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"Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service"

Exodus 35:20-21a

Prayer gives us the answers we need!

Throughout this campaign we have put a special emphasis on prayer. God tells us in his word, "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9, NIV

The "Committee" and your church leaders have been praying along with you. Please continue to:

Pray for our church

Pray for the people in the church...

- ✓ In determining an *amount* to give
- ✓ In continuing in *obedience*

Pray for our church leaders...

- ✓ For *guidance* and *unity* in decision making
- ✓ For *support* from the congregation in decision making

Pray for yourself

Pray earnestly with...

- ✓ An open *mind* to seek His will
- ✓ A willing *heart* to listen and obey
- ✓ A generous and sacrificial *spirit*

Pray specifically for...

- ✓ *Guidance* in how much you should give
- ✓ *Faith* to be obedient to God's leading
- ✓ *Strength* to persevere in your commitment



*Important Dates
to Remember:*

**February 26th –
Campaign Started**

**April 2nd –
Foundations for
the Future
Banquet**

**April 16th – Easter
Sunday**

**April 23rd –
Celebration
Sunday**

Your commitment...a legacy for the future

The commitments to this campaign are to be over and above your usual church giving, and they are to be sacrificial in nature. *“Not equal giving...but equal sacrifice”* is the goal of the campaign. The legacy of our past is that of ordinary people who had a vision for the future and of the ministries that could take place in the buildings they built.

So as you think about giving, keep these things in mind:

- (1) The mission of the church includes growth, not maintenance.
- (2) Completion of our new building will provide many opportunities for expanded service.
- (3) Giving is the “Christian way of life”.
- (4) Each person needs to give for his/her own personal spiritual vitality.

Earnest prayer is essential in deciding what your commitment will be to the *Foundations for the Future* campaign. Each family is urged to pray and meditate before making a commitment. It takes courage to make a sacrificial commitment. “David also said to Solomon his son, ‘Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished.’” (1 Chronicles 28:20, NIV)

How will I make my commitment?

During Sunday services on April 9th, each family will be given a blank commitment card and an envelope. You will be given the opportunity to complete the card, and seal it in the envelope. Near the end of the service the congregation will be given the opportunity to bring the commitment cards to the front of the church and lay it on the altar.

If you are not able to attend either of the services on Sunday April 9th, a courier will bring the commitment card to your home and give you the opportunity to complete your pledge. They will then bring the completed card, which is in a sealed envelope back to the appointed commitment director.

Can you make a commitment before this time, definitely contact Kevin Wood. Kevin is our “Advance Commitment Director”, and he would be glad to speak with you.

So what will be your legacy?

Please continue to pray. As you step out in faith and participate in the *Foundations for the Future* campaign, you are ensuring that future generations will have the tools needed to continue the “Great Commission.”



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