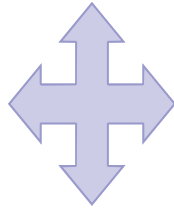


Key Dates

Growing by Faith Banquet
This Sunday, 6 PM

First Day to Give *Growing
by Faith* Offerings
Sunday, Sept. 5



Growing by Faith

What will it take to reach our goal?

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

We all want to reach our goals in the *Growing by Faith* campaign, but what will it take?

Here is a list of "keys to victory." How do you think we are doing?

A high rate of member participation

Everyone needs to give something. As we have said before, if all you can afford to do is to tithe, then tithe through the general budget and feel no guilt. We mean that when we say it. But most of us can afford to give an offering above the tithe - even if it is the "widow's mite." At least drop a nickel in an offering envelope each week just to be a part of it. It will take all of us working, praying, and committing together. The challenge is too great for only a few to carry. Ask yourself: "If every person in the church were giving like me, what would the condition of our church be?"

Giving by revelation - that is, the amount God tells you

God's will is no secret and He has a plan for you in this campaign. Some givers are like the preacher who had been asked to move to a larger church. He ran in the house and told his wife about the offer, and then started up the stairs. She asked, "Don't you think we ought to pray about it?" "You're right dear; you pray and I'll pack!"

Sacrificial Giving

Nothing great is ever done without sacrifice. David said, "I will not sacrifice to my God an offering that costs me nothing!" (II Sam. 24:24) Others "gave not only what they could afford, they gave even more than they could afford!" (II Cor. 7:3) As you determine the amount God is leading you to give, ask yourself: "Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice?"

Proportional Giving

"On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save to *the extent that he prospers*" (1st Corinthians 16:2, HCSB). As you begin praying about your commitment, keep in mind that our theme is "Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice." Obviously, God has not given everyone the ability to give the same amount in dollars. However, God does call us to show the same level of commitment. Those of means should not give out of their surplus while others sacrifice.

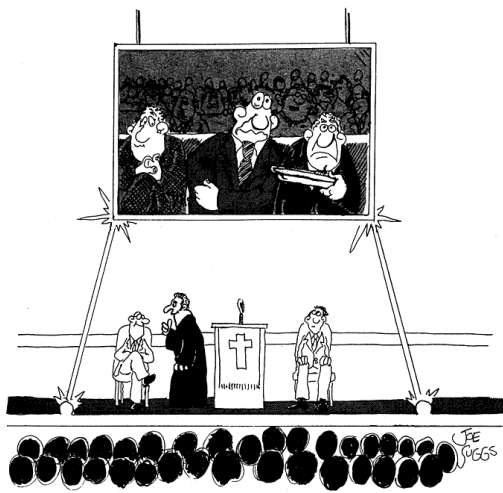
Faith

To reach our goal, we must believe God. When we trust God to do what only He can do, He will do the impossible! Jesus said, "Let it be done for you according to your faith!" (Matt. 9:29, HCSB) "And without faith it is impossible to please Him" (Heb. 11:6, NASB).

***Growing by Faith* is a "bundled" offering plan.** While one may specify one's offerings in other ways, this plan enables you to combine support for both the building and missions. 92.23% will go to the Phase II building program and 7.77% will go to missions. This way we spend less time raising money and still give more to reach people.

"Bundling will allow our family a chance to spread our giving to missions out over 12 months, instead of only twice a year. This will allow us to budget our offering as we do our tithe. So, we can give more in the long run."

—Gary and Barbie Buchanan



"Our TitheVision board seems to be working out well, Fred."

Having grown up at First Baptist Church, I feel very blessed to be a member of such a loving and caring congregation. We have always had great leaders at First Baptist, and Brother Derek, Ron, and Seth continue to carry on that tradition.

I remember as a youth how excited I was to go to church because of the wonderful youth program we had. I never felt that I "had" to go to church because it was something I wanted to do—I wanted to be a part of it. As a parent, that is the same thing that I want for my children; therefore, I feel it is my place to do my part to support the future growth of our church. Our children and our youth do need more space and I very excited about the plans for Phase II.

I feel in my heart that we are moving in the right direction as we make our pledges to continue with the next phase of "Growing By Faith".

— Tammy Garnett

Inside the Minds of those Seeking a Church Home

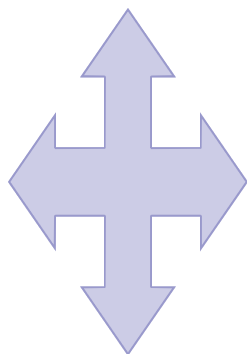
We recently moved to Tallassee. Even before our move, we had heard many exciting things about First Baptist Church of Tallassee. We were invited by some members of First Baptist to visit and see for ourselves. Having been members of an active and growing church in east Montgomery, we were a little apprehensive about joining a church in a smaller community. Would the church have activities and programs for all ages? Would it have up to date facilities? Would it be a growing church with a vision for the future? Would the church be actively reaching out to the community and sharing the "good news" of Jesus Christ? After just a few visits, we were delighted to experience all of the above and more here at First Baptist Church!

Now as new members, we feel a part of a warm Christian fellowship. We know that we have found a place where we can serve Christ here in Tallassee.

— Bruce and Lois Brown

"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns to overflow..." (Proverbs 3:9 LB)

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