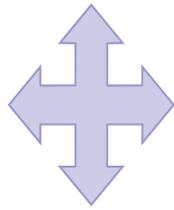


Growing by Faith emphasizes two commitments, has two goals, and supports two causes.



Growing by Faith

What the Phase II campaign will be like

2 Commitments

1. Tithing through the general church budget.
2. Supporting the building program and missions with offerings over and above the tithe.

2 Goals

Victory Goal:
\$975,000

Hallelujah Goal:
\$1,250,000

2 Causes

1. The Phase II building program. It helps us make room for more, enabling us to reach more people in the Tallassee area.
2. Missions. This helps reach more people in North America and around the world.

7.77% goes to missions
and
92.23% goes to the
Phase II building
program

You will be receiving more information in the mail, but if you want to learn more now, go to the church web site, The Baptist Start Page

www.baptiststart.com

Growing by Faith is the name of the capital campaign for the Phase II building and to support missions. You may be wondering what the campaign will be like and how it will work this time.

First of all, we will make a promise about what it will not be like. It will not be a high-pressure campaign like some you may have heard about. No one will suggest to you an amount you should give. There will be no heavy-handed pleas for money. The Bible says, *"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (II Corinthians. 9:7). So this will not be a high-pressure campaign.

There are some things that we *will* do in this campaign:

First, we will spend time explaining the new building and this offering. We will tell you why we need this building and we will give you good reasons why church members would want to be a part.

We will talk about tithing. The Bible teaches it. Every Christian ought to do it.

We will ask everyone to give something to *Growing by Faith*. It is a myth that some people can't give anything (Mark 12:43). There are many ways to give— if one is willing to give. The best way to have a good offering is for everyone to give something.

We will ask people to sacrifice. You cannot become like Christ without learning to sacrifice, and certainly the Body of Christ is worth sacrificing for. David was unwilling to give without sacrificing, saying, *"I will not sacrifice an offering that costs me nothing"* (I Chronicles 21:26). Each sacrificial gift will mat-

ter. What we all do together is really the sum of what each of us does individually. You are not being asked for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

We will ask each person to pray—to pray for the church's continued health and growth, to pray how the Lord would have them be a part, and to pray for fellow church members as they seek God's guidance.

This campaign will *not* be like the cartoon below. Instead, it is an exciting opportunity for our church to join God in what He is doing in our church and in Tallassee.

Growing by Faith
will *not* be like this
cartoon



"That was the best sermon on giving I've ever heard."

Why We Need this Building

- We don't have a room in which to start a new class.
- Our children's (grades 1-6) rooms are over capacity.
- Our youth have been stuck with leftover space for years; they need space designed for their age group.
- Ask the Baraca Class and the Pairs & Spares Class what it is like to share the choir room.
- The learning environment really does matter.
- A church will never grow to need the space it does not provide. While Sunday School attendance has been increasing at over 9% per year, the lack of space will stop our church's growth.

What This Building will Provide

Three new adult rooms with capacities of 31, 35, and 50 adults (116 total). The last is a fireside room with multiple functionality, providing a quality environment for training events (much needed), showers, teas, and as a bride's room, in addition to Sunday School.

Six new children's rooms (total capacity: 108). This will free up two rooms in the present east wing .

A youth suite with an assembly area, six classrooms, and a snack kitchen. This will free up three classrooms for adults in the west wing. This space can be used by other age groups at times other than Sunday School and the well-attended Wednesday night youth Bible study.

Church Members to Receive Brochures

In addition to these newsletters, a brochure with information about the Phase 2 building program, and *Growing by Faith* will be mailed to the homes of members next week. Please study the materials carefully.

"I didn't want to relocate. I knew we should with my head, but my heart didn't want it. But the first Sunday we were in the new building, I felt the Spirit, the love, and that we were meant to be there. I feel good about the Phase II building. I pray the Lord will lead us and keep our minds open to the path He wants us to take and that will lead to growth."

— Cynthia Russell

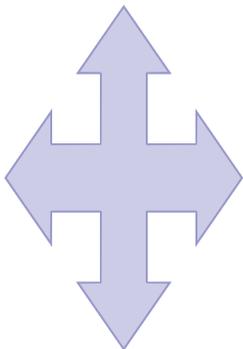
Begin Praying Now About How the Lord Would Have You to Be Involved in Growing by Faith

In *Growing by Faith*, members are being challenged to make a commitment to give, over and above the tithe, for three years. However, no one is going to suggest an amount that you should pledge. You, as a family, will need to seek God's definite leadership for yourselves. You are being asked to give by revelation, and not just on reason or emotion. Ask God to lead you.

"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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