

# Generations

Celebrating the Past • Challenging the Present • Claiming the Future

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and shall declare thy mighty acts.*

PSALM 145:4



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Dear Church Family and Friends,

Over the past several weeks we have been moving ahead with our Generations campaign. During this time we have seen over 300 people come forward to work in a variety of capacities in preparation for this next, great move of God. It is now time to share more of the exciting details of this program with you, our church family.

This is one of the most exciting times in the history of our church. The Lord has given us a vision for the future, and it is much more than a command to build a children's building. It is a call to develop a master plan for our church that will enable us to effectively minister to future generations! If we are going to change this community, change this nation and the world around us, we must make an investment NOW in the future generations. What each of us offer to God in this campaign will be an expression of who we are and what we value most in life.

We really believe that each and every FBCJ member, young or old, must invest in this vision. The investment required to make this Generations program a reality is too great for only a few to carry. Each of us must go before the Lord in prayer, and ask Him what part we are to play in the funding of this vision. Your church needs your commitment—the time is now, and the opportunity set before us is large.

You must ask God what he wants you to give.

While we can not all give the same amount, we can all sacrifice in some way. For some a "sacrificial" gift given over three years may be \$2000. For others, a "sacrifice" may be closer to \$200,000. God will lead you in your commitment and sacrifice if you sincerely ask Him to speak to you.

We must choose to offer our gift by faith.

Giving by faith happens when we decide to give an amount that will require God's help to fulfill. When you've heard from God, you can be assured that He will provide. Giving by faith does not mean that you make a wild commitment of what you intend to give. It means that you trust in God's ability to provide for you and your family, even if it may seem uncomfortable to your natural mind. In the end, you should have a peace in your spirit about the commitment the Lord has led you to make.

As you take the time to read through this brochure and look at our past, our present and our future, you will get a clear sense of the plan and the vision of ministry that is in the hearts and minds of the leaders of our church. It is our prayer that, arm in arm, we can approach this venture of faith, giving praise to God for His provision in His time.

This is our opportunity to:

- make a difference with our resources
- do something that will be a blessing not only for you, but for your family
- see more people experience an abundant life, by obtaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

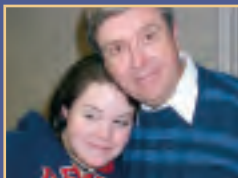
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*Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, through all generations.*

PSALM 135:13



## Celebrating the Past

### Remembering the days of small beginnings....

**1915** Twenty-three people met and organized a Baptist church in Joelton, Tennessee. The first services were held in a brush arbor on property owned by charter member, George Milliken (pictured below with Jasper Milliken, left, another charter member). George was an ordained minister who loved to preach, and he did so at every opportunity. During inclement weather, the group would move into a tobacco barn.

**1916** The first church building was completed in 1916. Though remodeled a number of times, it was utilized until the sanctuary we now call the Salt House was built on the same spot in 1963.

**1930** The church obtained its first loan of approximately \$3,000 from Whites Creek Bank in order to expand and improve the building. Average Sunday School attendance did climb to over 100 in 1931, but the church struggled under that debt for years to come. The incurred debt necessitated some ingenuity in raising funds. Festivals were held, quilts and aprons were made and sold, and the pastor's salary was paid with eggs and chickens.

**1956** Church members moved to begin construction on a new educational building by borrowing \$25,000. For the first time, many Sunday School classes had spacious, permanent rooms, rather than just a portion of the auditorium. The church also gained its first indoor restrooms.

**1963** The original sanctuary was built along with a basement for church events and educational space. The work was financed through the sale of \$100,000 in bonds. The old auditorium, erected in 1916 by the charter members, was removed to make way for the new building. Throughout the summer of 1963 services were held in a large tent with a sawdust floor as members watched the work in progress.

**1987** Our current office facilities, family life center, and educational space were constructed. This was financed through the sale of bonds and the S.E.E.D.S. program, in which members were asked to make a weekly gift above their regular tithes and offerings.

**1999** Construction on the new sanctuary was completed under a campaign called "Joelton Crossing the Jordan." Much of the necessary funding to meet equipment needs was met through voluntary gifts and special memorials.

