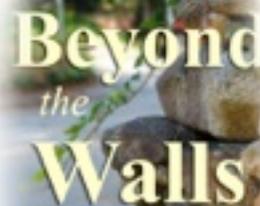


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Beyond  
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## 1. BEYOND THE WALLS CAMPAIGN

At a time when we are running out of space and we had no good options to handle our growth, a miracle occurred. When we needed a way forward, the Spirit moved us and the leaders of Southeastern Seminary beyond the walls of fear and distrust that resulted in the dramatic gift of 1.8 acres of land to be purchased for one dollar. We could not have foreseen this or planned for this. It is entirely a blessed gift from God.

With great blessings come great responsibilities. As a body of Christ, we have decided to undertake a bold campaign entitled “Beyond the Walls” to increase our capacity for fellowship, spiritual growth, ministry outreach and to become an even stronger presence



for Christ in our community. The Beyond the Walls campaign will seek to raise \$2.5 million. With current funds and a four-acre parcel of land we intend to sell, \$2.5 million in additional funds will allow us to construct a new educational building with 14 classrooms and a new fellowship hall on the recently secured 1.8 acres of land. We will also renovate our current fellowship hall into a state-of-the-art youth center.

Although our project will result in new walls, these walls will provide a platform from which we can reach beyond the walls to expand our witness and ministry in the local community and around the world.

Beyond the Walls will do so much more than simply pay for much needed space. It will deepen our faith as we respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, through our financial commitments, Beyond the Walls will enable us to honor all of the many gifts from God that we are currently experiencing in the life of our congregation.



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This campaign will secure our place in Wake Forest as a leading congregation with an almost 180-year noble heritage of authentic and innovative ministry. We are richly blessed that the Lord is working among us in such wondrous ways. This is an invitation to do your part in sacrificial giving to ensure that Wake Forest Baptist Church remains a dynamic ministering community well beyond the walls for years to come.



## 2. CAMPAIGN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

September 22	Campaign Presentation to Congregation
October 9 – 20	Distribute Campaign Materials to Congregation
October 23	Wednesday Prayer Emphasis
October 27	“Giving With Believers” Campaign Bible Study #3
October 27	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 3	“Giving From Wealth” Campaign Bible Study #4
November 3	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 3 – 5	Advance Commitment Meetings
November 10	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 17	Campaign Sunday with Sermon and Testimony
November 24	Major Event with Commitment Worship Service
December 8	Beginning of Three-Year Campaign Giving

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## 3. "GIVING WITH BELIEVERS"

The campaign's Bible study series is entitled Relational Generosity and it explores all the relationships that are present in our giving. "Giving With Believers" is the third lesson and it contains the following scripture and interpretation.

I Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee."

Notice that the people's offerings are expected to be given willingly with no pressure. And their offering is viewed as belonging to God already since it was part of all things that have come from God. God is the owner who provides blessings to the people who in turn gladly give back from what they have received. "Their" offering then is "God's" already. What will we do with what is God's?



## 4. STEERING COMMITTEE

Our BEYOND THE WALLS campaign is led by a steering committee made up of church members whom you already know. The following persons are giving much energy and time on behalf of our congregation to produce a successful campaign, with God's assistance. Please encourage them, thank them, pray for them and ask how you may help them serve our church during this special time.

Mitch and Anne Packett	Co-Chairs
George and Joan Braswell	Co-Chairs
Gene and Kim Cross	Campaign Managers
James Warren and Jimmy and Hollie Hicks	Advance Commitment Team
Gene Adams, Patti Soule, David Leonard, Lori Hubbard	Administrative Team
Ryan Keith, Justin Walker, Johnna Matthews	Communication Team
Martha Mackie, Tricia Homan, Angie Pearce, Shannon McNeill	Major Event Team
Christie Hill, Wanda Wooten	Spiritual Emphasis Team
Caroline Wilson, Alyson Boone, Emily Belanger	Children's Team
Kristi Gupton, Steve Debevec, Adam Fitzgerald, Roy Hewitt	Student Team
Bill Slater	Pastor

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## 5. WHY “BEYOND THE WALLS?”

