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A Vision For The Future

Twenty years ago Temple Baptist Church came together as a unified body to build a facility that would serve the needs of a growing congregation. At that time we made the decision to remain at our historic location knowing this decision would present challenges in the future. God has graciously given us the ability to meet those challenges by purchasing additional property and finding creative ways to more fully utilize our existing facilities. God has given growth so that we have now reached beyond the capacity of our existing buildings.

And now, as before, we again come together as a unified body to build an addition that will enable the continued growth of this congregation. This new building will provide education space for children and youth and free up space for adult groups in the existing buildings.

The need for more space is not in question. Every room is in use and some of them are well beyond their reasonable capacity. The object of this program is not simply to meet the present need, but also to ensure continued growth for the future. In order for us to do this we must plan wisely and give generously.

Wise planning is exactly what our Building Committee has done. The new building will allow for the growth of all existing groups as well as the development of new groups for expanded ministry in all areas. Wise stewardship has served us well in the past and God has blessed us with abundance so that we were able to pay for our building with gifts above and beyond the tithe. By building with above and beyond gifts, the tithe remains focused on ministry and missions.

I am asking every member to consider participating in the Challenge To Build Campaign. Ask God to lead you and pray for grace to give sacrificially above and beyond your tithe. Even a small contribution given weekly over a three year period of time can have a tremendous impact.

We are unified in our recognition of the need for this building, we have agreed that this is the best plan and now is the time. Let us be equally committed in sharing the responsibility to pay for this building as quickly as possible. May our focus throughout remain fixed on God's purpose for all - to bring glory to God through lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Scott