

KINGDOM INITIATIVE TEAMS

LEAD TEAM

The Lead Team will be calling our church into a three-year process called the Kingdom Initiative. They will be leading various teams that will help to organize the activities.



PRAYER TEAM

Our Prayer Team is focused on praying for our Kingdom Initiative leaders and creating specific opportunities for all people in our church to pray for God's direction in their individual lives and the life of our church.

PROMOTION TEAM

Every member of our church family needs to be informed. The Promotion Team will create and distribute to the church family all communication regarding events and activities associated with the Kingdom Initiative.

FOLLOW-UP TEAM

The Follow-Up Team will help our church family stay the course and will provide new members with opportunities to be involved in the Kingdom Initiative.

EVENT TEAM

The Event Team will plan, organize and implement special church wide events that coincide with the Kingdom Initiative. On November 11, our church will have a special day of commitment and celebration as we step forward with our response to the Kingdom Initiative.

KINGDOM INITIATIVE LEAD TEAM MEMBERS

Chairman: John and Robi Walton

Ad Hoc Member: Paul & Kelley Boyd

Ad Hoc Member: Dale & Diane Hildenbrandt

Prayer: Jesse & Peggy Hughes

Promotion: Bob & Cindy Crichton

Event: Steve & Tammie Cross

Follow-up: Tedd & Lisa Comerford

Pastor Pete Tackett

Pastor Stan Breeden

Pastor David Simmerman

Pastor Rick Blevins



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MAIN EVENTS

AUGUST 26, 2007: FAMILY PRAYER GUIDE BEGINS

Starting on August 26, the entire church family will embark on a spiritual journey to bring God to the forefront of their lives. Each family will be given a prayer guide to instruct them during this time.

AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, AND NOVEMBER 8, 2007: DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

We will schedule prayer times with deacons and pastors and anyone who wants to join us at 7 p.m. on these four Thursdays. We will also have a Media Fast November 4 - 11.

OCTOBER 14 - NOVEMBER 4, 2007: CHALLENGE PHASE

During the Challenge Phase, a four-week stewardship series will be taught in all Small Groups of the church. These will coincide with Pastor Pete's message series on the Kingdom Initiative.

OCTOBER 20, 2007: ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL

An all night prayer vigil will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center with a churchwide gathering of intercessors to be followed by small groups praying in one-hour shifts around the clock leading up to the morning worship service.

NOVEMBER 11, 2007: CELEBRATION SUNDAY

You won't want to miss this worship celebration! We will confirm the vision that God has given us for our church and community and celebrate the part God has given each of us in advancing that vision.



"...Truly I say to you, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU DID
IT TO ONE OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, EVEN
THE LEAST OF THEM, YOU DID IT TO ME."

MATTHEW 25:40



Dear Church Family,

For 151 years, God has allowed the First Family to adjust its location, its strategy, and its methods for proclaiming an unchanging message of hope to the people of Southern Middle Tennessee. Generation after generation of believers has been faithful to the assigned task, and as a result, thousands have become Christ followers. I am thankful for the faithfulness of each generation to step out in faith and attempt God-sized tasks so that we could have a solid foundation upon which to build in 2007.

Now, our generation stands at a crossroads. God is again calling us to reach an ever-changing community with a never-changing gospel. He has put an urgency in my heart and consequently, in the hearts of the staff and leaders of this church, regarding the advancement of His Kingdom both in our area and around the world. In order to do that, we must see the coming opportunity and position ourselves to take advantage of it.

Jesus taught us over and over that the Kingdom of God is not about brick and mortar, nor about a political or economic system, but it is about people. That is what the Kingdom Initiative is all about. We see literally hundreds of young families with children moving to this area, a high percentage of them unchurched or chronically dechurched. Truly, we can lift our eyes to see that the fields are white unto harvest. We have to get ready to reach those families and those children.

Jesus also taught us that the Kingdom is about caring for those whom society has given up on. We have an opportunity as a church to join with our current partner ministries, future partner ministries, and with our developing ministries in reaching those people whom Christ spoke of in Matthew 25—the least, the last, and the lost! No church will ever rise to be all God desires it to be until it cares for the most helpless of society and shares the love of Jesus with them.

You can see the details of all this elsewhere, but just know this: a church that attempts great things for God and seeks to join Him in the advancement of His Kingdom has to get its house in order. That means everything from curtailing and controlling debt and expenditures, to building adequate facilities, to investing operating budget dollars in the most strategic places. The Kingdom Initiative is about just that—getting our house in order to focus on the advancement of the Kingdom.

Today, we are launching a God-sized task. It is perhaps the most ambitious task God will call us to attempt in our lifetimes. The Kingdom Initiative is our response to God's call. I urge you to read carefully the materials we publish in the coming weeks; to review the information on the Kingdom Initiative website; to listen intently to the testimonies and the messages; and to pray passionately about your part. Lori and I have been doing this for some time. I believe that when you do these things, your heart will be stirred with the same urgency mine has been, and together, we will experience the Kingdom of God.

Expectantly,

Pastor Pete

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE KINGDOM INITIATIVE?

The Kingdom Initiative is a strategy to expand the Kingdom of God in Maury County and beyond by investing in local ministry through:

- Existing ministry partnerships
- New ministry opportunities
- Expansion of our facilities

Over the next three years, the Kingdom Initiative will call our people to give to reduce our debt and become more involved in ministry.



WHAT IS OUR CHURCH CURRENTLY DOING IN LOCAL MINISTRY?

Currently we support six local ministries that we believe are making a difference in Maury County for the Kingdom of God. While our current support is limited, could help us make a significant impact in these ministries both financially and through encouraging our members to engage in these ministries. Additional funds could also help to develop new ministries that will provide even more opportunities for our members to engage in making a difference in our community and in our world as Jesus stated in Matthew 25.



IS THE KINGDOM INITIATIVE ANOTHER BUILDING PROGRAM?

One of our greatest ministry tools is our facility. The growth in our community is providing opportunity to reach more people for the Kingdom. Additional space will be needed. Our most pressing need is more Children's space. Additional funds are needed to provide this space.

HOW WILL KINGDOM INITIATIVE FUNDS BE USED?

Obviously, more funds raised would provide more opportunity for ministry. Our three main goals are:

- Reduce debt so that our budgeted debt service could be reduced and more of our budget could be used to fund local ministry, both through the ministries of our church and through our local ministry partners (our current debt is \$2.8 million; our current debt service is \$380,000 annually.)



- Commit the first 10% of Kingdom Initiative dollars to local ministry. At the end of three years, we desire to increase our annual budget to at least \$75,000 for local ministry partners (our current budget for local ministry partner support is \$3,600).



- Raise at least \$1,500,000 for the construction of a new children's wing.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

What we are asking of everyone in the congregation is to:

Pray. Person by person, family by family, we must all be in prayer during these days. Each person's prayer should be along the lines of, "God, what do you want me to give these next three years, over and above my tithes and offerings and over and above my current level of service for the future of the ministry of our church?" If we will take this spiritual journey together, we will come to Celebration Sunday and be able to make a financial commitment saying, "This is God's will for us!"

Prepare. We want to open every line of communication and provide answers to the questions our people have. It is important for all of us to listen and read carefully each piece of information that is provided.

Participate. In order for our campaign to be successful, we will need everyone to help. Be ready to say "yes" when called upon. We want everyone to attend the special events of the campaign. Especially important are the special prayer events, and the Celebration Sunday. These are "don't miss" events for every household in our church.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Check the Kingdom Initiative website at www.thefirstfamily.org for the latest updates and information.