**2005** God continues to move in our church as we celebrate 90 years as a church family this year! In those 90 years, we have planted four additional churches, the most recent of which is 24 Church in Pleasant View in January of 2005. God continues to bless us with people who want to be a part of our church family, but we are completely out of space for our growing number of pre-schoolers and children. The Generations campaign was conceived in order to deal with our space problem and look beyond to what God is going to do here in the future. While we celebrate our incredible past, we must challenge our present membership to claim the future for Jesus Christ.



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1963



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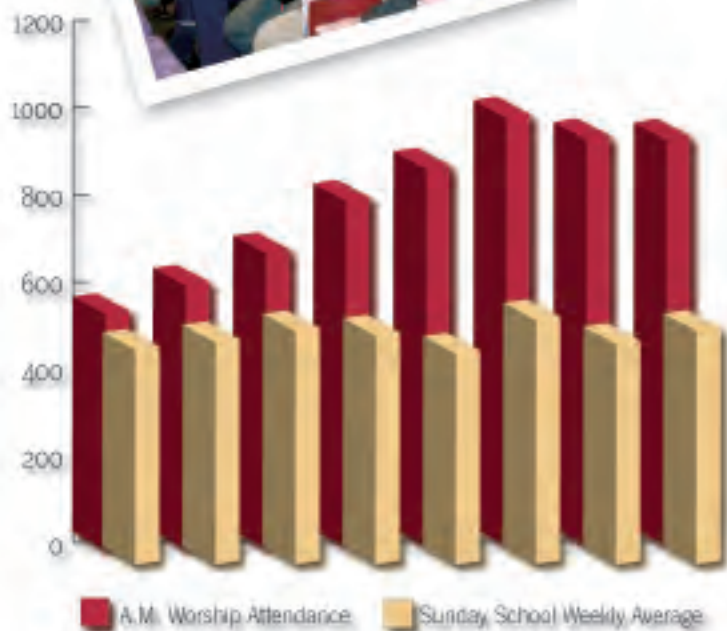
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*Do not forget the things your eyes have seen... teach them to your children and to their children after them.*  
DEUTERONOMY 4:9

## Challenging the Present What God is doing now....



We have grown beyond the limits of our space, and God continues to bless us with people seeking to be a part of FBCJ. In response to this blessing, we must provide additional space in order to welcome those who come in the future. The scope, quality and location of our facilities are significant and will be the foundation for how we effectively impact the generations to come.

The chart in the lower left corner details how we have steadily grown in worship attendance while our Sunday School growth has remained the same due to the lack of educational space. You can also see from this chart that our worship attendance has leveled out over the past 3 years. This too can be linked to our lack of space for children and preschoolers. The disturbing result is that young families with children are going elsewhere because we have no room for their children.

It is our belief that Sunday School numbers will continue to rise as we are able to offer safe and trusted facilities for our children. We also believe that our worship attendance will continue to rise as young families become committed to this church and its children's programs. Building this new children's building will give us the much needed space for our preschoolers and children, as well as provide new educational space for our overall educational ministry to grow effectively.



*Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.*

MATTHEW 18:5

## Claiming the Future

Psalm 145:4 states that "One generation will praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." God has blessed our church over the past 90 years and we can truly "praise thy works" to the next generation. If we want to continue to declare His mighty acts in the future, we must expand our facilities. The need is \$6.6 million, which includes the cost of a furnished children's building and the current debt on the sanctuary. Together, let us make space, reach people and change lives. Let us claim the future in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Impacting our communities with the hope, peace and purpose of Jesus Christ" is our purpose here at FBCJ. Reaching others for Christ is our focus. Through our music and creative ministries, children and preschool ministries, youth ministries, adult ministries, mission trips and much, much more, God is working through FBCJ to build His kingdom.

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# Generations

Our current facilities can accommodate 180 children in very crowded conditions if necessary, but that number is beyond what codes allow. The number of children attending our church on Sunday mornings is currently exceeding 190, underscoring the urgency of our need for space.

The new building will accommodate 360 children in the classrooms, an additional 150 in the children's worship center, and another 50 in the preschool multi-purpose room. That is a total of 560 children.





