

REIMAGINE



— advancing the kingdom

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Dear Friend,

Sixty-two years ago, six people, who were meeting in an American Legion Hall, started the journey that we are presently on. Sacrifice, faith, and hard work laid the foundation for what we now enjoy. These same elements are taking us to our future. Over the last several years, First Church has seen significant growth spiritually, financially, and numerically. The number of people attending First Church has exceeded the capacity of all areas in our current building. Simply put, we have outgrown our facilities.

This thriving community of believers was once just a vision in a dreamer's eye. However, at each critical moment, without reservation and with complete confidence in God, this body of believers has demonstrated their willingness to obey God and their commitment to sacrifice. In the spring of 2000, the members of First Church stepped out in faith and built a family center. In 2004, once again envisioning a better future, the First Church family, guarded and guided by God, purchased 11 acres on US 30 which was later sold for a substantial increase. Since 2009 the First Church family has given sacrificially which has moved us in the direction of expansion and relocation. Because of our faithful giving and sale of church owned property, last year we purchased a building in a prime location on US 30 that will serve as our new church facility. The outcome of this new location will be beyond our previous expectations. It is in this building, after construction and renovations, that we will make our new home.

Once again, we have arrived at the intersection of extraordinary opportunity and challenge. The time is here to walk through the effectual door that has been opened before us, for us to increase our space, to reach more people for Christ, and to leave a legacy for future generations. This moment presents an extraordinary opportunity to be in the middle of what God is doing through First Church. This capital campaign will help provide the needed resources to complete what has already started. The former generation imagined, and with great sacrifice, brought to pass what is today. Now, it is time for us to **REIMAGINE** First Church—to see not what is, but what can be.

REIMAGINE isn't solely about buildings and property; it is about reaching our community for Christ, touching lives and impacting eternity. Envision a generation of children aware of God's impacting love for the first time. Imagine a generation of students, growing in their passion and commitment, serving God into adulthood. Visualize adults of all ages discovering a life-changing relationship with God. Picture our church with ministries that reach the hurting and hopeless. Consider marriages being restored and families coming to Christ.

In other words... **REIMAGINE.**

Join us as we fulfill this calling. I trust our faith is strong as we recognize the sure hand of God on the past, the present, and most assuredly, the future of First Church.

Together, let's declare **I'M IN.**

Jonathan Barley
Lead Pastor

NEEDS & VISION

We have **REIMAGINED** ministry both to our congregation and community. Pursuant to accomplishing that purpose, we have purchased a building on US 30 that will be a completely new, state-of-the-art facility. We believe this will lift the ceiling off ministry efforts that are now limited by space, allow us to launch new ministries, and provide ample room for what God has in store for the First Church family.

AUDITORIUM & WORSHIP

The heart of First Church is where we gather weekly to worship. This is one of our primary areas of need: currently the aisles are narrow, the altar area is cramped, and the seating is insufficient. Our special events draw such crowds that we simply can't accommodate. We are in dire need of more room! Our new facility will provide spacious altar, seating, and aisle areas, allowing us to reach more people for Christ. The stage area will be spacious allowing for a much-improved worship presentation. The sound, lighting & media will be amazing.

COMMUNITY AREA & FOYER

Imagine entering the front doors of the facility to a grand area where everyone can gather and find a place of connection. Anyone who has been in our current hallway before or after service knows the need for MORE SPACE! In our new church, we will no longer be plagued by overcrowded hallways and an overwhelmed information area. We will have SPACE! In our new facility, upon entering, we will have a large, community area, providing easy access to the auditorium. In this central hub, there will be a café with tables and chairs, and a lounge area with a fireplace. Not only will there be more space, this will be an inviting area for our guests and members alike to meet new faces, connect with one another, and relax before and after service.

STUDENTS (12-18 & 19-29 YEAR OLDS)

The purpose of the Student Ministries is to reach the youth & young adult community for Christ, to lead students into a life of discipleship with Christ, and to equip them for ministry. Student Ministries focuses on each age segment in discovering, developing and launching their purpose, gifting & talents, helping Junior High Students to DISCOVER, Senior High Students to DEVELOP, and College & Career Age Students to LAUNCH into meaningful ministry. Both groups, Youth and Hyphen, are in need of space for gatherings, worship, and fellowship. Our new facility will provide this space.

KIDS (AGES 2-11)

The Zone is a place where kids learn about the Word of God in a fun, safe, stimulating environment. It is our desire to create a place where kids have fun and are excited about Christ. Weekly attendance in the Zone has continually increased over the last 10 years and we have been forced to expand into our family center for their worship services. Our new facility will provide adequate space for large and small group settings: dedicated educational areas as well as a state-of-the-art worship center with sound, lighting, and visual effects for our children to grow and learn about the things of God.

