

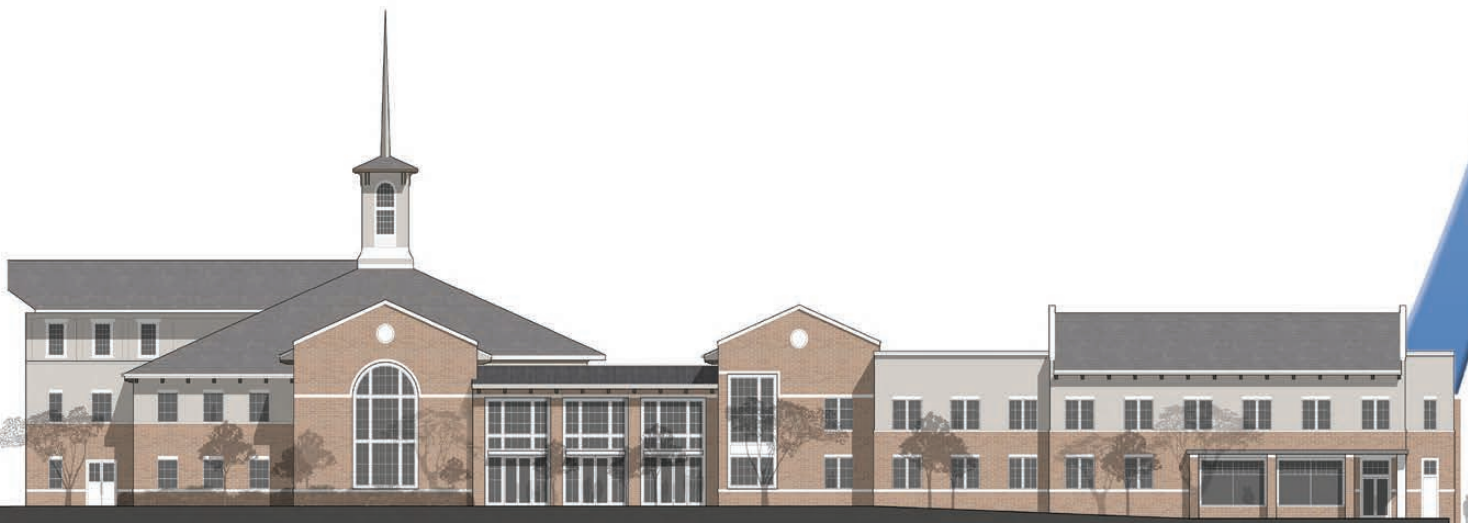


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Tabernacle Baptist Church



**But seek first
the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things
will be provided for you.**

MATT 6:33
(CSB)

Vision

We fulfill our purpose by engaging in four Biblical priorities for the church - fellowship, worship, discipleship and outreach. Perhaps like no other church, TBC is strategically positioned in our downtown location to shine the light of Jesus to our city and the surrounding community.

Opportunity

Our generosity initiative, SEEK will enable us to replace the south end of our campus in order to send a welcoming message to our community, one clear point of entry to the church, provide adequate student ministry space, and effective administrative space for the church staff.

Solution

The proposed building will provide a dedicated space for our youth and students, a welcoming entryway for our community and new office space for our staff and a suitable space for weekly ministry to visitors and members.

**Connect people to
their ultimate purpose
in life in Jesus Christ**



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MATTHEW 6:33

HIS KINGDOM - OUR MISSION

is a generosity initiative to meet critical facility needs for ministering to youth and for serving our city in our downtown location.

Our Vision:

- ▶ Tabernacle exists to **connect people** to their ultimate purpose in life in Jesus Christ.
- ▶ We fulfill our purpose by engaging in four Biblical priorities for the church — fellowship, worship, discipleship, and outreach (Acts 2:42).
- ▶ **Our downtown location** strategically positions us to shine the light of Jesus to our city, our county, our community, and the surrounding areas. Perhaps no other church in our county has a location that is so ideal for making a regional impact.

Our Opportunity:

- ▶ **We have facilities** on the south end of our campus that are **in disrepair**. It would be better stewardship to replace these facilities than to renovate them.
- ▶ Thousands of cars pass by our campus on Church Street and Tennessee Street everyday. The exterior appearance could provide a more **welcoming message to our community**.
- ▶ Our current **student ministry space** is inadequate to meet the needs of that ministry.
- ▶ There are many undefined and confusing entrances to our campus.

