

**August 5, 2002**

**Challenge to Build** is a capital fund campaign dedicated to joining God in advancing His Kingdom through the ministries and buildings of the First Baptist Church. The campaign is designed to be a spiritual emphasis as well as a fund drive. The campaign has three financial goals:

**Victory Goal:**  
\$700,000

**Challenge Goal:**  
\$1,400,000

**Hallelujah Goal:**  
\$2,500,000



### A Permanent Investment

George W. Carroll was a wealthy Texas businessman and philanthropist. Over the years, he gave large sums to Baptist causes. After he had lost considerable wealth, he was viewing a building his gifts had helped to build. Someone asked, "Aren't you sorry now that you gave all that money away?" He answered, "No, because all I kept for myself is lost, and only that which I gave away has been preserved."

# Challenge to Build

## *Building for the Future... To the Glory of God*

### Commitment Visitation to Begin Next Week

#### Questions and answers on what it will be like

The Commitment Visitation begins Monday, August 12. Here are some questions and answers to explain what it will be like.

**What will happen?** The commitment visitor will deliver two things to your home: a commitment card (see the sample on back) and a privacy envelope. He will wait while you complete the card.

**What will the visitor say?** It is easier to explain what he will not say. He will not pressure

you or embarrass you in any way. He will be prepared to answer any questions you may have and he will share his testimony about his commitment. You may share your testimony with him if you want to.

**Is this when I complete my card?** Yes, please complete and sign the card, placing it in the privacy envelope, so he can return it to the financial secretary to total the pledges. You can complete your card, in the next room if you wish.

**Should we make a family commitment?** Yes, there are spaces to indicate each member's share.

**Can I change my commitment later?** Yes, up or down — "This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary."

**When do the gifts begin?** Sunday, August 25. We will use our present offering envelopes which have a place to indicate the amount we are giving to the building fund.

### Historic Banquet This Sunday Night, August 11

#### Marks Climatic Moment in Life of the Church

Steve Scoggins will be the keynote speaker at the *Challenge to Build* banquet this Sunday night. He has been pastor at the First Baptist Church of Opelika for 15 months. Already, attendance there has more than doubled.

Children, through 6th grade,

will be cared for at the church. Tiana Gann, Director of Preschool & Children at Santuck Baptist Church will provide the program for the children, along with other adult workers.

Steaks will be served. Though the event will be held at the

Elementary School Cafeteria, adult size tables and chairs will be used.

The banquet will provide information and inspiration, but no pledging will be done at the banquet. It all begins at 6:00 p.m., so don't miss being part of this historic moment.

**Sample Commitment Card**

Shown on the right is a sample commitment card. It is smaller than the actual card you will receive from your commitment visitor. Notice, it has a place to indicate how much you will be giving each week to the Building Fund. However, if you intend to give monthly or on some other basis, complete the part that says, "Or \$\_\_\_ Each:\_\_\_," following *Each* with "Month" or whatever. You will receive a privacy envelope with the card.

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***Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice***  
**Our Challenge to Build Commitment**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Baptist Church, Tallassee**  
**Building Fund**

We commit to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly for a period of 156 weeks beginning August 25.

Or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Each: \_\_\_\_\_

For a Total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

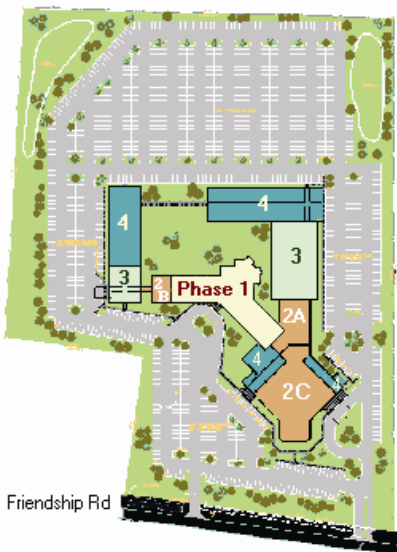
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary.*

Participating Family Members	Amount			
	Name			

**Master Site Plan Provides for Continued Growth and Expansion**

While the present building program concerns only the first phase of the Master Site Plan adopted by the church, other phases can be built later as growth warrants it. The plan allows for future buildings to "fit" with good traffic flow. Phase one is a first step toward greater growth and outreach.



**The Bible Says...**

"...Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing" — 1st Samuel 24:24 (King James Version)

"...Obedience is far better than sacrifice. Listening to him is much better than offering the fat of rams." — 2nd Samuel 15:22 (New Living Translation)

"If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking." — James 1:5 (New Living Translation)

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Two Services Resume This Sunday... See You in the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. Service