NURSERY (INFANTS-2 YEAR OLDS)

The Nursery is a safe and stimulating place for children 9 months-2 years old to be lovingly cared for while their parents/guardians worship or serve in ministry. Our new facility will provide the Zone with much needed, dedicated space for our youngest members.



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II Corinthians 9:6

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

SIX SUGGESTIONS TO DETERMINE GOD'S WILL:

1. BEGIN BY PRAYING

Express that you want to be part of what God is doing financially to advance His kingdom through this building process. Ask the Lord to help you give sacrificially by laying a specific amount on your heart. Tell the Lord you are willing for Him to stretch your faith.

2. GIVE IT TIME

Don't rush into a decision. Often, the longer you prayerfully consider your call to commitment, the more ways God will show you what he wants you to give.

3. TALK ABOUT YOUR COMMITMENT AS A FAMILY

Discuss ways to give with your family. Be sure to involve your children; this is a great opportunity to teach sacrificial giving and faith.

4. STUDY BIBLICAL PROMISES AND INSTRUCTIONS

These passages are good places to start:

- Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25
- I Corinthians 16:1-2
- Matthew 6:19-20
- II Corinthians 8:1-12; 9:6-12

5. THINK IN SPECIFIC AMOUNTS

Get a sense of your giving potential by asking these questions:

- Is there anything I could sell to help me give toward this project?
- What ways could I decrease expenses in order to increase our giving?
- Are there ways I could increase my income in order to make a larger commitment?
- Do I have money saved that God would like me to use to make a larger commitment?

6. DECIDE AS A FAMILY

After discussing your commitment, strengthen that commitment during a time of prayer.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REIMAGINE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

First Church focuses on changed lives and helping individuals and families grow deeper in their relationships with God and with each other. To do that, we need more room and improved facilities for the growing number of people we are welcoming to our church family. This capital campaign will help us to raise necessary funds to relocate and enlarge our ministry space.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET?

Construction cost is projected to be in the \$3.5 million range. This is a close estimate since some changes can be expected. We also have AVL, architectural fees, furnishings/décor, landscape, and technology systems (security, phone, WI-FI etc.) to consider in the budget. These additional costs are estimated at \$500,000 – \$1,000,000. This brings the estimated total project cost to \$4 - \$4.5 million.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE ALLOCATED?

REIMAGINE funds are used to cover as much of the cost of the new building as possible.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR GIVING?

The REIMAGINE campaign is for 24 months. All funds will go toward the construction, property improvements, or debt reduction of the new facility.

HOW DOES THE REIMAGINE CAMPAIGN AFFECT MY NORMAL TITHES AND OFFERINGS?

Our normal operating expenses through tithes and offerings, as well giving commitments through the H.O.P.E. Fund, will continue to be met by your faithful giving. The commitment you make to the REIMAGINE campaign is "over-and above" giving which will allow us to accomplish our relocation and building goals.

WHEN WILL WE BE ASKED TO MAKE OUR COMMITMENT?

We ask you to prayerfully ask God how He would have you participate in this campaign. On our Commitment Sunday, everyone will have the opportunity to respond to how they feel God is directing them.

WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME I WILL BE COMMITTING TO GIVING?

The REIMAGINE campaign will last for 24 months; commitments will be given during that time.

WILL MY COMMITMENT BE MADE PUBLIC?

No.

CAN I CHANGE MY COMMITMENT?

Yes. You may either increase or decrease your faith commitment at anytime the Lord leads or circumstances make it necessary.

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MY GIVING POTENTIAL

CREATIVE THINKING AND A FEW ADJUSTMENTS IN OUR LIFESTYLE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD REALIZING OUR NEW FACILITY.

1. CLIP COUPONS

Taking the time to search for deals can save \$10-\$20 per week. 20 dollars a week for 24 months is \$2,080.

2. SKIP ONE MEAL A WEEK AS A FAMILY

At an average of \$30 per family, skipping one meal a week to devote to prayer could save \$3,120 in 24 months.

3. GIVE UP A HABIT

A latte three times a week for 24 months costs over \$1,250.

4. DRINK ONLY WATER AT RESTAURANTS

You could save \$5-10 a week or more. That's between \$520 and \$1040 over the next 24 months.

5. POSTPONE A MAJOR PURCHASE

Commit the money you would have spent to this campaign.

6. COMMIT RAISES, BONUSES, AND OVERTIME

Donate the increase to this campaign over the next 24 months.