The Solution:

- ▶ The building we are proposing will provide **dedicated space for our youth and students** that is specially designed to meet their needs.
- ▶ The building we are proposing will also provide a **welcoming entryway for our community**. It will look nice, and it will send the message that we are open and that we are moving forward as a church. A clear, main entrance will be visible from the street.
- ▶ Currently, our staff work in older offices spaces strewn across our campus in different locations. New **office spaces** will provide a positive and unifying work environment. In addition, new offices spaces will give suitable spaces for weekly ministry to visitors and members who step foot on our campus.

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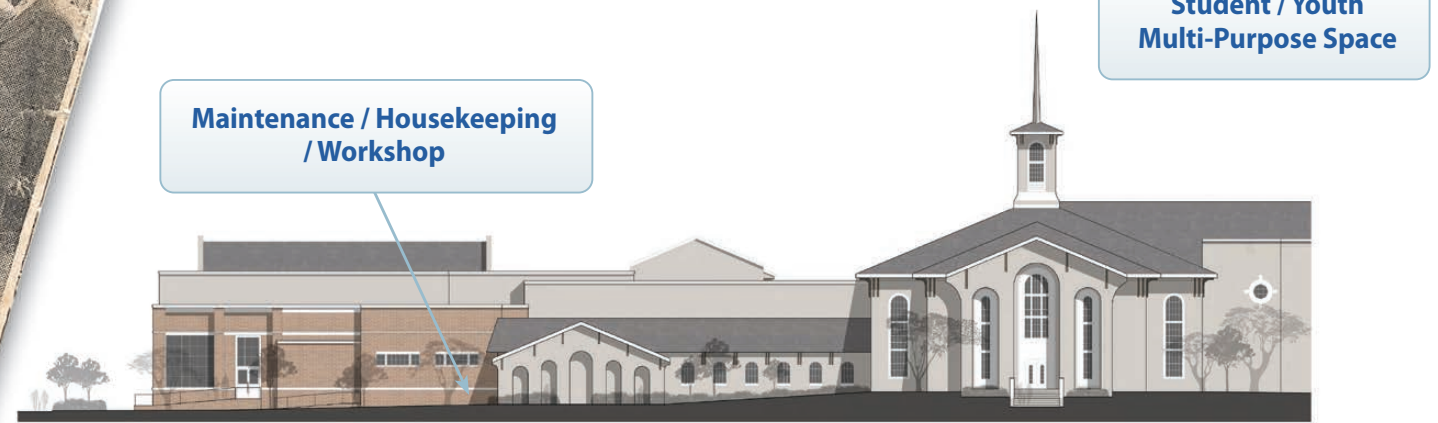
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Douglas Street View



Church Street View



Tennessee Street View

Replacing the Old and Making Way for The New

In 1947 the leadership at Tabernacle had a vision that was worth the sacrifice – to build a brick sanctuary. Their vision was to have a structure to enable a 7 day-a-week church. Their legacy has provided space for worship, outreach, discipleship, and fellowship for over 3 generations. They started on faith and established a goal to “be debt free in ‘53 (1953)” and were successful. If the members who made the commitment to this location could see the growth and people who are following Christ because of their actions 75 years ago, they would be pleased. They would see the current reality see their vision was definitely worth their sacrifice.

Proposed Elevations

- Today’s Vision is to build facilities in our downtown location to provide:
- A clear entrance and welcome area for our guests and members to connect and explore where to proceed to engage in ministry activities
 - For the 1st time space is being designed to support our Student and College ministries. The ability to engage them early in life will be the future of our church
 - To provide space for staff offices and meeting space to support the work of our church
- “We hope all agree this vision is worth the sacrifice”**



To realize our mission and vision we must stretch in our generosity.
 Now is the time for us to give sacrificially to make the most of the moment.
 Prayerfully consider how your gifts will advance our God inspired mission and vision.