### Children's Building - 2nd Floor



#### **Building Highlights:**

- Over 44,000 square feet of total space
- Preschool multi-purpose room
- Children's worship area
- State-of-the-art security
- Large infant and babies area
- 8 large pre-school classrooms
- 12 children's classrooms
- Ministry offices
- Inviting, visually appealing entry ways
- Extra adult restroom space
- Playground area
- Large basement for storage
- Teacher workrooms
- Pre-teen area
- Elevator
- Covered drop-off for inclement weather
- Warm and inviting preschool area
- Bright, colorful children's classrooms

Assemble your people—  
men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—  
so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of his  
law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your  
God as long you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess. —DEUTERONOMY 31:12-13

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PSALM 100:5

# The Road Ahead



God has placed a vision before our church of “impacting our communities with the hope, peace and purpose of Jesus Christ.” Our church desires to make this impact through spiritual and numerical growth, and through further development of our facilities and resources. These are not separate goals or components of the vision; all are interrelated into a single, unified journey for our church that will last throughout generations to come. By renovating our current facilities and constructing new buildings, FBCJ will house places of ministry that will more strategically and intentionally reach our community and claim the next generation. Below you will find a detailed look at what will be happening over the next 10 years.

## Phase One (1–2 years)

### A. Construct /furnish Children’s Building

- Approximate cost: \$5 million
- Rooms for children ages birth–fifth grade
- Preschool multi-purpose room
- Children’s worship area with multi-media

### B. Institute parking ministry

- Offer valet for the elderly, handicapped, and mothers of infants
- Assign parking lot greeters and directors

### C. Renovation of kitchen facility

- Enlarge kitchen
- Upgrade to commercial appliances

### D. Development of master plan for the next 5–10 years

- Evaluations of scheduling and staffing needs
- Growth evaluations
- Land acquisition studies
- Leadership development
- Assess ministry and/or facility needs for senior adults, singles, families, youth, children, homebound, missions, in-reach and outreach, etc.

### E. Other major renovations/construction

- Upgrade church sign (donated by senior adult ministry, 39er’s and Forerunners)
- New roof for Family Life Center

## Phase Two (2–5 years)

### F. Publicize Master Plan for FBCJ

- Brochures, drawings and schematics
- Step by step plans of implementation

### G. Pay off sanctuary

- 1.6 million owed at 4.5% interest

### H. Renovation of current pre-school and nursery space

- Transition team is currently evaluating best use of this space so that work can take place immediately after we move into the children’s building

### I. Renovation of current upstairs children classroom space

- Reconfiguring walls and doorways to make the space more effective for adult educational space
- Reconfiguring signage

### J. Renovation of current youth space

- Upgrade sound system and lights in the Salt House
- Upgrade downstairs classrooms with TVs and DVD’s
- New carpet and paint in Salt House
- Improve room acoustics
- Reconfigure stage and storage space

## Phase Three (4–10 years)

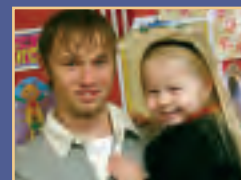
### K. Implementation of Master Plan

- Pursue future needed construction projects and continue to impact our communities with the hope, peace and purpose of Jesus Christ.

### L. Retire debt on children’s building

- Total cost of \$5 million

**NOTE: Many of the renovations and assessments will occur simultaneously, and the order could change should future needs and/or feasibility change. Our goal is to complete all of the above projects, continue to plan for the future, and be debt free in less than ten years.**





The living they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.

ISAIAH 38:19

## The Opportunity to Leave a Legacy



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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.. —EPHESIANS 3:20-21

We believe it is a privilege to be a part of the exciting work God is doing at First Baptist Church Joelton. We now have the opportunity to prepare together for the future God has set before us. The new children's building will not only continue to bless us and our families, but will bless our community and future generations as well.

For the next 36 months, we will each need to make a special commitment, in addition to our regular giving, so that our new children's building can be built. This is our opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations.

- Ask God what He would have you give to make this vision a reality.
- Trust God to provide what He impresses you to give.
- The scriptures do not teach equal giving but equal sacrifice to accomplish God's work.

