

## Q. How should I give?

A. There are four ways to give:

First, on Commitment Sunday, each family will be asked to bring a “First Fruits’ offering as we celebrate what God has done and is going to do in the life of our church. Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift. Involve your whole family in raising a specific amount for your First Fruits offering.

Second, you can also make a pledge to give. The giving period will last until the end of August 2009. You can give far more when it is spread out over time, and you may choose to give weekly, monthly, or even make annual payments. Please select the best giving schedule for you and your family.

Third, you can give a gift of assets. In addition to your monetary gifts, you can give real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, gold, etc. Contact our Chief Financial Officer, Elder Julia Floyd for assistance at (281) 388-3722.

Fourth, you can make the church a beneficiary in your will. There are many tools available to you now that can benefit the church and leave an inheritance for your heirs at the same time. We can put you in contact with professionals in this area who can help you as you plan. Call us for assistance.

## Q. How will I know how much to give?

A. The Bible says, “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord, your God, which He has given you” (Deuteronomy 16:17). Pray daily and allow God to open your heart and direct you about your commitment to the Final Step. Through prayer and personal assessment, you will know what to give. Again, your gift, whatever the amount, should be a gift over and above your regular tithes and offerings. To split our current giving between the current operating expenses and The Final Step mission would not be beneficial and would endanger our ability to minister in the present.



## Questions & Answers

### Q. What is “The Final Step?”

A. At every level of our stewardship campaigns since 2006, God has shown Himself faithful. First, we Stepped Into Destiny. Then, we brought additional sacrifices Little by Little. At each level, we worked against the odds, each time facing challenges head-on with a renewed commitment, sacrifice, and an unshakeable faith that the land was ours. But those were just the first two levels. We must now prepare to enter in and celebrate our ultimate victory by taking the Final Step: burning the mortgage on our 221 acres of land!

### Q. What are we building?

A. We are building a five-star headquarters campus that will serve as the hub of our international ministry! Only God can provide for the facilities that we will manifest. The campus will serve our ministry needs for today, and it will be a legacy for future generations to come, including:

- A 3,500 seat worship center
- State-of-the-art lighting and technology to create a high-impact worship experience that will engage all senses

- Youth and children's complexes
- Much-needed classroom and worship space for all ages
- Ancillary spaces to fellowship and witness
- Recreational fields for youth and adults to enjoy
- Foyer area with coffee shop, café and bookstore
- Scenic chapel for weddings and smaller church functions
- Television production suite with state-of-the-art TV and radio equipment
- Performing Arts Center with performance-ready stage and lighting equipment
- Conference and Technology Center
- Health & Fitness Center with state-of-the-art weight equipment, aerobic suites, racquetball and basketball courts, walking tracks, and locker rooms
- Indoor activity center with arcade, skating rink, bowling, pool and café
- Outdoor plaza featuring amphitheater overlooking a fully-stocked family fishing pond, prayer garden, baseball fields, skate park, children's playground, and barbecue area

## **Q. Why is such a facility necessary for us?**

**A.** Since we moved to Alvin in 2003, our membership and ministry operations have grown substantially. We have planted several churches throughout the United States and oversee more than 100 churches in South Africa, Liberia, Nigeria, Cameroon, and the Philippines – our ministry has expanded! However, our current facility has us landlocked, and we have run out of space for the expansion that God has blessed us with. As a result, we must have a place that can house the ministry programs, operations, and people that God has called to help bring our vision to pass!

## **Q. If the land is already ours, why do we need a stewardship campaign?**

**A.** While our name is on the deed to the 221 acres of land and it is legally ours, we must take it a step further before we can begin strategizing to build our headquarters... we must burn the mortgage on the 221 acres! God has given us great success with our stewardship campaigns of the

last 2 years. Every time we make a vow, He gives us just what we need to fulfill it. With the Final Step, it is time for us to believe God once again to do the impossible through helping each member to do his part in our stewardship campaign.

## **Q. What important events should I remember?**

**A.**

- Thirty-day Prayer focus using the Family Prayer Guide
- Family Prayer Conference
- Commitment Sunday
- Celebration Sunday / First Fruits Offering

## **Q. What can I do?**

**A.** You can begin now by praying to know and do God's will concerning your gift to our mission. Spend time in prayer and meditation on God's Word as you seek to discover His will. The amount that He leads you to give will be the right amount.

## **Q. What about my regular giving?**

**A.** Your commitment to The Final Step should be an amount that God leads you to give over and above your regular tithe and offerings. We must maintain our giving to the operating budget so that day-to-day church operations will be unaffected. You can still write one check. Simply fill in the appropriate blanks on your regular giving envelope.

## **Q. How long is the giving period?**

**A.** You will receive a commitment card and be asked to fill out the card with the amount you intend to give over a one-year period. You may give weekly, monthly, or annually. Most people prefer a system of regular weekly giving; however, you should make your decision based on God's will and the best method for you.