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### What is Forward in Faith?

Forward in Faith is an opportunity for each of us to individually respond in a tangible way to improve our facilities. Our facilities are a tool, a tool to reach a lost world... and as one of our church members put it, our tools have grown dull. We are in the process of sharpening two of our most used tools in our outreach and in-reach ministries, our sanctuary and multi-use fellowship hall. Renovation of our basement has begun, soon to be followed by an upgrade to our sanctuary. Forward in Faith supports this effort. Members and friends of our church will be challenged to commit to a season of prayer for our community and our church. In addition, our congregation will be asked to commit to a sacrificial commitment over the over the next 3 years. The funds we raise during this time will pay for the cost of our ongoing renovation and future facility improvements.

### LESSONS FROM EXODUS

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As part of our Spiritual Emphasis, in your connection groups during the Forward in Faith Campaign, a prayer facilitator will bring devotions that are based on from Exodus 34-36, when Moses gave instructions for building the first tabernacle.

- Sunday, March 28th, we looked at the significance of having a gathering place for corporate worship.
- Take some time today to read Exodus 34:1-17. Pay extra attention to verse 8-9. Because of who God is and our relationship with Him, we will obey with confidence that The Lord is with us.
- Pray for the "Forward in Faith" Campaign." We want to bathe this endeavor in prayer before the Lord in connection groups, in worship service and in homes.



### A TESTIMONY OF GIVING

*And Jesus sat over against the treasury and saw how the people cast in money into the treasury. And many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and said to them: "Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in than all of those who have cast money into the treasury: for all of them did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all of her living. Mark 12: 41-44*

It must have been an amazing sight in the temple that day. One can imagine the fanfare of wealthy individuals proudly pouring their money into the large collection plates. Their motivation for giving was one of pride – pride in what they could give and the idea that they could give more than anyone else.

Enter a poor widow woman. She was destitute of any worldly extravagances. She barely had enough money to buy food with. But her desire was to give a gift worthy of her Lord. Remember, Jesus was watching all of this with his disciples. He saw her quietly, discreetly make her way to the collection plate. He saw her gently lay her two mites on the altar. Her gift probably went unnoticed to the disciples and others, but it was noticed by Jesus – and He is the one who matters most!

While others gave to please earthly onlookers, she gave to please her Lord. While others gave out of their abundance she gave out of her poverty. While some gave while it was comfortable, she gave until it hurt. The others would never miss what they had given but she gave everything she had to live on. Hers was a truly sacrificial gift!

Jesus took notice and commended her faithfulness. What conclusions will He draw about your faithfulness during this Challenge to Build emphasis. Which giver will represent your life?





## WALL HIGHWAY KIDS CAN CONNECT, GROW, SERVE AND GO TOO!

As our church continues to plan for our “Forward in Faith” Funding Campaign, the Kids Ministry will continue to join in as well. We want to make sure to teach our kids about this campaign on a kid’s level and help them understand how they can pray, give, and participate too!

The Kids Ministry has some exciting news about our banquet on Saturday, May 1. We will be having on-campus childcare and activities for the kids while the adults and youth are attending the banquet at Camp Helen. We will begin accepting kids for childcare, Nursery – 5th Grade, at 3:30 PM Saturday, May 1. While the kids are in the Preschool and Kids Building, we will have plenty of fun activities scheduled for them to enjoy. Food will be provided for them while here at church. This will allow time for parents to attend, enjoy, and hear information about our church campaign. After the banquet, parents will need to pick up children by 6:30 PM. Please make sure that when your hostess contacts you for reservations, let them know how many kids will be in childcare and their ages.

On Sunday, May 2, the Kids Ministry will be having a special Small Group lesson about Nehemiah. During this lesson, we will have a hands-on “STEM” activity (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This will be designed to teach them about our remodeling project and God’s people giving funds to help aid with the costs of remodeling.

Another way we will teach our kids about our campaign will be during “Focus” the summer of VBS/VBX Sunday’s. Each Sunday morning, beginning June 6 – August 1, 9:30 AM – 12 Noon, we will be offering a new and fun way to do VBS/VBX. During this time, we will be emphasizing the funding campaign as one of our mission projects that kids can choose to give to. As part of our summer of VBS/VBX Sunday’s, we will promote a church-wide Small Group outreach emphasis. This will provide an opportunity for our adults, youth, kids and families to invite guests to church where all members of the family will have a place to plug into. This will also provide teachable moments to become familiar with, pray for, and to give to our fundraising campaign.

On the last Sunday of VBS/VBX, August 1, we will end the campaign emphasis and tally up the total contributions and gifts given to the kid’s mission choices. Our desire is to celebrate with the kids of the blessings God’s people have faithfully given during “Focus” our summer of VBS/VBX Sunday’s. We will have a special time with the kids and their leaders to pray, asking God to use and to bless the gifts given for His Glory as we continue to tell others about Jesus.

We hope that moms, dads, and grandparents will participate with us and to use these tangible and teachable moments. Help remind the kids by emphasizing the praying and the giving of offerings to the kids VBS missions projects this summer. We continue to look forward to the great things to come for the families of Wall Highway!

Bro. Jim Graham



## WHAT IS MY PART?

When the In-Gathering service takes place in a couple of weeks, many will be asking, "Just what is my part?" Actually, this is a question that only you can answer. No effort will be made in this Campaign to tell any person what one should or should not give.

Your giving decision rests between you and the Lord. You will soon be given the opportunity to join the rest of this church family in indicating your support of this building effort. You will not be pressured into making a decision. Your decision needs to be based on prayer, not pressure.

"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice" is the theme of Forward in Faith. To sacrifice is to give up something. What will you "give up" to see this building built to the glory of God? Over the coming weeks, listen to the testimonies shared by members of our church as they tell their stories of sacrifice, and how God worked through that sacrifice. Then ask God to help you write your own story.

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**COMMITMENT CARD**  
Turn in this card on May 16, 2021 at the "In-Gathering Service"

After prayerful consideration, I will financially support the renovation with:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly x 156 weeks = Total Commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly x 36 months = Total Commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly x 3 years = Total Commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ One time gift = Total Commitment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I am not ready to make a commitment today but I am praying for the campaign and hope to make a commitment soon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled.  
\*This is the Victory that has conquered the World... our FAITH! 1 John 5:4

## EACH FAMILY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT

This is a sample of the commitment card to be used in our Forward in Faith Campaign. Each church and Sunday School family will have an opportunity to make a commitment.

Our Hallelujah Goal of \$1,400,000 seems like a challenging amount of money, because it is! However, when broken down into three-year commitments on a weekly basis, it will mean only about \$9,000 per week.

The commitment entered on your family commitment card should be separate from your tithe. To reach our goal, it will be necessary to increase what we are now doing for the building fund.

Surely, in this all-out sacrificial effort we will be able to reach the goal of \$9,000 to be paid weekly for three years.

Your family commitment card will be mailed to your home on the day following the banquet. You will be guided in what to do with the card once you receive it. Pray about this matter. Each of us must ask the Lord in prayer, "How much can we give?"

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Prayer Focus	March 28 – April 16
Mike Abbott's Testimony	April 18
Rich Turner's Testimony	April 25
Banquet	May 1
Gary Looney's Testimony	May 2
Ingathering Service	May 16

## Campaign Goals

**Victory Goal:** \$920,000

Debt reduction equivalent to one full  
"budget year"

**Challenge Goal:** \$1,240,000

Repayment of the loan principle identified  
as needed for renovation

**Hallelujah Goal:** \$1,400,000

Complete repayment of the renovation  
loan plus contingency funds