



PASTOR'S LETTER

There's no way you can see the countless hours of work that our team has invested in the booklet you hold in your hands. What we hope to show you is also difficult to capture on the printed page. Here you're going to see some of our rich history and a lot of our remarkable future. Throughout our past, the enemy tried to assault us with fear as we grew and built. Our present is no different, nor will our future be. In spite of the attacks, our past was full of incredible successes, most of them we still benefit from today. In this booklet, you're going to see the outline for our next success, one which will require just as much Spirit empowered faith as in the past. Remember, we're on this journey together, the Lord is with us, and His Spirit is calling us to Dream Again.

Pastor Doug



VISION

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On the day of Pentecost, Peter addressed the crowd and quoted the prophet Joel. "In the last days..." The sending of the Spirit was the sign that the last days had begun. We have been in the last days for more than 2,000 years! We must be in the last of the last days now, but that is no reason to stop dreaming. Peter said that these would be the symptoms of the outpouring of the Spirit: prophecy, visions, and dreams. These would not be limited to a single generation or gender. It is for your sons and daughters, your young and your old. This outpouring is for all!

We are a church of over a hundred years, which means we fall into the "old men" category. Dreaming is a young man's game. There comes a point in the life of a church and in the life of an individual when it seems fruitless to dream, but it's faithless not to! No matter how young or old you are and no matter how old our church becomes we have the mandate to keep dreaming! It's time to dream again!



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DEFINING MOMENTS



1915

Church building on Lee & Wallace St. dedicated

1917

North Cumberland Assembly of God was incorporated

1922

North Cumberland Assembly of God sends out first missionaries

1940's

Prayer tower built on Lee & Wallace St.

1952

Church building on Johnson & Fayette St. dedicated

1954

North Cumberland Assembly of God changes its name to Central Assembly of God

1975

Central Assembly of God purchases 83 acres at 2020 Bedford St.

1979

Church building at 2020 Bedford St. dedicated

1980's

Christian Education Center dedicated
Gym dedicated

1998

Lighthouse Christian Academy started

2000's

Daycare Center dedicated

2010's

Pavilion dedicated

ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING



dream again

\$2,500,000 TARGET GOAL

It will take all of us together to accomplish the vision before us.

As you pray and evaluate how God wants you to give during this time, allow this gift chart to be a discipleship tool for you. Allow it to inspire and challenge you towards greater generosity in the mission of making more and better Jesus-followers.

Number of Gifts	Amount of Each Gift
1	\$250,000
1	\$150,000
1	\$100,000
1	\$75,000
5	\$50,000
5	\$40,000
10	\$30,000
25	\$25,000
25	\$10,000
25	\$7,500
25	\$5,000
10	\$3,500
5	\$2,500

"I will not sacrifice to the Lord my offerings that cost me nothing."

2 Samuel 24:24

GIVING LADDER



What Question Am I Asking?

What does God want me to keep from God's resources?

Generous givers live out their belief that God owns everything. They keep only what they need while investing the rest in His Kingdom.

What does God want me to give from God's resources?

Tithers believe God owns everything. They live off 90% and invest 10% in His Kingdom.

What does God say to do with God's money?

Consistent givers have an understanding that God owns everything. They give consistently, but they haven't yet reached 10%.

What do I do with God's money?

Occasional givers are beginning to understand the concept of biblical stewardship. They haven't yet developed a regular pattern of giving and don't yet give a certain percentage, but they give.

What do I do with my money?

First time givers are moving in practice from owners to stewards. They have taken the first step of faith and invested something financially in God's Church and His Kingdom.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

FAQs

What is the financial goal of this initiative?

Our goal is \$2.5 million, and raising this amount of money will require 100% participation from those who call Central home. This is a big goal, but we serve a big God!

Why are we doing this now?

We are standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before. For the last 100 years this church has believed in the imminent return of Jesus Christ while at the same time giving sacrificially so that should he tarry, future generations would benefit. We have benefitted greatly from their sacrifice and it is time that we dream again about the future. Should Jesus tarry future generations will be blessed because of this initiative.

Are my gifts "over and above" my normal tithe and other offerings?

Yes! They must be! Our normal operating expenses must continue to be met by your faithful support through regular tithes. These over and above gifts will allow us to accomplish the special goals of the dream again initiative.

When will we be asked to make our commitment?

Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 12th, 2023.

Can my gift involve stocks or other assets in addition to cash?

Absolutely! If this is the case, please email info@centralaog.org for further assistance.

What will take place on commitment Sunday?

On commitment Sunday we will worship, celebrate, and pray over what God has planned for the future of Central. We will ask our entire church – 100% – to participate by committing to give financially to the dream again initiative. We will ask that everyone submit a dream again commitment card at the end of the service that morning.

Will financial commitments be made public?

We will make public and celebrate the total commitment given by the entire church. Personal financial commitments will NOT be made public or shared in any way.

