



## **Saturate 17**

*Sharing Truth and Serving People*

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Dear Faith Family,

Recently I was told that our FAC family will soon be welcoming the 31<sup>st</sup> baby in three years – that’s a whole lot of babies. Especially for a church our size. This is one of multiple reasons why our leadership team is comfortable and confident in recommending a building renovation and expansion project at this time. Beyond the increase in children we are receiving new families, more people have been engaged in GCG’s, our Sunday attendance continues to creep up, and as visitors pull into our parking lot they continue to ask, “Which entrance should we use?” I believe the building plan we have in place will strengthen our current ministry structures and it will grow our ability to effectively reach and welcome new families and non-believers.

While this campaign will fund a building project to best accommodate our current and future church programs, it is also an investment in strategic outreach ministry. Not only do we want to create a facility where people can come to gather and grow together, we would like to create a facility where people can be equipped, trained, and mobilized for effective ministry outside the walls of our church. God has blessed every one of us with friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members who we can invest in regularly. Many of these people are spiritually hungry and are longing for more. If it is on your heart to influence people, we want to make sure that FAC is a place where you can come to be encouraged and educated as to how you might impact those people.

These building and ministry needs and desires set an opportunity in front of every one of us; we now have an opportunity to give generously with our finances. The challenge I would like to set in front of our church family is that every one of us would be financially involved in the fundraising process. The two questions I’ll invite you to ask are, “Lord, how much **could** I give?” And, secondly, “of that amount, how much **should** I give?” I encourage you to find the time to look closely at your financial situation. Write down on a piece of paper how much is in your savings and how much is in your investment funds. If you have debt or upcoming expenses, write them down as well. Look at those numbers and ask God the two questions above.

This is one part of the process that my wife, Stephanie, and I will use as we make a decision for our family. If you're worried about making a poor financial decision that could result in financial hardship down the road, do not hesitate to contact the church office and we'd be happy to partner you with someone who will talk more about your situation. There are also creative and strategic giving options that you might not immediately think of, if you want to know more, please contact us.

Remember, this is an investment not only in a building, but in God's kingdom. It's investing in our children and for a fair number of us, potentially our children's children. It's an investment in outreach in our area, ensuring that there will be a gospel presence for years to come. It's an initiative to reach the lost, I believe we will see people come to faith in Jesus. It's an investment in a process that will lead to a stronger foundation for supporting international missions. The stronger we are, the farther we can reach.

Thank you for your prayerful participation in this process. I'm excited to see what God has in store for FAC and for the people in your sphere of influence.

Peace and Love,  
Pastor Trent