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“LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE... TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH”

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TOGETHER



A WORD FROM PASTOR ALAN...

We have been talking about the need for additional space for classes, gatherings, fellowship, and ministry for many years now. It is obvious that we need a permanent structure to replace and expand upon the service that the trailers have provided for us. After much prayer and deliberation, and for obvious reasons, we believe that the time to build has come. While we are excited about finally being at the point where we are going to build, we need to make sure that we keep our priorities straight.

The focus of our endeavors should never be just a building. A building is only a tool to accomplish the mission that God has given us. Our mission/vision at Gateway is that we would Love God and Love People . . . To the Ends of the Earth. We want to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Out of our love for God and the love He has for us, we want to sacrificially love our neighbor as ourselves. And, we want to love God and love people everywhere we go, both locally in Montgomery and globally as God leads us to interact with and disciple the nations. God has given us a big vision, but it will only be achieved through the empowering of the Holy Spirit as we work *Together*.

Together. That is a powerful word. Our culture tells us that we don't need others – we can make it on our own. The Bible speaks against that. Whether we are talking about Gideon's Army of only 300, Nehemiah's call to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem with the remnant, or the early Church having all things in common, it is clear that God puts people *together* to accomplish amazing things. He brings us *together* to depend upon Him, trust Him, and believe in Him to do more through us collectively than we could ever do by ourselves in our own strength. Philippians 2:2 tells us that we should be “one in spirit and purpose.” When a group of people come *together* under the Lordship of Christ to love God, love other people, and reach the world, then God often does amazing

things. Do we believe God to do more through us *together* than we could ever do by ourselves? Do we believe God to provide this building as we step out in faith? If God is not in it, we cannot do it.

Our prayer is that we would be able to build a building that enables us to disciple adults and children to know God and follow Him. We hope to be able to house ministries out of this building that can be a part of reaching and transforming our community. Our prayer is that every day and every night, the doors would be open and people would be learning more about God as they teach one another, relate to each other, and have fun together. We hope to create a gathering place for fellowship and recreation so that the whole person is ministered to and can grow in Christ.

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We also hope that this building becomes part of a strong base that can train disciples of Christ to impact the nations as we send people out to the ends of the earth. Will you believe God with us for this? Will you commit to pray, seek God's face, and call upon Him for wisdom and help as we step into this endeavor? Will you ask God how you can be a part of helping make this happen? If we are going to do this, we all need to give sacrificially. The burden should not be on just a few. This is a faith journey that we all need to step into *together*. Won't you join us? I'm so excited about what God is going to do!

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CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR
IS NAMED
GOALS SET



It's official! Brett Morris will serve as our campaign director as we walk through the process of raising funds for the new building. The Morris family came to us last year and includes Brett and his wife Shannon as well as their five children Elizabeth, Catherine, Dorothy, Abigail, and Jonathan. Brett has served on building teams at other churches over the years and is currently on active duty with the U.S. Air Force.

After asking the State Board of Missions for guidance, we set our goals based on our church's historical undesignated giving and the expected cost of the new building. The board indicated that we can expect to raise between one and three times our undesignated receipts through this process. The elders, building team, and campaign team laid this advice to prayer and have brought forward these goals:

VICTORY GOAL	\$300,000
CHALLENGE GOAL	\$450,000
HALLELUJAH GOAL	\$700,000

However, we know God could certainly do more through us. Ask God what he would have you do personally.

UPDATE FROM THE
BUILDING TEAM



What an awesome time to be a part of God's work at Gateway as we build local and reach locally and globally. It is a pleasure for me to update you on the Building Team activities as we move into the first phase of our building design and kick off the Capital Fund Campaign. We are using Marshall Design-Build for design and construction of the new facility and met with them Thursday, March 27, 2008, to discuss their first drawing of the building concepts we have shared with them. It is exciting to see these concepts drawn on paper for the first time.

There are three phases in Marshall's design-build approach. The phase that we are in now will produce the preliminary drawing package (Floor Plan, Site Plan, and Front Elevation Drawing) and a preliminary budget and schedule. This is often referred to as the "bank package." The second phase produces a complete set of drawings, schedule for construction, and a final cost. The firm develops the scope (detailed plans and specifications), a schedule, and a budget based on bids from subcontractors. The third phase is the actual construction of the building.

In the midst of this excitement the building team remains focused on designing a facility that will be a tool for ministry to carry out the mission/vision that God has given to Gateway.

WHAT'S NEXT...

Over the next few weeks, a lot of information will be coming your way on the "Building Local, Reaching Global" campaign. Newsletters, prayer reminders, and brochures will be sent out through the month of April to inform everyone about the campaign. Home meetings are being organized throughout our congregation to talk about the building process. One important goal of these meetings is to include everyone in our church in the building campaign. Each of us is gifted in unique ways and everyone is important in God's plan for our church.