomplished after your death is difficult if you don't establish a plan before you go. That plan is called a will or trust.

A will or trust can spell out your wishes to those who remain. It can include direction on who will have guardianship of your minor children, how you want your assets distributed to your children, other family members, friends, and your church as well as other charitable organizations. Without a will or trust, the State laws govern how your assets are distributed – and even who will be guardian of your children. This could create results that don't accurately reflect your values and desires.

It is so easy to procrastinate about dealing with a will. After all, it requires us to think about our death. But planning while you are alive to take care of the people and institutions you love after you die is a wonderful way to honor God.

Beginning on April 24, 2016, our church will take several Sundays to share critical information that may help you develop an estate plan. On that Sunday we'll also distribute a Wills Information Survey containing three brief questions. The survey is anonymous – so please, no one should sign his or her name. It is designed solely to help us know how many currently have a will or a trust so we can make appropriate plans for offering the Will Power seminars or other seminars to the congregation. We encourage you to put your completed survey in the offering plate that Sunday morning.