

# LOUISIANA LEGACY

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### Charitable Giving Checkup

Just as we schedule annual checkups for our health or finances, it's wise to do the same with our charitable giving. Life moves quickly. Circumstances change, goals shift, and what once felt intentional can become routine. Taking time to pause, reflect, and refocus allows us to steward well what God has graciously entrusted to us.

As believers, we recognize that everything we have is a gift from God. This truth should stir in us a spirit of gratitude and generosity. Giving isn't just a financial decision; it's a response to the grace of God in our lives. That's why a charitable giving checkup isn't simply about dollars and deductions, it's about aligning our resources with our values and faith. As we look toward the end of 2025, now is a great time to reflect, refine, and realign your giving to your church and the ministries close to your heart.

There are also practical considerations to keep in mind. Charitable deductions may reduce your taxable income, but deadlines and limits can impact your eligibility for certain benefits. Qualified charitable distributions from IRAs offer potential tax savings, yet they come with annual limits. And when thinking about long-term giving, the annual and lifetime estate and gift tax exclusions are important tools to consider. Understanding how these elements work together can help you give more effectively, not just for your benefit, but for the good of your church and the ministries you support.

As you reflect on the year past and the one ahead, consider how you can give faithfully, joyfully, and generously for the advancement of the Kingdom.

To schedule your charitable giving checkup with the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, please call (318) 445-4495 or email [contact@LBFinfo.org](mailto:contact@LBFinfo.org).

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#### SEPTEMBER 2025

##### CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS

New opportunities under recent federal legislation may enhance your ability to deduct charitable gifts and increase your impact for the Kingdom.

#### OCTOBER 2025

##### YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINES

Timely year-end gifts not only provide vital support to churches and ministries but may also offer you valuable tax benefits when completed before the deadline.

#### NOVEMBER 2025

##### IRA GIFTS

If you're age 70½ or older, giving directly from your IRA to your church or other ministries can provide significant tax advantages while advancing the Kingdom.

#### DECEMBER 2025

##### ESTATE & GIFT TAX EXCLUSIONS

Being mindful of current annual and lifetime exclusions can help you give generously now while planning well for the future.



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