

The Snowmass Chapel
LEGACY FUND



A Legacy

A LEGEND, TOLD BY PAUL J. MEYER, AUTHOR OF “UNLOCKING YOUR LEGACY,” IS OF A CHURCH IN EUROPE BUILT AROUND 1000 AD THAT WAS IN NEED OF A NEW ROOF AFTER ITS FIRST 200 YEARS.

In an effort to find the correct timbers for the new roof, the original construction plans were studied. Within the plans was a detailed note explaining where a forest had been planted at the time of the church’s construction, consisting of a specific type of tree that needed to be used for the roof’s support beams. The trees, a true legacy, were discovered exactly where the plans stated – having been planted in neat rows 200 years earlier as seedlings.

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

The Life of Snowmass Chapel

THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD, SNOWMASS CHAPEL WAS STARTED IN 1988 ON A PARCEL OF LAND GIVEN YEARS EARLIER BY JIM LIGHT, JIM CHAFFIN AND THEIR PARTNERS, FOR A CHURCH IN SNOWMASS VILLAGE.

The Vision...

The Mission of Snowmass Chapel is "To love the Lord our God with all we are, all we have, and all we will become, and to love others as ourselves." Our Vision is "To experience the challenge and adventure of knowing and serving Jesus Christ." At the Chapel, we are committed to transforming lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and to serving the local community and beyond.



Both local residents and second-home owners came together, with the faithful leadership of Judi Burwell and others, to build up a community of faith, and the first Senior Chaplain, Dr. Edgell Franklin Pyles, was asked to lead the congregation.

For over 20 years, Edgell and his wife, Marty, helped the Chapel grow from a small group to where we are today. The Reverend Dr. Robert de Wetter, upon Edgell's retirement in 2009, was called as the second Senior Pastor to serve the Chapel.

Over the years, the ministry and operating budget have grown to include weekly Christian worship, the Hidden Valley Cemetery, the building of the Community Center, counseling, educational and outreach ministries, pastoral care, a labyrinth walk, music programs, and children's ministries, just to name a few. In 2003, the Board of Trustees established a Pulpit Chair Endowment, named the Rev. Dr. Edgell Franklin Pyles Pulpit Chair Endowment at his retirement on August 16, 2009.

The purpose of the Pulpit Chair Endowment is to fund and manage an investment program which will benefit the Chapel and its retired Senior Protestant Chaplains. The corpus of the Pulpit Chair endowment will generate funds for the retirement of future Senior Chaplains who have served the Chapel over 15 years and reached the age of 60 years.

The Snowmass Chapel Legacy Fund Foundation

THE LEGACY FUND FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SNOWMASS CHAPEL ON DECEMBER 27, 2009, AS A WAY TO GIVE WITNESS TO THE BLESSINGS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The purpose of the Legacy Fund is to provide the financial resources necessary to preserve and expand the Chapel's life-changing ministries and programs, and to express our love of God and others.

This Foundation will be overseen by a Legacy Fund Council selected and appointed by the Chapel Board of Trustees. The Legacy Fund Council will manage the Foundation on behalf of the Chapel Board of Trustees, and will provide the Board with advice on how the Foundation funds may be spent.



The current Legacy Fund Council members are Guy Rutland, Howard Rudge, and David Gadbaw, with ex-officio members Jim Light, Dirk Gosda, Paul Schorr, Dr. Robert de Wetter, and Dr. Edgell Pyles.

The Legacy Fund Council will consider fundraising activities, award appropriate grants, and will hire and oversee professionals to manage the Chapel's Legacy Fund investments.

The goal of the Foundation is to create both an Endowment Fund, where the principal will be held in perpetuity with



no invasion of the principal, and a Major Gift Fund, where both the principal and income may be expended for the ministries of the Chapel.

With both Funds, donors at the time of their gift may provide recommendations to the Legacy Fund Council regarding the programs they wish their funds to support, according to the "Gift Acceptance Policy." The Legacy Fund Council will bring their recommendations to the Chapel's Board of Trustees, who will have the final responsibility for distribution of all funds on an annual basis.

Endowment Fund

This fund is created through irrevocable gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance, and other charitable gifts to the Foundation and can be a way to honor a loved one or to create a lasting legacy. The Endowment Fund will be held in

perpetuity with no invasion of the principal, and only interest earned on the principal will be distributed as determined by the Legacy Fund Council in conjunction with the Chapel Board of Trustees.