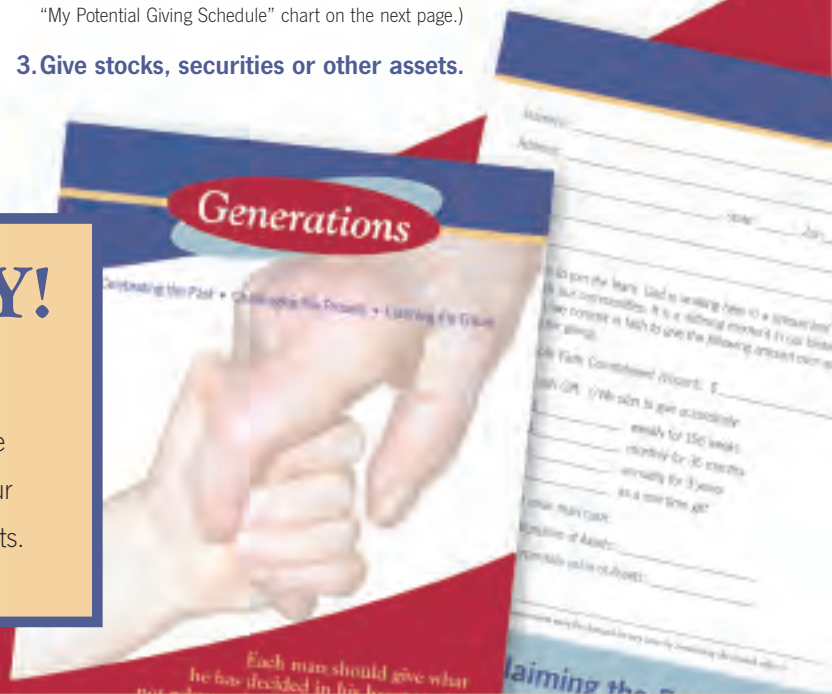
### Three Ways to Give:

- 1. Give a cash gift.** Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift. You might consider cash from savings, tax refunds, garage sales, or an extra part-time job. Also consider reducing your expenses or deferring a major purchase as a sacrifice to God. Involve your whole family in giving a specific amount.
- 2. Make a 36 month Faith Commitment.** The Bible teaches that spiritual maturity includes developing the habit of regular giving. Giving our tithes, the first portion of our income, shows that God really has the first place in our lives. Giving above our tithes and offerings shows a faith in God's provision. You can give far more than you thought possible when it's spread out over time. (See the "My Potential Giving Schedule" chart on the next page.)
- 3. Give stocks, securities or other assets.**

## CELEBRATION DAY!

Sunday, May 1st, 2005

We will celebrate the Generations faith journey by bringing the Commitment Cards, included with this brochure, indicating our one-time gift, our 36 month faith commitment and/or other gifts.



Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord.

PSALM 102:18

# What Should I do?

## FIRST, PRAY

Sacrificial giving moves us outside of our comfort zone and stretches our faith as we take steps to give beyond our normal tithes and gifts. Let the amount of your gift be a matter of prayer each day as you seek to find what God wants you to give.

*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. —2 CORINTHIANS 8:3-5*



## SECOND, DISCUSS IT

Individuals and families should take time to discuss this matter and seek God's guidance. It is a perfect time for the entire family to be involved in the decision you make. Remember, we are building for our future generations.

*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. —DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7*

## THIRD, MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

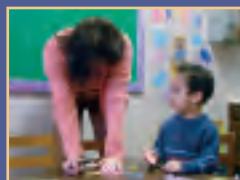
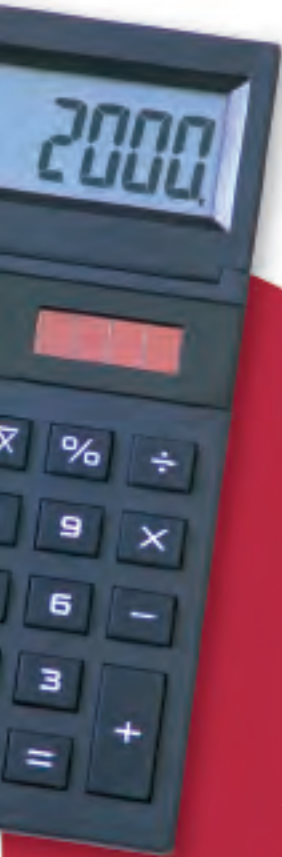
Once you pray and faithfully seek God's guidance, then express that faith on a commitment card. The challenge that God has placed before us will only become reality through the sacrificial commitment of us all.