\$6,000,000
STRETCH GOAL

OVER 36 MONTHS

\$3,000,000
 MINISTRY BUDGET

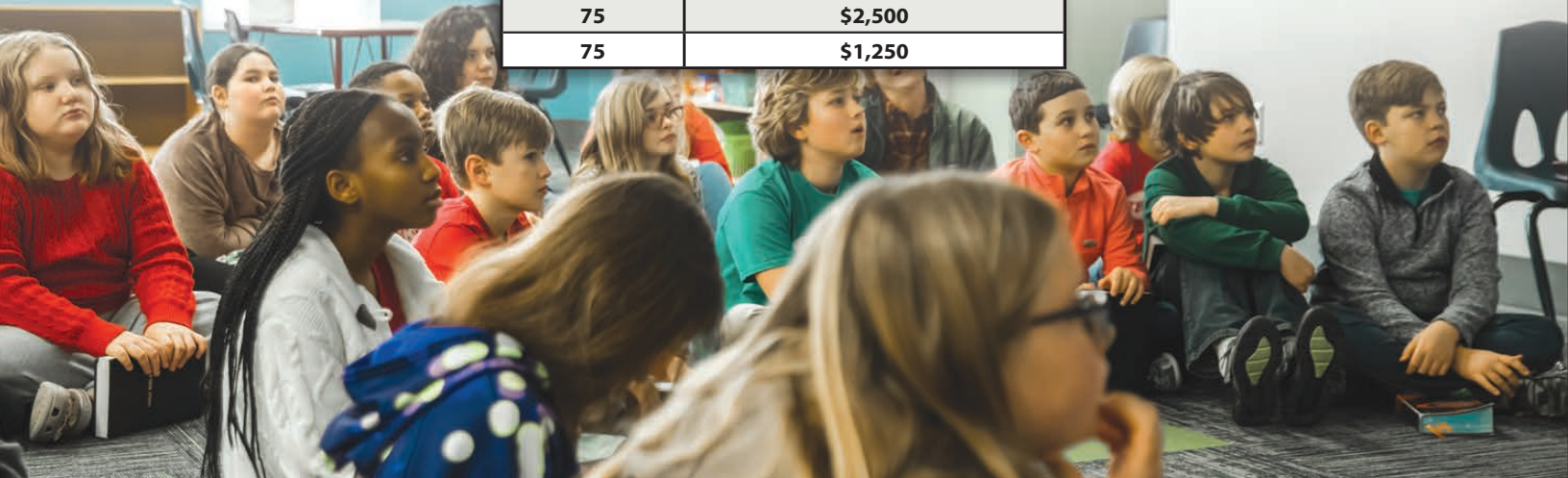
\$5,000,000
 SEEK INITIATIVE GOAL

The SEEK Campaign Giving Profile

(36-month commitment – above & beyond current/regular giving)

\$5,000,000

No. of Gifts	Amount of Each Gift
1	\$600,000
1	\$500,000
1	\$400,000
1	\$300,000
1	\$200,000
2	\$100,000
12	\$75,000
20	\$50,000
24	\$25,000
36	\$10,000
40	\$7,500
50	\$5,000
75	\$2,500
75	\$1,250



Creative Ways To Give

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered. You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following 7 options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.

1. Practice priority budgeting
 Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure, like a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchase.

2. Increase giving with increased income
 We often increase our standard of living when we receive a raise or a bonus. Some families elect to keep their standard of living the same and increase their giving by the amount of the raise or bonus.

