



# MBFN News

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## HOW CAN WE HELP?

- ⇒ Short or Long Term Investment
- ⇒ Educational Seminars
- ⇒ Building Endowment through Power of Five program
- ⇒ Confidential assistance with Estate Stewardship planning for individuals and families
- ⇒ Charitable Gift Annuities
- ⇒ Trust Administration Services to assist individuals and families
- **COMING SOON** -
- ⇒ Ministry Fund Management
- ⇒ Church Loans

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MBF PRESIDENT

The New Year provides an opportunity to make a decision that lasts forever. Outside the decision to follow Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, the decision you make over the stewardship of your relationships and your possessions is the second most important decision you will ever make.

The latest research indicates that 55% of American adults do not have a will or other estate plan in place. This means other people will be making crucial decisions for them. The Missouri Baptist Foundation wishes to see these numbers decrease by assisting people with estate planning. Here is how MBF can help.

### Individuals and Families

- Serve as your confidential professional as you create a plan to ensure that your loved ones' needs are met, while also creating a legacy for the ministries you love.
- Review your current estate plan to make sure it is up-to-date.
- Guide you through the decision making process of whom to name as powers of attorney for both financial and health directives.
- Assist you to consider charitable intentions in supporting ministry partners, such as the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, the Cooperative Program of the Missouri Baptist Convention, Hannibal-LaGrange University, Southwest Baptist University, and your local church.

### Churches

The New Year is an excellent time for the local church to evaluate the effectiveness of the funds they steward. MBF has solutions to maximize those dollars in order to help the local church advance the gospel.

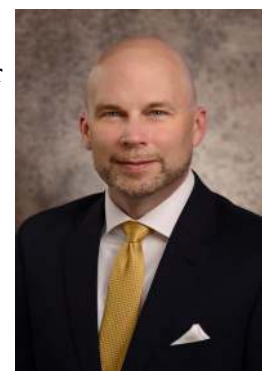
- Short term or long term investment needs.
- Create an endowment for future ministry needs through our Power of Five program (only for MBC churches)
- New investment opportunities are coming soon which will allow us to do even more for churches and ministry entities.

MBF wants to assist you to make a greater impact today and tomorrow. Please know we love visiting with Sunday School classes, Senior Adult groups, finance committees and individuals. There are no costs associated with these meetings. All it takes is you reaching out to us. Above all, we want you to make a decision today that will far outlast any New Year's resolution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neil Franks

President and Treasurer



## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Have there been people who have made an impact on your life? Are there people you respect who model ways you want to live? Who taught you about Christian stewardship?

In 2001, the Missouri Baptist Foundation Board of Trustees established the Fellowship of Christian Stewards (FCS). The trustees wanted to present people who demonstrate transformed lives through whole-life stewardship – the giving of their talents, time and treasures. The selection of these people into this fellowship is not an induction into a Hall of Fame. Inclusion into this fellowship serves to encourage others to follow their example of Christian stewardship.

The Foundation is currently taking nominations for the 2018 class of FCS. Do you know someone whom you feel is a good example of Christian stewardship?

### Nominating Categories:

- ◆ **Nelson Fellow:** A faithful, mature individual that exhibits whole-life stewardship through many years of Christian service.
- ◆ **Charitable Giving:** An individual or couple that consistently models generous, sacrificial giving from the treasures God has entrusted – whether great or small.
- ◆ **Estate Stewardship:** An individual or couple that plan wisely to provide for missions and ministry through estate gifts (such as, wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities and other forms of legacy gifts).
- ◆ **Vocational Achievement:** An individual honoring God through significant contributions in his/her vocational career.
- ◆ **Ministry Achievement:** Individual(s) that identify community or mission needs and actively responds to meet those needs through the gifts of their talents, time and/or treasures.
- ◆ **Emerging Leader:** Next generation young adult (ages 18-29) modeling whole-life stewardship through missions or ministry.
- ◆ **Junior Achievement:** An elementary, middle or high school child(ren) modeling whole-life stewardship through missions or ministry. A nomination could include a group of children or teens that served Christ in a particular event or way.

Each fellow is recognized through a public awarding and the Foundation web site. Fellow awarding includes a grant given by the Foundation for the fellow to choose to give to a ministry or charity of their choice.

The Foundation encourages you to learn more about FCS at our web site (<http://mbfn.org/fellowship-christian-stewards/>). Nominations are taken online or by mail. A form can be downloaded from the MBF web site, requested by email at [mbfoundation@mbfn.org](mailto:mbfoundation@mbfn.org) or call MBF at 800-776-0747. Nominations for the 2018 class closes on March 31, 2018.

***“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. “ I Corinthians 4:1-2 (ESV)***

