

Key Dates

Growing by Faith Banquet
Sunday, Aug. 21, 6 PM

First day to Give *Growing
by Faith* offerings
Sunday, Sept. 5

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

2 Commitments

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

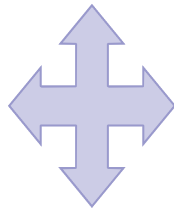
2 Goals

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



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Six Biblical Principles Concerning Material Goods

Principle One

Ownership: God owns it all.

The Bible says, "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD" (Psalm 24:1). God owns everything and everyone — and in a special sense He owns the believer. "You are not your own, for you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God" (1st Cor. 6:19-20).

Principle Two

Stewardship: Managing that which belongs to someone else.

The biblical word for stewardship means we are like managers of a store. We do not own the store, but we are responsible to operate it in the way the owner wants things done. Only it is not a store we manage for the Lord, it is the Gospel that has been entrusted to our care (1st Cor. 4:1) and spiritual gifts for serving God (1st Peter 4:10). We are entrusted with the mission of making Christ known in the whole world. And everything we own and every ability we have is a resource toward that end.

Principle Three

Relationship: There is a direct relationship between what we have and the grace of God.

"You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me,' but remember that the LORD your God gives you the power to gain wealth..." (Duet. 8:17-18)

Principle Four

Lordship: Because the tithe is the Lord's, a test of our submission to His Lordship is whether or not we return it to the Lord.

"Every tenth of the land's produce, grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (Leviticus 27:30)

Principle Five

Churchmanship: The tithe properly goes undesignated into the general budget of the church.

"Bring the full 10 percent into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way,"

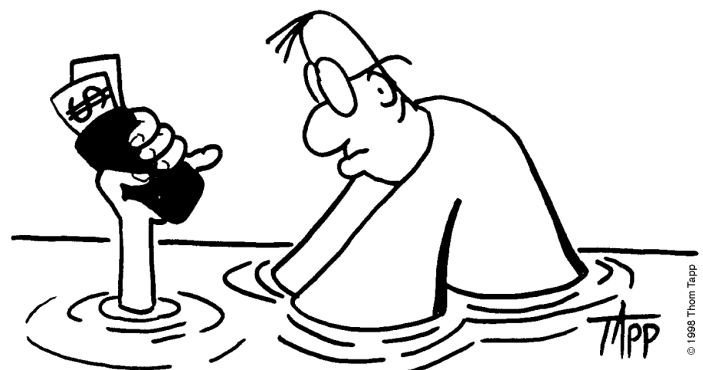
says the LORD of Hosts. 'See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.'" (Malachi 3:10)

While in the Old Testament days, the temple had a storehouse for the offerings, the principle today would apply to the general budget of the local church.

Principle Six

Partnership: When you invest in eternity, you have a Partner who guarantees a return on your investment.

"Collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:20-21).



"The Baptism"

A Wise and Acceptable Business Practice

With a lot of planning and hard work, Phase I was completed on the new church building. When I attended the first service in the new building, I felt like I was in "big church."

Now it is time to look to the future. I have reviewed the Phase II plan carefully. It is my recommendation that we move forward with the timetable laid out in the plan. It is the right thing to do.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances in the economy, the way the principal and interest on the notes will be handled is a wise and acceptable business practice.

God has blessed us in our efforts so far and we have continued to grow since we have moved to our new sanctuary. Phase II is a vision for the future. Let's have the faith to continue working on the vision.

— Joseph J. Jeffcoat

This building will...

- ...add three new large adult classrooms and free up three more. That's six classrooms with a total maximum capacity of 175.
- ...give adults quality space to create new classes.
- ...add six children's classrooms and free up two rooms for preschool classes in the present east wing.
- ...will provide new opportunities for preschoolers and children, thanks to the multi-purpose design of the youth suite — that can be used by other groups, too.
- "It's one thing to have space that's just *designated* for youth; but when you have space *designed* for youth, visitors see the importance your church places on young people."
- ...The same is true for children's classrooms.

Growing by Faith Banquet **Sunday evening, August 21 6:00 PM**

All members invited
(seventh grade and above)

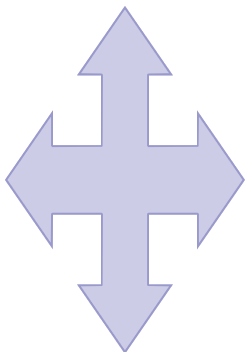
Children, grade 6 and below, are invited to a children's Luau at the church

Childcare for preschoolers provided at the church

Parents can drop children off at the church at 5:40 PM

You will be contacted by a telephone hostess to receive your reservation

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