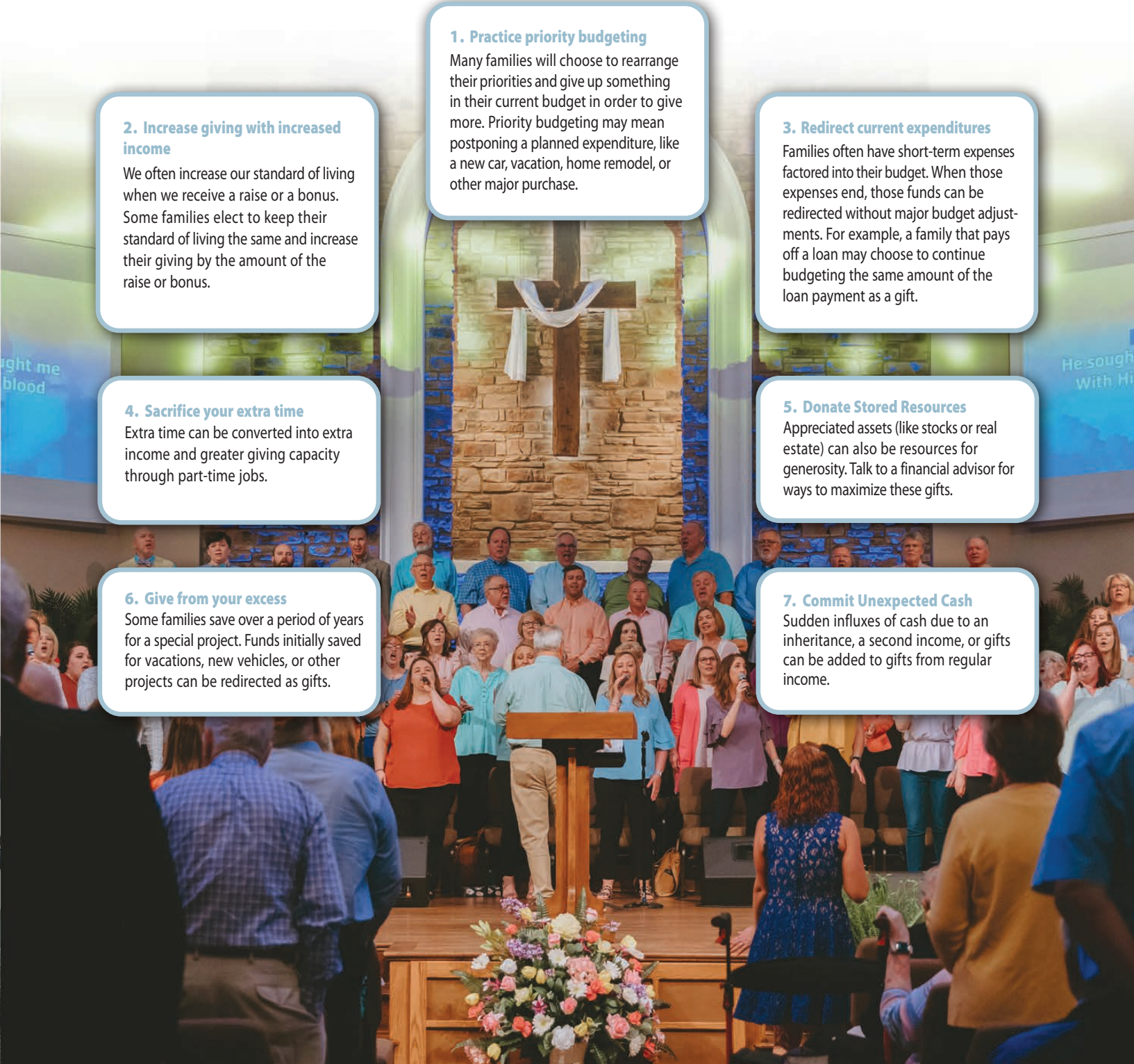
3. Redirect current expenditures
 Families often have short-term expenses factored into their budget. When those expenses end, those funds can be redirected without major budget adjustments. For example, a family that pays off a loan may choose to continue budgeting the same amount of the loan payment as a gift.

4. Sacrifice your extra time
 Extra time can be converted into extra income and greater giving capacity through part-time jobs.

5. Donate Stored Resources
 Appreciated assets (like stocks or real estate) can also be resources for generosity. Talk to a financial advisor for ways to maximize these gifts.

6. Give from your excess
 Some families save over a period of years for a special project. Funds initially saved for vacations, new vehicles, or other projects can be redirected as gifts.

7. Commit Unexpected Cash
 Sudden influxes of cash due to an inheritance, a second income, or gifts can be added to gifts from regular income.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the best-case timeline for construction from start to completion of the project?

Current estimate is 18 months. Final estimate will depend upon unknowns from the demolition of the older structures. Our plan is to begin demolition late summer 2023.

What are we going to do to relocate the students during construction (18 months)?

We have begun discussions with city and local business leaders to identify space we can utilize during the construction on Sundays, Wednesday and if necessary for staff during the week. The Nominating Committee has begun work to identify a team to develop alternatives and to provide the church with a temporary relocation plan.

Can the church sell the bricks from the demolition as a fund raiser?

This idea has been discussed and being evaluated as a fund-raising opportunity. In addition, there is a thought to save enough brick to construct a history wall in the new welcome area. A second idea proposed regarding selling old bricks – sell a brick and buy new brick as fund raiser.

Will there be a sign at the front entrance to indicate the entrance for newcomers?

Yes, a new sign will accompany the final plans.

As we grow and we build, how will we accommodate parking?

