

From Vision to Victory: 3 in 3 to Reality!

The Dream:

Phase 1 of our Master Site Plan is a Family Life Center. It includes the construction of an approximately 40,000 square foot building, more than 3 times the size of our current facility. This building will include an auditorium with seating for 1,000, which eventually will serve as a gymnasium and fellowship hall, once Phase 2 has been constructed. It

will also include classrooms for preschool, as well as church use, offices, a kitchen and a fellowship area. The Phase 1 site plan calls for a large covered drop-off area at the main entrance, ample parking and multiple entrance/exit points.



As the Lord blesses the ministry of New Life and additional space is needed, the 12.3 acre site will be further developed. Phase 2 will include a sanctuary with projected seating for 2500, with mezzanine seating. It will also include a large foyer, bookstore, baby nursery, choir rehearsal room, and additional meeting rooms, as well as a multi-level parking garage.

While we are excited about the master site plan and the buildings that the Lord will provide, we know this land and these buildings are just tools. Tools that our Master plans for us to use to share Christ with those who don't know Him so they can experience His life changing power!

Our Part

God has led New Life on an incredible journey thus far, and now it is time to take the next step, and build permanent facilities that will enable us to expand our ministries to you, your families, and our community.

The building is not our vision, but it is a necessary tool to carry out the vision. Our vision is “to be a church not contained within walls, with arms reaching into every sector of our community in the love of Christ, offering a variety of ministries that meet people’s needs where they are, reaching them with the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. . . .” This is what we have been doing since our doors opened. This is the reason that you are here, and that your life has been touched and ministered to. Although we are to be a church not contained within walls, what happens within these walls is very important as lives are restored, transformed, and equipped to minister to others. There are many more, who are yet to be reached.

3 in 3 to make it a Reality

God has provided and challenged us with this opportunity to move and build in a bigger and better way. There is much excitement in the air, as we have prayed, labored and given for many years to get to this point, and now it is within reach! It has been a long time coming, and many of you are eager to see it become a reality. We have the potential of being in new facilities in just 3 short years. All that it will take is to raise \$3 million in the next three years. It is possible, because almost \$2.3 million of our down payment on the land was given in the last 3 years.

It will take over and above giving!

God’s pattern has always been that His people would give to build His House (Exod. 35:8, 20-29; 1 Chron. 29:1-19; Ezra 2:68-69). He doesn’t expect equal amounts, but He does expect equal sacrifice. Just think...if 200 families pledged \$5000/year, that would be \$1 million. Now, we know that not everyone is able to do that. Some are able to do more, and some might not be able to do as much, but we are all able to sacrifice and make a commitment to go above and beyond.

If we have the heart to give, the faith to believe, and the commitment to do, then you can expect his miraculous provision. Remember we serve a God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Eph. 3:20).

3 Steps to Determine our Faith Commitment

Step 1. **PRAY** This is the first and most important step in preparing your heart to respond to God's call to action. Ask Him what He would have you give to help generations to come to find the hope and joy you have found in Jesus. Listen carefully to what He says.

Step 2: **PREPARE TO SACRIFICE** God does not expect all of us to give equal amounts, but He is asking us to make equal sacrifices. Remember, these are gifts above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings. Think in terms of what you can do without or postpone in order to reach our community for Christ.

Step 3: **EXPECT A MIRACLE!** We serve an amazing God who is not tied to the limitations of planet Earth. So trust that He will provide for the commitment He has asked you to make, and leave room for the miraculous—especially if your commitment is greater than the resources you can readily identify!

4 Types of Giving

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving -- large or small -- it will be used to measure what is given back to you." Luke 6:38 (NLT)

Give An Annual Commitment

You can give far more when it's spread out over time. The Bible teaches that your faith and spiritual maturity develops through the habit of consistent giving. If you've ever committed to a monthly car payment, mortgage or rent payment, certainly you can make a giving commitment to God!

