



# Moving Our Mission Forward

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**Heavenly Father**, we come before you acknowledging that every good thing we have comes from You. We know that we are expected to be good stewards, as individuals and as a church, of all the good gifts You have given us. As we consider the church's capital campaign, please help us discern what our giving should be to support the church's mission moving forward. Lord, we remain grateful for everything You have done for us and most especially for the gift of your Son Jesus. And it is in His name we pray, Amen.

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# Letter from Will Dyer



Dear Church,

What is the purpose of the Church? Seriously, what is the point of gathering a group of people who share their lives together in the pursuit of following Jesus? Why do we do it? It's a great question. Honestly, it's one that I don't think people ask often enough. To be sure, there is more than one correct answer to this seemingly simple question. So, what I want to do is take the line of thought one step further. I want to ask the same question, but make it more personal. What is the vision of the First Baptist Church of Augusta? What is the purpose behind our church?

Shortly after I arrived as Senior Pastor, our church launched a new vision statement. Here is what we landed on. The vision of our church is to connect people to Jesus Christ and our community of faith. My dream, our dream, for FBC Augusta was that we would be a place where people who have walked away from faith could come and rediscover the wonder and beauty of following Jesus. We want to connect people to Jesus! Over my seven years leading our church, it has been the filter that I have used to answer every question about the mission and ministry of our church. How can we use our resources, time, and people to connect people to Jesus Christ?

The capital campaign we are embarking on during this season of life at the First Baptist Church is, at its core, all about further living into our vision of connecting people to Christ. That's why we are calling this campaign Moving Our Mission Forward. Our church currently carries a debt load of approximately \$3,000,000. Monthly payments are built into our annual budget, which means that each month we are paying \$30,000 toward our debt. Friends, think about that fact for just a moment. That number amounts to \$360,000 a year that could be used to further the Gospel in Augusta, all across the CSRA, and around the world.

If you want to know why I am so excited to launch our campaign, then I invite you to read the paragraph above one more time. When we pay off our debt, we will exponentially increase our ability to connect people to Jesus Christ and our church. I can't think of anything more important to commit ourselves to over the coming months. I hope you will join me as we Move our Mission Forward!

Grace and Peace,  
Will

# Financial Information

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Amount Owed</b><br>(as of 12/31/2023)  | \$2,850,315 |
| <b>Current Interest Rate</b>  | 4.5%        |
| <b>Monthly Payments</b>   | \$30,000    |
| <b>Annual Payment</b>   | \$360,000   |
| <b>Maturity Date</b><br>(Date we would have to refinance at higher interest rate) | 12/15/2026  |

| Capital Campaign Funds Raised | Loan Balance at Maturity | Loan Paid Off _ Months Early | Interest Saved |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| \$2,000,000                   | \$190,852                | N/A                          | \$116,632      |
| \$2,500,000                   | \$0                      | 3                            | \$144,640      |
| \$3,000,000                   | \$0                      | 7                            | \$166,034      |

# Moving Our Mission Forward

## Gift Profile Guide To Raise \$3,000,000

Three-Year Commitments Over and Above Tithes and Offerings

| Gifts | Size              |
|-------|-------------------|
| 1     | \$500,000         |
| 2     | \$200,000         |
| 3     | \$100,000         |
| 6     | \$50,000          |
| 12    | \$25,000          |
| 20    | \$15,000          |
| 30    | \$10,000          |
| 40    | \$6,000           |
| 80    | \$3,000           |
| 150   | \$1,500           |
| Many  | Less than \$1,500 |

Everyone is asked to find the gift amount that has meaning and significance for you, or for your family. Everyone cannot give the same amount. Most everyone can give some amount. Find your campaign gift by asking God for guidance. You will not be pushed into giving. Hopefully, you will feel a pull to give. And if your gift creates a pinch, then you have probably found the right amount.

# Ways to Give

- A gift of cash that is in addition to your regular tithes and offerings
- A three-year commitment to give over and above tithes and offerings
- Stocks, mutual funds, and bonds. Gifts of appreciated financial assets may provide you with tax savings. Check with your financial advisor.
- A gift of land or real estate with clear title and no environmental hazard. Capital gains tax avoidance may also be possible with gifts of real property.
- Sell art, cars, jewelry, vehicles, any personal property and give the proceeds
- A direct distribution to the church from a qualified retirement plan (IRA) that would also satisfy your required minimum distribution. This is available only if you are age 72 or older. Check with the custodian of your IRA.
- Give a paid-up life insurance policy that is no longer needed
- Name the church as a beneficiary in your will or in a charitable trust

## How to Decide on a Sacrificial Giving Commitment

**PRAY:** Seek God’s leadership in determining the specific amount God would have you give. Pray individually and with family, or a close friend.

**DISCUSS:** With family or a friend, talk about your prayer experiences regarding your gift. How much is God leading you to give? How can you give that amount?

**PRIORITIZE:** Evaluate all the ways you invest your financial resources. What priority should your church and its ministry have at this time? What can you postpone or change within your current spending pattern?

**COMMIT:** Trust God to sustain you in your giving decision, just as you trusted God to lead you in making this decision. Give the gift amount that has meaning and value for you.

# Giving Schedule & Letter from Campaign Chair

| Weekly | Monthly | Annually | 3 Year Total |
|--------|---------|----------|--------------|
| 10     | 43      | 520      | 1,560        |
| 15     | 65      | 780      | 2,340        |
| 20     | 88      | 1,040    | 3,120        |
| 25     | 109     | 1,300    | 3,900        |
| 30     | 130     | 1,560    | 4,680        |
| 40     | 173     | 2,080    | 6,240        |
| 50     | 217     | 2,600    | 7,800        |
| 75     | 325     | 3,900    | 11,700       |
| 100    | 433     | 5,200    | 15,600       |
| 200    | 867     | 10,400   | 31,200       |
| 300    | 1,300   | 15,600   | 46,800       |
| 500    | 2,167   | 26,000   | 78,000       |
| 1,000  | 4,333   | 52,000   | 156,000      |
| 2,000  | 8,667   | 104,000  | 312,000      |

I’ve been a member of the First Baptist Church of Augusta for my entire life. This is the place where I learned faith in Jesus and connected it to a community who poured into my growth. This is the place where I’ve had the opportunity to serve our congregation and our community. This is the place where I’m currently watching my children learn what it means to follow Jesus.

I’m humbled to have the opportunity to chair this capital campaign, **Moving Our Mission Forward**. We have a special opportunity to leverage the resources God has entrusted us, to pay off debt and create capacity for introducing people to Jesus Christ and this community of faith. I pray that we will show our generosity and remember that we serve a God of unlimited resources and never-ending faithfulness.

**Alex Griffin**  
Campaign Chair



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