Parking is not a new issue for us, and we will continue to utilize available downtown parking. Also, we have some green space which we can convert to parking as we grow.

Will the temporary buildings currently housing nursery and Preschool be removed?

No, replacement of this structure will likely be the next project.

Has there been any thought given to the possibility of acquiring Douglas Street as additional space?

We have reviewed this in the past and believe this would hamper member access and create bottlenecks during the week. We can close Douglas Street for Tabernacle events as needed.

How did the existing buildings get in a state of disrepair?

The church has done a good job in regular maintenance of these buildings over the years. The buildings being dismantled are over 75 years old and were built when commercial construction standards were very limited. In addition, in 1947 members provided volunteer labor for some elements of the construction. The Properties Team over the years has considered major renovation of this space but bringing the buildings up to code and meeting all the access standards are more expensive than building new construction.

Regarding the “Big Give” or 1st Fruits is on April 16th, is the amount we are to give 10% of the total pledge or 10% of the first-year commitment?

While our objective is 10% of the total commitment, we understand every member’s situation is unique and know prayer will guide their contribution. The purpose of 1st Fruits is to provide funds to begin the construction and to demonstrate to the lending institutions our commitment to this project to enable securing funding.

What happens if we tear down the old buildings and we fall on hard times (due to economic slowdown) like we did on the property we had partially purchased?

While we have faith in our members to support this project, we have not a phased approach to this project. Our Pastor has always said our giving will determine how far and how fast we proceed. So, if commitments are strong then we feel it will be advisable to proceed as planned. As always, the church body will make the final decision.

What is the proposed cost of the project?

- \$10.5M is the current projection for the reduced scope of the project
- The project would remove and replace the older brick structures built 75 years ago consisting of about 30,000 square feet. Also to enclose a portion of the courtyard to form the welcome areas and expand the Music Suite

See table →

Areas to be Renovated / Rebuilt	Sq Feet	% of Total
Welcome / Entrance	7,150	17%
Youth Spaces	11,800	28%
College Room	1,040	2%
Staff work area	5,970	14%
Addition Music Suite & RR	3,660	9%
Community use	1,620	4%
Maint/Hskp/Storage	1,050	3%
Circulation, Egress, Support	9,687	23%
Total	41,977	

Why is Tabernacle considering a building project?

- Entrance leading to a large Welcome area and internal access to all areas of the campus
- Student / Youth classrooms, and multi-purpose space
- College space to accommodate growth in this ministry
- Office space to consolidate staff from across the campus
- Improve access for those with special needs
- Demonstrate growth and commitment to our downtown location

How will the church fund this project?

- The Capital Campaign Team is leading a Generosity Initiative which will lead to a 6-week public campaign beginning February 19, 2023, with Commitment Sunday on March 26th and First Fruits giving on April 16, 2023
- Our goal of Commitments and donations during this campaign is to raise \$5 to \$6m with commitments being completed in 3 years
- We believe this will be accomplished by members committing 1.5 to 2.0 times their annual giving.
- The additional funding would come from a loan.

How will construction impact Worship Center and Life Groups

Currently we believe the only areas impacted are for Student activities, Life Groups and Staff Office areas.

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What Question Am I Asking?

What does God want me to keep from God's resources?

Generous givers live out their belief that God owns everything. They keep only what they need while investing the rest in His Kingdom.

What does God want me to give from God's resources?

Tithers believe God owns everything. They live off 90% and invest 10% in His Kingdom.

What does God say to do with God's money?

Consistent givers have an understanding that God owns everything. They give consistently, but they haven't yet reached 10%.

What do I do with God's money?

Occasional givers are beginning to understand the concept of biblical stewardship. They haven't yet developed a regular pattern of giving and don't yet give a certain percentage, but they give.

What do I do with my money?

First time givers are moving in practice from owners to stewards. They have taken the first step of faith and invested something financially in God's Church and His Kingdom.

Let's Seek the Lord's Will Together:



Prayer – Prepare yourself and ask God to use you to advance His kingdom and to give you a spirit of generosity. We are asking everyone at Tabernacle to pray, sacrifice, and give in new ways during this campaign.



Promote – Be an ambassador for SEEK. Do not wait to start. Begin opening doors for others, talk to them about the vision God has for Tabernacle.



Pledge – Commit funds to support the building project. Through one-time and monthly gifts, you will make it possible for future generations to SEEK the Lord and His purpose for their life for generations to come.

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