Major Gift Fund

The Foundation will accept gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance, and other charitable gifts as a way to create or underwrite a specific and unique ministry of Snowmass Chapel and honor an individual donor or family. Both the

principal and the interest may be used for Chapel ministries and programs, as determined annually by the Legacy Fund Council in conjunction with the Chapel Board of Trustees.

The Naming Opportunities

The Board of Trustees and the Legacy Fund Council wish to provide a very personal opportunity for those who love the Chapel and Snowmass Village to make a lasting heritage to the congregation and community by giving planned gifts to either the Endowment Fund or the Major Gift Fund. The naming opportunities are at the following levels:

Chair

With a gift of \$1,000,000 to the Major Gift Fund or the Endowment Fund, an amount sufficient to generate up to \$50,000 annually, a donor may name a chair, such as the John Smith Chair for Christian Education.

Mission

With a gift of \$500,000 to the Major Gift Fund or the Endowment Fund, an amount sufficient to generate up to \$25,000 annually, a donor may name a mission, such as the Jane Smith Mission for Pastoral Care.

Program

With a gift of \$250,000 to the Major Gift Fund or the Endowment Fund, an amount sufficient to generate up to \$12,500 annually, a donor may name a program, such as the John Smith Program for Children's Ministries.

Class

With a gift of \$100,000 to the Major Gift Fund or the Endowment Fund, an amount sufficient to generate up to \$5,000 annually, a donor may name a class, such as the Jane Smith Class for Christian Outreach.

Every gift . . .

of every amount given to the Foundation is important and will be acknowledged. Gifts under \$100,000 will be honored with the donor's name listed in printed material and on the website in honor of the first two Board of Trustees' Presidents.

The Judith Burwell Fund
– Gifts of \$100 to \$50,000

The Jim Light Fund –
Gifts of \$50,000 to \$100,000

During the first two years of the Foundation, until December 31, 2011, those donors making and/or giving planned gifts to the Foundation will be forever known and listed as the:

*“FOUNDERS OF THE SNOWMASS
CHAPEL LEGACY FUND FOUNDATION”*

The Different Ways of Giving

A healthy future for current and new ministry programs of Snowmass Chapel will be the result of a donor's faithful gifts to the Endowment and Major Gift Funds. The following areas are a few of the ways to give to either of these Funds.

1. Cash or Securities – These gifts are made directly to the Legacy Fund with income tax deductions in the year given.
2. Charitable Bequests – These are made through a donor's will. Bequests can be made for a stated amount, a percentage of the estate, or the residual of the estate.
3. Life Insurance – Naming Snowmass Chapel as the beneficiary of a donor's life insurance policy allows a gift to pass outside of probate.
4. Charitable Gift Annuity – In exchange for an irrevocable gift, the Foundation will agree to pay a lifetime fixed annuity to the donor or other individual named by the donor.
5. Charitable Remainder Trust – This trust provides fixed income to the donor or other recipients. When the income payments end, the remaining trust assets become available for the work of the Chapel.
6. Real Estate – Gifts of real estate may include developed property, undeveloped property, or gifts subject to a prior life interest.
7. Charitable Lead Trust – Where a donor establishes and funds an irrevocable trust and the Foundation receives payments from the trust for not less than 10 years, then the trust assets are returned to the donor's estate or passed on to the donor's heirs.





Our Faith & Hope for the Future

SNOWMASS CHAPEL, AS A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, LIVES BY GOD'S LOVE, AND ON FAITH AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. AS WE LOOK BACK OVER OUR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HISTORY WE KNOW THAT OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS EXPERIENCED HARD TIMES AND YET WERE GOOD STEWARDS BY PROVIDING A HERITAGE FOR US.

The Legacy Fund Foundation offers you the opportunity to help secure the future ministries and programs of Snowmass Chapel, and to spread God's work of transforming love for generations.

Your gift to the Snowmass Chapel Legacy Fund Foundation will enable the leaders of Snowmass Chapel to offer God's love and the message of Jesus Christ to families and individuals in Snowmass Village and the Roaring Fork Valley for generations to come.

If you are interested in making a planned gift, in consultation with your family and financial advisor, Edgell and/or Robert would love to talk to you about the opportunities for giving to the Legacy Fund and supporting our many exciting programs and ministries. Please contact Dr. Edgell F. Pyles (970-300-1210) or Dr. Robert deWetter at Snowmass Chapel (970-300-1232) or return the enclosed card.

*"Jesus looked at them intently and said,
'...Everything is possible with God.'"*

Mark 10:27 (NLV)

