

## NorthStar Church Legacy Grants

Energizing churches as they carry out their God-given vision

In the 1990s, the members of Duke Street Baptist Church believed that even though their church closed, it could still have an impact on its community. Members of Trinity Baptist Church shared this belief, so when they sold their building in 2010, they donated their funds to what became known as the Duke Street Trinity Baptist Memorial Foundation (DSTBMF). Some years later, the congregation of Westover Baptist Church in Manassas, wanting to continue their ministry as they closed their doors, did the same.

The primary goal of DSTBMF was to remain true to the mission of those three churches:

To use the funds for the good and expansion of God's Kingdom through ministries administered by churches that are members of NorthStar Church Network.

Their mission sought to honor the legacies of Duke Street Baptist, Trinity Baptist, and Westover Baptist churches by continuing their work and serving as an example to other declining churches that closing the doors isn't necessarily an end, but possibly a new beginning.

In 2022, DSTBMF itself closed, transferring its remaining assets to NorthStar Church Network to carry on the work through the NorthStar Church Legacy Grant Fund. Despite this change in stewardship, the work started by these churches will continue to bless fellow congregations and their related non-profits in the Northern Virginia area for years to come.

If your church is exploring the option of continuing your legacy by furthering God's Kingdom in the Northern Virginia area through churches in our Network, we invite you to consider making a gift to the NorthStar Church Legacy Grant Fund. For more information, contact Bryan Jones, NorthStar Executive Director, at 703.941.6822.