The name of our campaign, "BEYOND THE WALLS" represents many things: The WALLS of the new building that will provide further opportunity for education, fellowship, and comfort within them and our hope and desire to go BEYOND as witnesses into the world around us

The WALLS that may still exist between the seminary and our church that we seek to continue to move BEYOND in a healing faith in a common God

The WALLS that symbolically and physically surround both the seminary and our church and the desire to go BEYOND to reach our community and world for Christ

The WALLS that we build in our own lives and the desire to tear down and go BEYOND in our relationships with others and with God

Now is the time for all of us to go “BEYOND THE WALLS.”

## 6. HOW WILL YOU DECIDE?

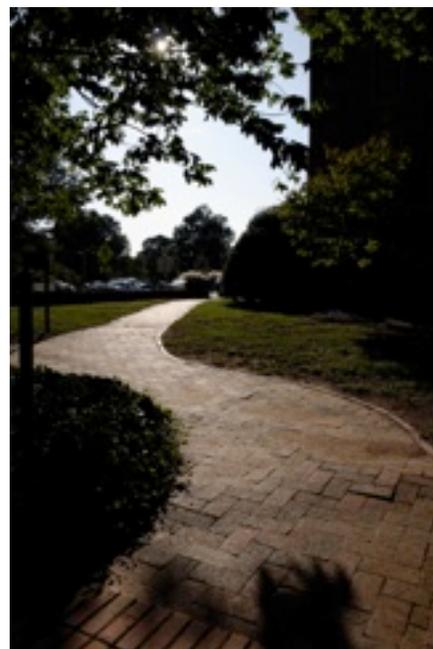
All of us will be asked to make our own giving decisions and to do so prayerfully, thoughtfully and cheerfully. These kinds of decisions are best made over a period of time rather than instantly at one time. So, how to proceed? The following is a guide to making your or your family's giving decision.

**PRAY:** Seek God's leadership in determining the specific amount God would have you give. Pray individually and with family, or a close friend.

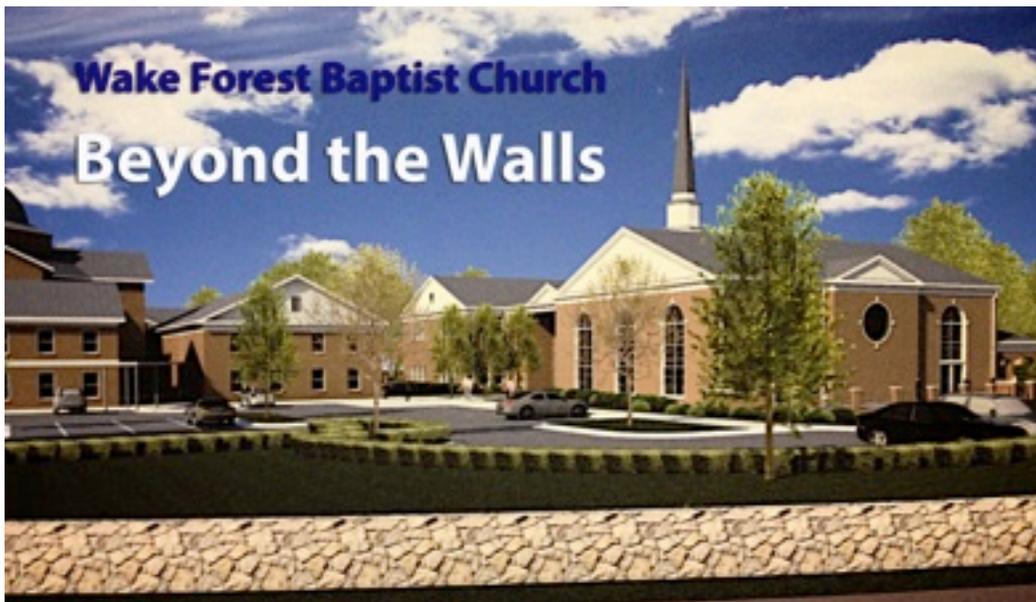
**DISCUSS:** With family or a friend, talk about your prayer experiences regarding your gift. How much is God leading you to give? How can you give that amount?

**PRIORITIZE:** Evaluate all the ways you invest your financial resources. What priority should your church and its ministry have at this time? How does your gift represent sacrifice for you and your family?

**COMMIT:** Trust God to sustain you in your giving decision, just as you trusted God to lead you in making this decision. Give the gift amount that has meaning and value for you.



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