7. CONTINUE A BILL PAYMENT

If you pay something off like a car or student loan, continue to "pay the bill" by redirecting those funds to the campaign.

8. INCREASE GIVING BY \$1 EACH WEEK

Start by giving one dollar the first week, then two, then three, and so on. If you were to do this for 52 weeks, you would give \$1378. If you do this for 104 weeks, you would give \$5,460.

9. INCREASE GIVING BY \$2 EACH WEEK

Start by giving \$2 the first week, then \$4, then \$6, and so on. At the end of the 52 weeks, you would give \$2,756. At the end of the 104 weeks, you would give \$10,920. The maximum you would give in a week is \$208.

10. BUY A CAR FOR THIS CAMPAIGN

No, not an actual car, but give what you would spend each month on a car payment to REIMAGINE.

WHEN DECIDING YOUR GIVING COMMITMENT, CONSIDER THESE DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO GIVING:

GIVING BASED ON REASON

You look at what you have, figure out what is "reasonable," and commit that amount. To give by reason does not require faith. Reason simply asks, "What can I afford?"

GIVING BASED ON FAITH

You determine your gift by praying, "Lord, what do you want to give through me?" By hearing from God and exercising your faith, your decision becomes an act of worship as you trust God to enable you to give. Paul said about the Macedonians, "For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more." II Corinthians 8:3

OTHER GIVING IDEAS:

- Give tax returns
- Sell stuff such as real estate, jewelry, boats, cars, motorcycles
- Cancel memberships, services, or subscriptions
- Liquidate stocks, bonds, 401ks, and mutual funds
- Dedicate a percentage of your business revenues

GIVING A LITTLE OVER TIME, AMOUNTS TO A LOT!

GIVING GOALS

CHALLENGE \$600,400

FAITH \$800,000

MIRACLE \$1,000,200

CHALLENGE \$600,400

MONTHLY	24 MONTHS	GIVERS	TOTAL
\$4166.66	\$100,000.00	1	\$100,000.00
\$2500.00	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
\$2000.00	\$48,000.00	1	\$48,000.00
\$1500.00	\$36,000.00	1	\$36,000.00
\$1000.00	\$24,000.00	1	\$24,000.00
\$750.00	\$18,000.00	1	\$18,000.00
\$500.00	\$12,000.00	7	\$84,000.00
\$250.00	\$6,000.00	20	\$120,000.00
\$100.00	\$2,400.00	33	\$79,200.00
\$50.00	\$1,200.00	18	\$21,600.00
\$25.00	\$600.00	16	\$9,600.00
		100	\$600,400.00

FAITH \$800,000

MONTHLY	24 MONTHS	GIVERS	TOTAL
\$4166.66	\$100,000.00	2	\$200,000.00
\$2500.00	\$60,000.00	1	\$60,000.00
\$2000.00	\$48,000.00	1	\$48,000.00
\$1500.00	\$36,000.00	1	\$36,000.00
\$1000.00	\$24,000.00	2	\$48,000.00
\$750.00	\$18,000.00	3	\$54,000.00
\$500.00	\$12,000.00	12	\$114,000.00
\$250.00	\$6,000.00	18	\$108,000.00
\$100.00	\$2,400.00	30	\$72,800.00
\$50.00	\$1,200.00	20	\$24,000.00
\$25.00	\$600.00	10	\$6,000.00
		100	\$800,000.00

MIRACLE \$1,000,200

MONTHLY	24 MONTHS	GIVERS	TOTAL
\$4166.66	\$100,000.00	3	\$300,000.00
\$2500.00	\$60,000.00	2	\$120,000.00
\$2000.00	\$48,000.00	2	\$96,000.00
\$1500.00	\$36,000.00	2	\$72,000.00
\$1000.00	\$24,000.00	2	\$48,000.00
\$750.00	\$18,000.00	2	\$36,000.00
\$500.00	\$12,000.00	10	\$120,000.00
\$250.00	\$6,000.00	21	\$126,000.00
\$100.00	\$2,400.00	22	\$52,800.00
\$50.00	\$1,200.00	15	\$18,000.00
\$25.00	\$600.00	19	\$11,400.00
		100	\$1,000,200.00

FINANCIAL RESOURCE PLANNER

DISCOVER GIVING POTENTIAL BY ALLOCATING INCOME

Cash flow & Income	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
	Monthly Total	Annual Total	Prayerfully Commit
Wages or salary			
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Overtime pay			
Part-time work			
Side hustle			
Commissions			
Bonuses			
Business Income			
Part-time work			
Severance pay			
Home-based business			
Social Security			
Retirement accounts			
Military			
Annuity			
Trust fund			
Inheritance			
Insurances settlement			
Rental or lease property			
Interest and/or dividends			
Repayment of personal loans			
Rebates or refunds			
Sale of products or assets			
Tax Refund			
Other			
Other			
	Annual Giving Total		

