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## Thanks

Many thanks to the steering committee, to those who gave their testimonies, and to those who helped with the prayer visitation, the banquet preparations, and with the commitment visitation.

Thanks to you who have joined in this endeavor with your pledge of financial support.

Thank you!

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# Challenge to Build

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

## Victory Goal Surpassed

*Victory Goal of \$700,000 exceeded*

As of Friday afternoon, with 206 commitment cards in, the Challenge to Build campaign has reached \$738,277.00 in monies pledged (and in some cases given) to the building fund. Some cards are still out.

Of the 206 cards returned, 72% of the church families indicated that they will participate at some level. This includes inactive members.

With the monies available in savings – not including the reserve contingency fund – the total of funds pledged or on hand is now over \$1 million!

In addition, some members stated that while they would not be pledging, they will be giving to the building fund. Others stated that they expect to give more than they pledged.

So how did we do? The average Challenge to Build campaign will bring in one to two times the receipts of the church's previous year's undesignated receipts. That places us at 1.6 times our previous year's budget receipts. Considering relocation does not receive the same percentage of participation that other building programs receive, we excelled.

## Giving Our Pledges Starts This Sunday

*The first of 156 Sundays in a three-year commitment*

This Sunday is Victory Sunday for Challenge to Build as giving our weekly pledged amounts begins.

**Use your regular envelopes.** You can use your regular offering envelopes to give your pledge.

They have places to indicate the amount you intend to give to the budget, to the Building Fund, and to other causes. You can write one check and indicate how you want the money

to be divided. Use the Building Fund blank for your Challenge to Build offering.

If you need to revise or cancel your commitment you can call the church office at any time.

## Where do we go from here?

The Forward Vision Team will select an architect to draw the construction documents. They will work with him in that process. That should be complete in the early months of 2003.

After the blueprints are complete the bidding process will begin.

After the bidding process, construction will begin. If everything falls into place, then we could be in the new building at the very end of 2003 or, more likely, by early spring 2004.

## How Will Raise the Needed Monies to Pay for Phase 1?

Gifts through **Challenge to Build**

**Savings already on hand** totaling \$307,000 (after CTB expenses). This amount does not include the Reserve Contingency Fund, but does include the Building Fund and General Savings.

**The sell of properties owned by the church:** Rutland house, youth house, overflow parking, and the 7 acres beside elementary school. A decision is yet to be made concerning the future use of the present education building and sanctuary.

**Borrowing the balance needed.** A church can generally secure and service a debt equal to twice its annual undesignated receipts – for us this would be in the range of \$900,000 to \$1 million. Such a loan would be repaid through General Fund receipts.

## The Bible Says...

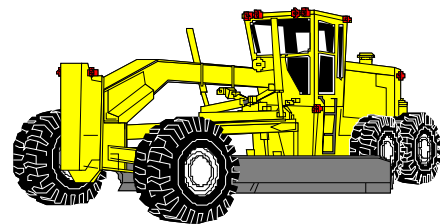
“Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them... Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said...”

Joshua 1:2-3

"Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

Joshua 1:11

If you know a prospective member or regular visitor who has expressed a desire to participate in *Challenge to Build*... We have not visited non-members. It is our policy not to ask non-members for money. However, we are grateful for anything they wish to give. Let them know that they can contact the church office for a commitment card.



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