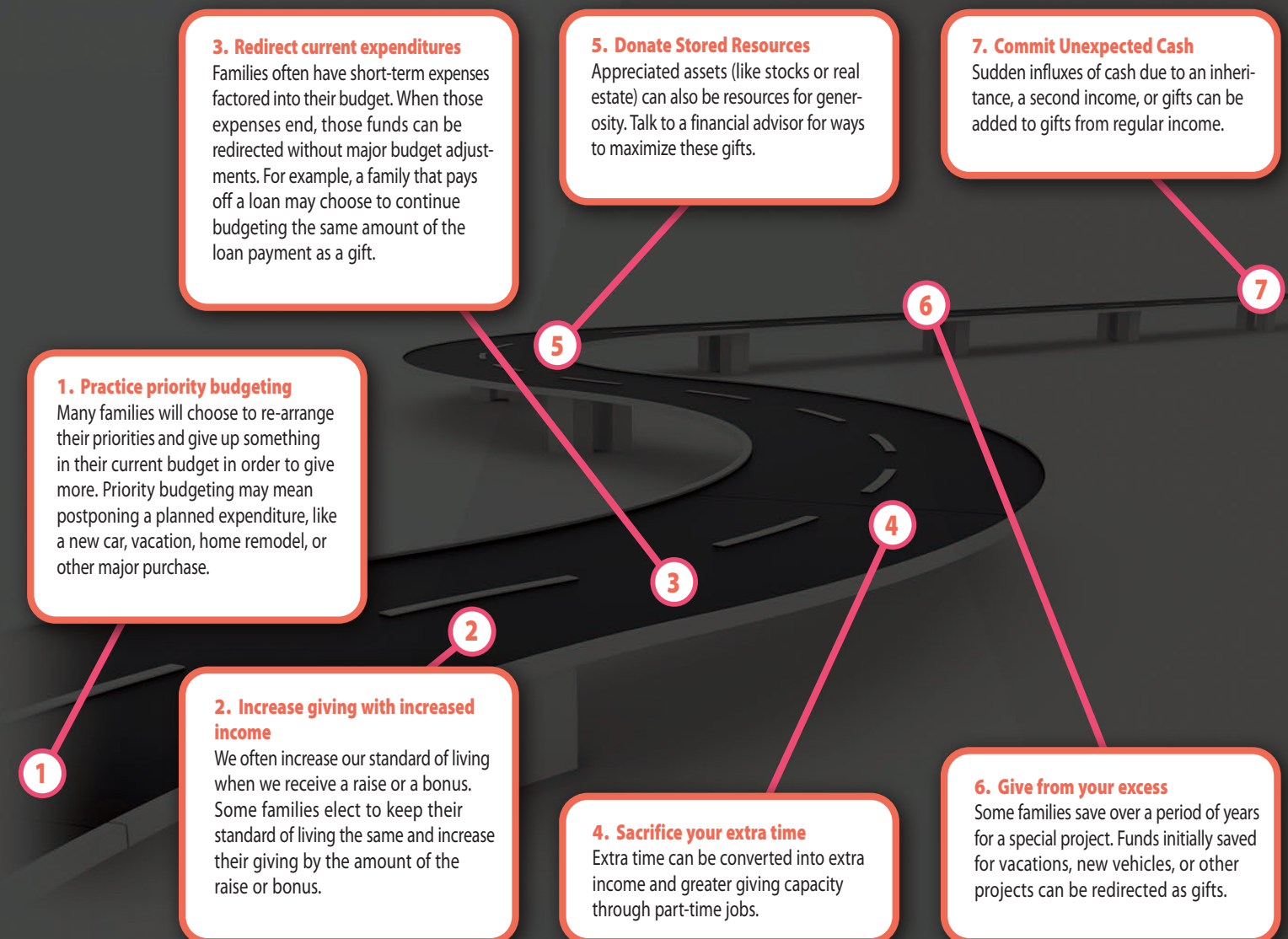
Can commitments be changed if necessary?

Absolutely. We understand that life circumstances can shift our ability to give generously in negative and positive ways. If you need to change your commitment, please email info@centralaog.org

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered.

You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following 7 options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.



DETERMINING YOUR PLEDGE

– PRAY –

Pray both individually and, if appropriate, as a household. Ask God to help you understand how He would have you, as His steward, financially support this campaign, and that He would give you the faith to do so. Specifically seek His will on your giving, for both an up-front sacrificial offering on Sunday November 12th, 2023, and your intended level of ongoing financial support to the campaign.

– SEEK –

Referring to the Gift Profile Guide and Gift Schedule Chart on the back of this sheet, pray about these questions:

1. What amount of money, over the next three years, do I desire and believe God will provide for me to give? (*Philippians 2:12-13, Ephesians 3:16-21*)
2. Am I joyous about giving this amount? (*2 Corinthians 9:8*)
3. Is my gift sacrificial? (*2 Samuel 24:21-24*)
4. Am I demonstrating an expression of my faith in God with this amount with a motivation of worshiping God and showing my thankfulness? (*Jeremiah 7: 22-23, 2 Corinthians 9:6-13*)

– CONFIRM –

Once you feel the Lord has led you to a decision, discuss it, if applicable, with your spouse. When you are comfortable that God is leading you, offer your prayers of gratitude for the guidance you have received and look forward with joy to Commitment Sunday. If peace about your level of giving eludes you, continue to pray about it and seek counsel from other Godly people in your church.

– COMMIT –

Be open to the continued leading of the Holy Spirit, as God may stretch your faith one day at a time as you go through the campaign. Recognizing this may well require adjustments to your lifestyle or budget, make financial arrangements, as necessary, to bring both a sacrificial offering on Commitment Sunday and your commitment card indicating your intended ongoing support throughout the campaign.

(*2 Corinthians 9:1-5, 1 Corinthians 16:1-4*)

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

Intercede

More than a building, we are asking the Spirit of God to continue to move. May God give each of us wisdom, generosity and the ability to see His hand at work.

Invite

Although we are tight on space, each of us must continually be on mission for Christ, gathering together and inviting others to know our great heavenly Father as part of the family of faith.

Invest

Through generous giving, you can make it possible for our growing family to continue to gather for years to come.

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