

## WHO WE ARE

St. Bede's has been part of the Northlake area of Atlanta for over 50 years. St. Bede's is a member of the world-wide Anglican Communion, with an estimated 80 million members in over 165 countries.

St. Bede's is a sacred place because it is a place where God and the human pilgrimage meet. We believe Jesus the Christ to be the incarnation of God's love — the God who is reconciling and offering hospitality to the whole world. The Morning Star Society plays an important role in fulfilling that mission into the future.

## THE 5 PARTS OF CHURCH FUNDING

- **Yearly Operating Budget.** The annual budget is funded by pledges and other contributions.
- **Building Fund.** Construction or renovation projects to facilities are funded by gifts designated for those purposes.
- **Memorial Funds.** Memorials are gifts made to remember or celebrate specific persons or events and often used to acquire items to support the worship life of the parish. These are outside of the normal operating budget.
- **Designated Funds.** Gifts made to designated funds support particular ministries or projects and are also beyond the annual operating budget.
- **Endowment Fund.** Gifts to the endowment assure the future vibrancy of the parish. The endowment fund is a permanent reservoir of funds, invested wisely and generating income that can be used to “jump start” future programs or facility upgrades.

## ST. BEDE'S ENDOWMENT FUND

The fund balance consists of a “**corpus**” — the total amount of gifts to the fund. The corpus amount is the permanent asset of the church. The remainder of the fund balance is **accumulated investment gain**, part of which is available for yearly distribution according to a formula based on the value of the corpus.

Gifts to the endowment fund are unrestricted — intended to ensure the future health of the church. Specifically targeted gifts should go to one of the other funding categories.

Endowment fund gifts can be in form of:

- Cash or marketable securities
- Bequests
- Living and testamentary trusts
- Life insurance proceeds
- Charitable trusts
- IRA/Retirement plans
- Charitable gift annuities

## THE MORNING STAR SOCIETY

The Morning Star Society recognizes gifts and planned gifts to the endowment, which is managed to be a permanent financial resource for the future of the parish. The endowment committee provides responsible stewardship of the funds and advises the vestry regarding receipts and disbursements.

To become a member of the Morning Star Society or to learn more about opportunities for making planned gifts to St. Bede's Episcopal Church, please complete and return the attached reply card. You may also speak to the Chair of the Endowment Committee by calling (770) 938-9797.

- I have included St. Bede's Episcopal Church in my estate plan through:
  - My will
  - A trust
  - Life insurance
  - Charitable trust
  - IRA/Retirement Plan
  - Charitable gift annuity
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to include St. Bede's Episcopal Church in my estate plans. Please contact me.

Please complete the information below and send to:  
St. Bede's Episcopal Church  
2601 Henderson Mill Rd NE  
Atlanta, GA 30345  
(770) 938-9797 [www.stbedes.org](http://www.stbedes.org)

Name: .....

Address: .....

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City: .....

State: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

All information will be held in strictest confidence.

