

Faith Promise Presentation, February 23, 2020

This is a follow-up letter with the details of what I (Todd McAllister) communicated in the presentation on February 23, 2020.

The question that I have been asked to address is: “How are we planning to fund this project?”

There are several answers to this question.

- We have approximately 10% of the cash in hand.
- We have been getting tremendous volunteer labor and discounts through the building team—volunteer hours and discounts total close to \$50,000.
- We are planning a work week for demolition the week after VBS. In total it is estimated that we can save over \$30,000 through that “work camp.”

An offering on March 22nd will be collected during both worship services. All giving above the normal weekly budget will be applied to the building project. It is our hope that as a church family we would prayerfully consider what the Lord would put on all of our hearts that could be given for this one-time special offering to this needed expansion. Recently the Lord caught my attention with this verse: “...they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments” (Exodus 35:21).

We will need spirits and hearts that have been moved by God.

A further step is a Faith Promise commitment over the next 3 years.

What is a Faith Promise?

It is an offering given above your regular giving. Although all giving must be done by faith, Faith Promise is unique in that it does not come from calculating what you can afford from your regular income. We invite you to pray and ask God the amount for which you can trust Him over the next three years. Ask Him to give you the ability to give beyond what you presently believe you would be able to give. Trust Him to supply every need you have according to His promises. Then commit to give that amount over the next three years as He provides for you.

Our desire as an Elder team is that we would grow together in this grace of giving. We have put together a list of scriptures for you and your family to contemplate during the next month. After you have taken the time to pray about this commitment we are asking you to complete the 2-sided Faith Promise card.

We would encourage you to **include your children** in this journey. One testimony regarding a child taking the challenge was that their child learned to give and learned to work through this commitment.

Please allow the Lord time to direct your thinking and don't be surprised by His leading. The young man that I mentioned made a commitment greater than his father thought was wise. When challenged by his father, he said, "Daddy, you told me to pray about it, and this is what I believe God wants me to give." And by the way, that young man fulfilled his commitment.

We will be collecting the commitment cards on both March 15th and the 22nd, during the morning offerings.

At our annual Covenant Members Meeting, on the evening of March 22nd, the decision will be made whether to move ahead on the project. If we vote to move ahead:

- Construction is scheduled to begin directly after the completion of VBS.
- A "work camp" is planned for demolition July 20-25.
- For approximately 8 weeks our worship services will need to relocate to facilitate the renovation. We are currently researching possible locations for our temporary relocation.

My construction company will not be involved in the project. My role will be to help shepherd the process.

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work..." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

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