



“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.”

2 Corinthians 8:12



Look what God has done through our faithfulness!

When First Baptist entered into a capital campaign in 2016, we did so to pay down our debt and be **“free to look forward.”** We knew we had made a wise decision to invest in a Children’s Building and purchase the Ministry Center, but we wanted to aggressively pay down that debt so we could invest in more current and future ministry opportunities. As we faithfully began paying down the debt, little did we know how quickly that opportunity would come.

At the mid-point of our three-year campaign, God presented us with the opportunity to buy the Scottish Rite property, a land that had been prayed for by our faithful members for decades. This possibility was overwhelmingly embraced as FBC voted to purchase the property, making an investment as God called us to “not limit Him or his people.” Realizing everything we have is the Lord’s, the people of FBC again chose to step out in faith and watch God move.

Some of the victories of the 20|20 Vision–Free to Look Forward Campaign:

- We paid off the Ministry Center
- We reduced the Children’s Center debt from \$3,000,000 to \$2,150,000
- We raised \$68,000 through our Imagine Projects that has been used to:
 - Invest in marriage enrichment and counseling ministry
 - Hire a Senior Adult Pastor
 - Support mission outreach
 - Fight against Human Trafficking in San Joaquin County
- We were “free to look forward” and be in a position to purchase and renovate the Scottish Rite property.

Look what God is doing in our Community Center...

We can already see God's hand at work on these new grounds!

Events such as...

- Vacation Bible School
- Adventure Sports
- Men's and Women's Conferences
- Trunk or Treat
- Other Invitational Events

...have drawn thousands to our campus where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been shared. These events have already seen approximately 250 people receive Christ, with many more seeds planted.

Events such as...

- Kirk Cameron Marriage & Parenting Conference
- Michael Jr. Comedy Show
- Jordan Feliz Concert
- Movie Nights

...have provided invitational opportunities that many of us have used to welcome people to the First Baptist grounds for the first time. (Tenth Avenue North is coming 3.15.20)

In addition...

- Live-Streaming Our Sunday Services

...on Facebook and YouTube has seen over 200 more people worshipping and hearing God's Word every week.

**Our investment in the Community Center
is being blessed by God!**



The Real Reason for Our Campaign: God-sized Vision

The Mission of First Baptist Church is...

Helping People Take Their Next Step in Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known.

The Vision of First Baptist Church is...

To bring spiritual renewal to our city through a powerful movement of the Gospel. By 2025, it is our prayerful desire to help people build a strong faith, strong family, and strong future.

This will come by:

- **Sharing the Gospel with 250,000 people – here, near and far.**
- **Leading 4,000 people to participate in growth-based steps.**
- **Helping 10,000 people build healthy relational dynamics in their home and church families.**

We believe this growing movement through Christ will bring generational change to our city.

“Behold, I am doing a new thing...” Isaiah 43:19

Let's start the God-sized vision now!

- **Bring a first time translation of scripture to an unreached people group**
- **Help hundreds of families come through Financial Peace University**
- **Hire a pastor to minister with Senior Adults**

Imagine the Freedom we could bring!

Seeing the Vision in Action



Faith

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Sharing the Gospel with 250,000 people— here, near and far.

- **City-Wide Gospel Movement**
- **Reach Out to Local Schools**
- **First-Time Translation of Scripture**
- **Sending Local People Global**

BUILDING A STRONG FAITH

Leading 4,000 people to become devoted followers of Jesus by participating in growth-based steps.

- **Equip People to Follow Jesus, Connect at Church, Discover Their Purpose and Serve Others**
- **Equip People for Life Change Through Christ-Centered Habits**



Family

BUILDING A STRONG FAMILY

Helping 10,000 people build healthy relational dynamics in their home and church families.

- **Equip Parents to be Spiritual Champions in Their Homes**
- **Equip Families to Handle the Stressors of Finances**
- **Equip Couples to Strengthen Marriages**
- **Equip Families at All Stages and Circumstances**



Future

BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE

We believe this growing movement through Christ will bring generational change to our city.

- **Equip for Life Change**
- **Equip for Generational Change**

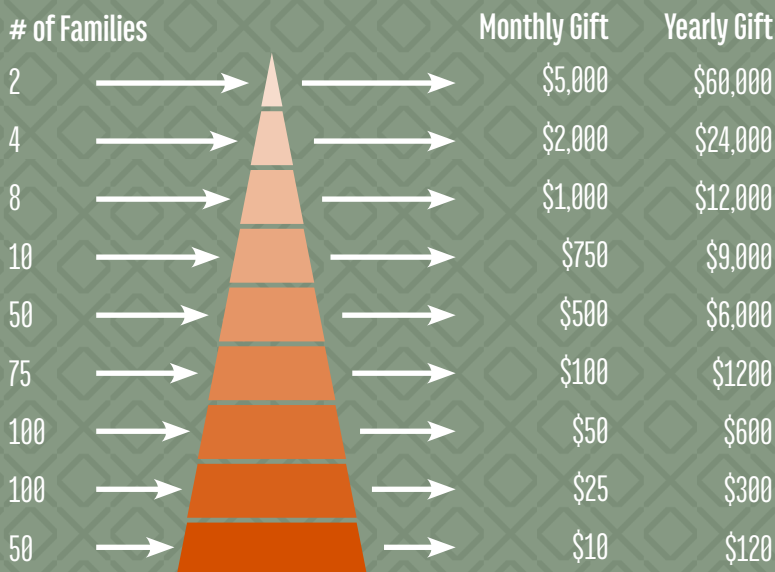


How can you help?

We have not lost sight of the need to free ourselves from debt. Our new **Courage Today, Freedom Tomorrow** Campaign provides a great opportunity to erase a substantial portion of our \$5.5 million obligation. With the anticipated sale of the Ministry Center, as well as potential larger up-front gifts to the Campaign, we hope to lower our debt to well under \$5 million at the very beginning of the Campaign. Then, with your ongoing monthly tithes and Campaign commitments, as well as revenue generated from such things as a second cell phone tower and increased rental activity at the Community Center, we will continue to faithfully see our debt reduced in a major way.

In fact, as the amount of debt is quickly lowered, we will be able to refinance it which will also reduce the amount of interest that we will pay over the remaining years, perhaps by up to \$1 million or even more. That is money that we all want to go into the vision that energizes us and the ministry that we are invested in. A refinancing at this time will also allow us to enjoy a historically low interest rate over the remaining term of the debt and enable us to pay down the principle even faster.

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice



"For they gave according to their means...
and beyond their means."

2 Corinthians 8:3

3 Year Total: \$2,520,000

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Challenge from Pastor Brad...

The people of First Baptist Church have been so faithful in providing for the Lord's work. A successful ***Courage Today, Freedom Tomorrow*** Campaign will allow more resources to be utilized for God's vision with First Baptist. While we will be taking steps to accomplish this vision in the next few years, we realize a large debt could slow down the spiritual renewal God desires to bring about. We would love for all of our resources to be directly used to bring about generational change. Giving now to the ***Courage Today, Freedom Tomorrow*** Campaign will more quickly make this a reality, and not saddle future generations with ongoing debt.

May God bless you as you pray about partnering with this God-sized vision. Our over and above gifts to this three-year campaign will make a huge difference. Our courage today will bring spiritual and financial freedom tomorrow!

That's our challenge...

Pastor Brad
Senior Pastor





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“... give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38