Give A Gift Through Business

If you own a business or have skills that can assist in the building process, you may be able to donate to the church and possibly benefit from tax advantages through your gifts while lowering the overall building costs.

Give A Cash Gift

We understand there are some who have former ties to New Life, who were touched by the ministry here or those friends and family members of people who are connected here who may wish to participate in From Vision to Victory. We appreciate your desire to be a part of this exciting effort and we encourage you to make cash donations. These funds can be sent to the church office and marked "From Vision to Victory."

Give A Gift Of Assets

You can give real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, jewelry, gold, cars, boats, etc. This is a valuable way to leverage your giving to the direct work of the ministry and take full advantage of the available tax benefits the government allows. You could also make the church a beneficiary in your will. You will be receipted with a letter acknowledging your generous donation, that can then be used for tax purposes.

15 Creative Ways to Give

God may be leading you to give to Vision to Victory Campaign, but your circumstances are such that you feel there's just no way. We understand your concern and empathize with you. Following are some creative suggestions that you may have overlooked and could consider. Each one requires sacrifice on your part. You may want to combine one of more of these suggestions to represent your commitment.

1. Commit to drink only water at a restaurant. On average one person could save \$5 a week or more. That's a minimum of \$260 a year, just for drinking water!
2. Be a coupon clipper! By taking the time to use coupons, you could save up to \$30 per week. Thirty dollars a week is \$1560 in one year!

3. Wait for a movie to come out on DVD instead of seeing it at the theater. One trip to the theater can cost over \$25 with popcorn and candy for two people! If you cut out two movies per month, that's almost \$500 annually.
4. Give up a habit. Easier said than done, but not impossible. For example, a gourmet coffee, plus tax each day, costs nearly \$1,000 per year.
5. Cut down to basic cable TV service instead of standard cable. In most areas basic cable is about \$18 per month, compared to \$40 per month for standard cable. Cutting out the premium channels can save another \$10 - \$50 per month as well.
6. Skip a meal each week as a family. Missing one meal a week at an average of \$20 per family to devote to prayer or fasting is \$1040 a year.
7. Continue a bill payment. If you will be paying off a car or school loan in the next year, commit to continue to "pay the bill" by redirecting the money to From Vision to Victory after the bill is paid off. A \$100 payment per month over years time is \$1200.
8. Give a gift of stock. When you make a gift of stock, you get two main advantages: you can write off the current value of the gift (current stock value) as a charitable deduction on your income tax and you don't have to pay tax on the appreciation that built up while you owned it. The church receives more than if you had sold the securities and donated the after-tax proceeds.
9. Commit your income tax refund check, and/or the tax rebate check that President Bush has just enacted (\$600 for individuals and \$1200 for couples) to the Lord.
10. Commit an estimated raise in salary to the Lord.
11. Adjust your vacations. For one or more years, do something close and inexpensive like day trips, picnics, or take a three-day vacation instead of a week and save on the airfare and hotel costs. This can save \$1,000 to \$2,000 easily.
12. Put off a discretionary major purchase such as a car or new carpeting for your home and redirect the money to From Vision to Victory.
13. You may want to consider re-financing your home at a lower interest rate. The amount you save on your monthly payment could be used as your commitment. Likewise, if you have a large amount of equity in your home, you could consider leveraging this for your commitment.
14. Find out if your employer has a matching gifts program. Typically, if a company has a matching gifts program, for every dollar an employee donates to a charity, the company also donates a dollar to the same organization. Some employers choose to double or even triple match their employees' donations! American Express and Starbucks are two such companies. Matching Gift Programs are a wonderful way for employees to make their charitable dollars stretch farther at no cost to themselves. Simply ask your company's human resources office or benefits administrator for a matching gift form and instructions. You may be able to effectively double your contribution
15. A dollar increase per week. This is a great idea for those who have never given or do not see a way to increase current giving. Start by giving one dollar the first week, then two, then three, then four, etc., praying all along that the Lord would show you a way to add that next dollar and increase each week. If you were to keep this up for three years, you would give \$12,000!