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GREAT COMMISSION LEGACY



Bill and Kay Mackey

What an honor it is to feature Bill and Kay Mackey and to pay tribute to them as Bill retires May 31 as the KBC executive director, an office he has held since February 1, 1998. Prior to becoming executive director, Bill served on the staff of Middlesboro FBC (66-69), pastor of Whitesburg FBC (69-79), director of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention (79-92) and director of the leadership development and evangelism growth team (92-98) for the South Carolina Convention.

These high school sweethearts from Lancaster County, South Carolina were married in 1963. They have two married daughters, Anonda Nepa (A.J.) and Beth Wooten (Bartley), and five grandchildren. Kay is a graduate of Winthrop University in elementary education and earned her M.Ed degree from the University of South Carolina. Bill is a graduate of Furman University and earned his MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Seminary. Kay taught in the Kentucky and South Carolina school systems until her early retirement in 1998. She was recognized for developing the Teacher Intervention Strategy with Special Needs Students.

Bill accepted Christ at age 10, and Kay at age 9. Bill had the blessings of Christian parents who were

committed to the local church and to missions through the Cooperative Program. While attending a Royal Ambassadors Camp at age 16, Bill surrendered to preach the Gospel and later responded to God's call to serve church leaders and churches through denominational ministry. Kay became a believer through a teenage girl who invited her to church when she was age 8. Later her parents and four brothers and sisters became believers. Her nephew is a minister.

Through the years, these two Great Commission Christians have said as much, if not more, by their lives as they have said by their lips. And, now, they are leaving a lasting legacy of their love for Christ and His mission in this world and of their confidence in the Cooperative Program as the most effective way to facilitate the accomplishment of the Great Commission by establishing with the KBF the **Bill and Kay Mackey Endowment Fund for the Cooperative Program.**

The investment earnings from this endowment will be channeled through the KBC for the CP until Jesus comes again. You can pay tribute to this wonderful couple and their legacy by making contributions to this endowment now and in the future. Please read their testimony on the back page.

GIVING WISELY IN 2011

THE CHARITABLE IRA HIGHLIGHTS

- Applies to qualifying transfers up to \$100,000 from traditional or Roth IRAs for 2011.
- Couples with separate IRAs could double up and make transfers up to \$200,000.
- Gifts from IRAs can be used to fulfill pre-existing pledges.

Contact us or your IRA plan administrator for more information.

You can help ensure that your gifts result in maximum benefits for you, your loved ones and your charitable interests by carefully considering the best ways to give.

The most popular way to give

More people make charitable gifts by cash or check than any other means. Cash gifts are convenient and are welcome in any amount.

Through gifts of cash, it can be possible to eliminate federal (and perhaps state) income tax on a large portion of your income.

This allows you to make charitable gifts using resources that would otherwise be partially consumed by taxes.

In the market for giving?

If you have securities you have owned for more than a year that are worth more than they cost, consider using them to make gifts.

Your deduction will actually be based on their full value. In addition, you will not owe capital gains tax that would be due on a sale of the securities.

If it fits with your plans, it is permissible to repurchase the securities at their current price. You then enjoy a new, higher cost basis with less tax due on a future sale. A subsequent sale at a lower value could result in a deductible loss instead of less gain.

Benefit from losses

If you hold securities or other investments that are now worth less than they cost, consider selling them and giving the cash proceeds. When you are able to deduct the amount of the loss as well as the gift amount, your deductions will total more than the current value of the investment.

Maximize benefits now

If you or your advisors believe that charitable deductions may be limited in the future as has been proposed, your tax savings may never be higher. In this case, you may find that giving more this year will assure the greatest overall tax savings. Remember that only gifts completed by Dec. 31 will be deductible on your 2011 tax return.

THE CHARITABLE IRA IS BACK

A special provision that allows those 70½ and older to direct gifts from traditional and Roth IRAs to charity has been reenacted through the end of this year.

Many people who do not anticipate needing all of these funds may find this to be a very tax-wise way to support their charitable interests.

Gifts of up to \$100,000 per person may be made in this way. These gifts will count toward

minimum required distributions and are not subject to income tax. While no charitable deduction may be claimed, not having the donated funds subject to income tax is equivalent to a 100 percent tax deduction.

Those over 70½ with IRAs who enjoy making charitable gifts should consider this special opportunity.

You may have read about the repeal of the federal estate tax for last year and the resulting uncertainty about whether that repeal would be permanent.

More to give

As it turns out, legislation enacted in late 2010 reinstated the federal estate tax. The good news, however, is that the estate tax rate was lowered and now applies to larger estates than in the past.

Positive changes were also made in gift tax laws with reductions in the amount of tax due on gifts to loved ones during lifetime

More generous gift and estate tax exemptions now mean many will have more after-tax assets available to make provisions for family, friends and charitable interests.

Charitable gifts remain deductible

Regardless of changes in tax rates and exemptions, charitably inclined individuals will be pleased to learn that there remains no limit on the amount of charitable gifts that can pass totally free of federal gift and estate tax. Not taxing charitable gifts leaves more of the estate for other heirs than if such gifts were also subject to estate taxes.

A good time to review

If you are uncertain whether your estate plans take maximum advantage of recent tax legislation and otherwise reflect your current wishes, now may be an ideal time to meet with your advisors to update your plans.

ESTATE TAX UPDATE

Now may be a good time to meet with advisors to be sure your plans are up to date.

You may also wish to consider arranging for future charitable gifts that result in immediate tax and other financial benefits. By doing so, you may be able to enjoy tax savings, increased income and other financial advantages today while still providing for a significant charitable gift through Kentucky Baptist Foundation as part of your long-range planning.

These special plans offer one or more of the following benefits:

- Generous fixed or variable income payments for life or another time period you determine.

- Income tax savings based on the full value of assets given.
- Diversification of investments while reducing or eliminating capital gains tax.
- Professional asset management.
- Possible reduction of probate expenses.

We will be pleased to provide more information to you and your advisors about these and other charitable giving opportunities.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

You can arrange for a future charitable gift and receive financial benefits now.

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I commend to you Bill Mackey's testimony for the establishment of the **Bill and Kay Mackey Endowment Fund for the Cooperative Program (CP)**:

"I have confidence in the CP as the best way to support state, national and international missions according to Acts 1:8.

Strengthening local churches, the foundation for national and international missions, is essential. Through the CP we have an opportunity to strengthen the foundation for missions and to support missionaries nationally and internationally.

Missionaries come from local churches so it is essential for the churches to reach new generations if we are going to have people who can answer God's call. It is my conviction we strengthen world evangelism and missions as the Kentucky Baptist Convention helps to strengthen local churches across Kentucky. An essential function of state conventions is to promote cooperation in missions and to help local churches to expand their vision and passion for the world.

I have been influenced by the examples my father provided in commitment to his local church and to missions through the CP.

We want to encourage all Kentucky Baptists to consider leaving a legacy gift for missions beyond their active lives. We believe God expects us to be good stewards now and with what we leave. I think it will be gratifying to know in heaven that God's witness and resources through us continue to have an impact for reaching people for Jesus Christ.

We have heard heartbreaking stories of people, some very wealthy, who had good intentions but waited too long to make a will and the opportunity has been lost.

It has been our experience the more we have given the more God has blessed. By establishing this endowment through the KBF we are expressing our confidence God will continue to use and bless Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptists to fulfill the Great Commission."

Thank you, Bill and Kay, for your conviction, confidence and witness.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry G. Allen".