### **The Covenant Circle**

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church has established the Covenant Circle to recognize and encourage those who are making the covenant of remembering the church in their will, or through a charitable remainder trust.

The Circle meets once a year for lunch following an 11:00 AM service. Circle members hear a report from the Pastor and The Planned Giving Committee on the success of our joint work, the state of the PCP Foundation, and our hopes for the future. Circle Members hope their witness will encourage others and will share the good news of this opportunity.

Membership in the Circle simply involves your affirmation that you have provided a gift for the church through your will or charitable remainder trust.

See the membership form on the next panel:

"Jesus said, To those to whom much is given, much is expected"" Luke: 12:48



The Seal of
The Covenant Circle
Of Palma Ceia
Presbyterian Church

### **Membership Interest Form**

I have an interest in joining

### **The Covenant Circle**

Your Name
Telephone Number
I wish to speak with:
☐ A Pastor.
☐ A Covenant Circle Officer.
I want to share with the church that I have:
$\square$ Remembered the church in my will.
☐ Remembered the church through a Charitable Remainder Trust or Annuity.
☐ Other property disposition

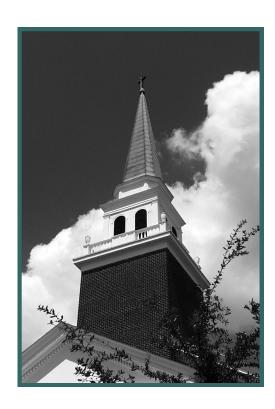
Please place this form in the offering plate, leave it at the PCPC Church Office, or mail to: Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church Attention: Planned Giving 3501 San Jose Street, Tampa, Florida 33629

Phone: 813-253-6047, ext 227



### **The Covenant Circle**

In Support of
Christ's Work



# At Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

Can you help another generation further God's work in the world by giving an enduring gift to

Christ's church?



# **An Invitation To The Future:** The Covenant Circle

### **Looking Forward**

In 1998 Wilson Collins came to see the pastor of PCPC to share with him some news.

He said "I want you to know that Marie and I have remembered the church in our will. After we both go to be with the Lord the church will receive word from our attorney regarding a contribution we are designating to the church from our estate." Wilson and Marie were active and faithful members of this church over many years. Wilson said "I don't want to just leave an empty seat in a pew after we are gone. We want to extend our support of the church beyond our lifetime, and we like the thought of being able to help the Christian generation that follows us. I thought doing it through my last will and testament would be a good way. Bedside's," he added, "I want my final statement to include a spiritual witness."

The Collin's gift greatly helped the church complete its renovation following the fire. And it made a wonderful witness and powerful proclamation for Christ! Their story is an example of the kind of giving encouraged by **The Covenant Circle.** 

### **A Giant Step**

The PCPC Planned Giving Committee and your pastors encourage you to join the Collins and like-minded members of **The Covenant Circle** in remembering the church in your will. It's a simple step, but such a giant step forward for the church. Similarly, naming the church as one of the beneficiaries of your life insurance, savings account, brokerage or retirement account, would also provide the same benefit to the church. For centuries many Christians have considered making these provisions an act of Christian responsibility and one final way to serve God.

Some people may want to do something <u>now</u> for the church. A tried and true\_method (other than an immediate gift) is to establish an Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust assigning the church as beneficiary. The donor is paid a fixed amount of income <u>for life</u> in exchange for an irrevocable gift of funds or



Children at PCPC represent the future of the church.

securities. Upon the donor's death, the remainder of the gift becomes church property for whatever purpose the donor directs. Check with your financial planner for details.

### Stepping Up

The church has taken several important steps to make giving easy and meaningful.

<u>One</u> – Several years ago the church Session established The PCP Foundation to receive funds so that they may be held for long-term benefit of the church. Various funds within the foundation portfolio serve to support the church operating fund or a designated special project or program within the over-all purpose of the church.

<u>Two</u> – The Session has also established a Planned Giving Committee to oversee the planned giving effort within the church. Questions will always remain on what to do and how to do it. Your Planned Giving Committee can provide the answers.

<u>Three</u> – The Session has established **The Covenant Circle** to recognize and encourage individuals whose estate plans or wills include the church. Information about **The Covenant Circle** membership is on the back of this brochure

#### A Step Above All Else

Praying for guidance is an essential step that each of us should take in deciding how to proceed. If we join in prayer, we are assured the Lord will lead us to be good managers of that which has been entrusted to us.