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 CORINTHIANS 9:7*

## My Potential Giving Schedule

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	3 YEAR TOTAL
\$1,000	\$4.333	\$52,000	\$156,000
500	2,167	26,000	78,000
200	867	10,400	31,200
100	433	5,200	15,600
50	217	2,600	7,800
30	130	1,560	4,680
25	109	1,300	3,900
20	88	1,040	3,120
10	44	520	1,560

The chart to the right will help you understand what a three year faith commitment looks like. For example, if you give \$25 per week for the next three years and multiply that amount by 52 weeks for each year, you will have given a total of \$3,900 for that three year span!





## Frequently Asked Questions

### How much will it cost and how will we pay for it?

The total cost of the new children's building will be \$5 million. We currently owe \$1.6 million on the new sanctuary. Through faith commitments over the next three years we plan to raise over \$2.5 million. Assuming continued growth and a continued effort on all of our parts to be obedient to God's vision, we hope to be completely debt free within 9 years. Keep in mind that as we grow within those 9 years, we will continue to build and grow to effectively "Impact our communities with the hope peace and purpose of Jesus Christ." God's work is never done!

### When will we pay off the current debt on the sanctuary?

On January 2, 2000, we dedicated our new sanctuary. Bro. David had a replica of the Ark of the Covenant constructed, and it sits behind the baptistery to this day. Inside the Ark are several items that have been locked away since that day in 2000. They will be revealed on the day we pay off the new sanctuary. We project this great event to happen within two years of the start of the Generations campaign.

### When will it start and how long will it take to complete the children's building?

Ground breaking for the Children's building is projected to be in August, 2005. It is approximately a year long building process which will allow us to move in sometime in fall of 2006.

### When will the other renovations take place?

The kitchen renovation will have to take place as soon as ground breaking occurs due to its close proximity to the children's building. The kitchen will be completed in less than 6 weeks. Other renovations of areas now occupied by children and preschool will take place after we move into the new building.

### What do you mean by the term "Master plan"?

A Master plan is a written statement of our church's assumptions about its direction, organization, finances and vision. Churches that develop a clear master plan find that it increases team spirit because everyone "plays off the same sheet of music." It also increases the clarity required for growing the church, solving problems, orientating new staff, communicating effectively and making wise decisions that help the church carry out the vision.

### How is my Generations faith commitment different from my tithe?

Your tithe represents 10% of the financial blessings the Lord gives you on a regular basis. FBCJ uses your tithe for our general fund operations, which would include the day-to-day administration of programs, outreach efforts and staff. Generations is a special offering, based on your commitment, for the construction of ministry facilities that is above and beyond the tithe.

### What happens to the "Joelton Crossing the Jordan" and the "Loaves and Fishes" campaign?

We have had two other campaigns in the past 6 years. "Joelton Crossing the Jordan" was the campaign that helped us build the new sanctuary in 2000. "Loaves and Fishes" was the campaign that helped us raise the initial monies for this current project. These campaigns no longer exist, and all monies given for debt retirement or the children's building will be placed in the Generations account.



# Generations

*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.*

PSALM 78:4



## Consider This...

Now is the time for you and your family to consider the cost of this Generations program. Regardless of the scope of our influence, our commitment to meet the needs of our country, region and community is as strong as it was the day our church began 90 years ago.

How much has your life been changed as a result of turning your heart towards God? What benefits have you found in the Word of God through the teaching ministry of this church, it's programs, activities, missions, inreach and outreach ministries? Where are you and your family today as a result of the grace of God? It's time for this generation of FBCJ to arise and build together as we claim the future for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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