DISCOVER GIVING POTENTIAL BY ADJUSTING EXPENSES

Step 1		Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Monthly Expenses		Adjustments	Total Monthly	Prayerfully Commit
Housing & Utilities				
Rent/Mortgage	\$	Utilities	\$	Item:
Maint/Repairs	\$	Furnishings	\$	Armt \$
Home Phone	\$	Cell Phone	\$	Item:
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Transportation				
Car Payments	\$	Gas/Tolls	\$	Armt \$
Insurance	\$	Maint/Repairs	\$	Item:
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Food, Groceries & Household				
Groceries	\$	Household Sup.	\$	Armt \$
Restaurants	\$	Drinks/Coffees	\$	Item:
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Entertainment & Recreation				
Health Club	\$	Cable & Internet	\$	Armt \$
Sports	\$	Lessons	\$	Item:
Hobbies	\$	Vacation	\$	Armt \$
"Toys"-Payments	\$	"Toys" - Upkeep	\$	Item:
Memberships	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Personal				
Subscriptions	\$	Spa & Beauty Care	\$	Armt \$
Personal Spending	\$	Pets	\$	Item:
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Savings & Investments				
Savings & Investments	\$	401k/403b	\$	Armt \$
College 529's	\$	Mutual funds	\$	Item:
Miscellaneous	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Debts				
Credit Cards	\$	Personal Loan	\$	Item:
Student Loans	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
Insurance				
Medical	\$	Annuity	\$	Item:
Life	\$	Miscellaneous	\$	Armt \$
			EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT TOTALS	

DISCOVER GIVING POTENTIAL BY LIQUIDATING ASSETS

My God-Given Assets	Step 1	Step 2
	Total Value	Prayerfully Commit
Property & Vehicles		
Home equity		
Vacation home equity		
Undeveloped land, farmland		
Vehicles		
Boat		
Motorhome, RV, camper		
Motorcycles, recreational vehicle		
Golf cart, scooter, Jet ski		
Investments, Retirement, Savings		
Checking & savings accounts		
Cash, CDs		
Stocks, bonds		
Mutual funds		
US notes, bills, bonds		
IRA, Roth IRA		
401(k), 403(b)		
Other retirement accounts		
Trust funds, inheritance funds		
Stuff		
Tools & equipment		
Craft or camera equipment		
Musical instruments		
Appliances, furniture, furnishings		
Jewelry, gems, watches, furs		
Firearms		
Art work		
Antiques, memorabilia, heirlooms		
Books, videos, albums		
Computers, sound equipment		
China, crystal, silver, gold		
Items in storage units		
Business Assets		
Rental property		
Livestock, animals		
Buildings, business property		
Business vehicles, equipment, supplies		
Miscellaneous		
Other assets		
Other assets		
		Liquidated Asset & Giving Total

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LET'S PRAY!

Monday: Pastor & Family

Wisdom, understanding, favor, anointing, strength, protection, influence, God's will, direction, vision, health, growth

Tuesday: Church Leadership

Priorities, protection, strength, loyalty, faithful, effective, flexible, growth, wisdom, favor, accountable, families

Wednesday: Ministries & Departments

Kids ministry, Youth ministry, Hyphen ministry, Worship ministry, Community Groups, Bible studies, Communication, Assimilation, right tools, right plans, creativity, effectiveness

Thursday: Church Family

Members, committed, workers & witnesses, protection, families, godly character, faithful, right spirit, health

Friday: Growth, Revival & Relocation

Numerical, spiritual, & financial growth, develop fully devoted followers, lost to be saved, God's presence in our services, Home Bible studies, future, Reimagine commitments, favor with the city, sale of current facility at the right price and time

Saturday: Nation

Home missionaries, revival, president, governor, mayor, Supreme Court, Congress, State Congress, Educational system, military, civil service personnel

Sunday: World

Missionaries, favor, opportunities, Gospel to the whole world

Prayer is:

- inquiring of God...
- a necessity, not an option...
- a privilege, not a duty...
- a safeguard against fainting...
- the source of victory over the enemy...
- the key to everything we are REIMAGINING...

Let's pray for:

- unity and shared vision...
- obedience to God...
- spiritual/numerical growth...
- impact in our community...
- favor with city officials...
- architectural development...
- financial goals to be exceeded...

Memorize

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

EPHESIANS 3:20

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