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And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8





#### Dear Church Family,

I have important news for you all. We are at a defining moment in the life of Crestview. God has presented us with an unparalleled opportunity to grow and expand the ministry of the gospel through this ALL IN campaign. From my heart to yours, I am firmly convinced this is the will of God to step out and raise money to build this ministry. I firmly believe that this is a faith test of the church. God has been moving among our leaders helping us become more in tune to His will and His desire. Hearts are being touched and lives are already being changed. This is not about our comfort, our wants, our desires - this is about following the direction and will of God's Holy Spirit. This is about God's agenda.

Search your hearts - seek His will and His heart right now. How can we reach this growing community with the gospel if we have nowhere to put them? How can we disciple them if we have no more space in which to teach them? There are 58,000 folks in Haywood County. God has given us this valley and surrounding area to reach with the gospel. This is our "Jerusalem." But we have no more space to disciple the future believers. Church, this is the defining moment for Crestview. Please seek God in prayer for His will right now more than ever. Are you willing to step out in obedience and do it? Are you ALL IN?

These next 6 Sundays are vital. I will be preaching the mini-series on "Growing the Kingdom" following Pastor Ned's great kick-off message on "Grounded in Gratitude." Sunday April 10th I preached a message on "Revealed in Prayer." As we seek God, we are seeking His specific direction for our personal service to Him, and for His will to be revealed and accomplished in the expansion of the ministry of Crestview. April 17th, I will preach on "Generosity and Our Mission." I will be preaching April 24th on "Lived in Faith", and on May 1st a message on "Sacrificial Giving." On May the 8th we will be making our 3 year commitments to the Lord in worship. Then on May 22nd, we will bring our offerings to the Lord on **Miracle Sunday**.

Let's talk about that: *Miracle Sunday.* For those who have the desire and ability, I would like to challenge you to bring your entire 3 year pledge on that Sunday morning, May 22nd. That is what I personally desire to do in my giving on *Miracle Sunday.* For many of you, that will be the first-fruit offering to the Lord of the 3 year commitment. That Sunday, May the 22nd will indeed be a MIRACLE when God moves and reveals His Hand among us! Church - Our God is alive and well! Don't listen to Satan who is trying to run his mouth with discouragement and lies! He is a liar and the father of all lies. Listen to the Father who is God - and Who loves you and has an incredible thing in store for your life! Trust God. Pray - seek God - prepare to participate and come and see what God is about to do!

My prayer is that God will show us that when we give, we are trusting Him with our lives, this ministry, the mission of this church, and for all that He wants to accomplish through the gospel in this community going forward. I want to remind you that our theme verse from 2 Corinthians 9:8 is "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

God is able and has promised an abundance for every good work! Let's believe it and do our part!

Love and grace to you all!

Pastor Dan





# Godly Heritage

In April of 1962 forty-three people gathered to form a mission church in the Bethel valley along the

Pigeon River. Meeting in a cleaned up garage warmed by a wood stove heater, they excitedly sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and listened to a sermon from Matthew 16:18 "Upon this rock, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" by Rev. Wayne Sorrells, Director of Missions of the Haywood Baptist Association and founding pastor. Soon there were souls being saved. Men, women, and children were baptized, attending Sunday School to learn God's word, and growing in faith and service.

Volunteers came from local churches to teach, disciple, play piano, and help lead and organize the new mission. Soon they outgrew their first meeting place. Through God's provision and their faithfulness they purchased 5 acres. They built their first building on our current land and it is our current fellowship hall. Crestview Mission officially organized as a Baptist Church on September 25, 1965 with 87 charter members. Twenty years later the Lord provided and guided them to expand and build the current Sanctuary and they held their first meeting in it in December of 1986.

Growing and changing ministries has brought about expansion and renovations, playground, garage, classrooms, and the purchase of acreage in the back for expansion and ministry. God has provided fill dirt to level the land and prepare the foundation for new growth and ministry for all ages.









# So Much More We Could Do

With this ALL IN Campaign, we can expand the ministry of the gospel to this community and the Kingdom of God. We

will reach more families, adults, and children in exciting ways through ministry. Your future gifts will change lives for Christ forever.

### What Can 1 Do?

**PRAY:** First, PRAY for Crestview and for your own spiritual growth. Through prayer we can each deepen our faith and connection as a community.

**COMMIT:** Second, consider what you will COMMIT to give above your normal giving. This is an opportunity to make an investment in the future of the gospel ministry with a commitment over three years to this ALL IN Campaign. Challenge yourself to expand your current commitment, not only with your prayers, presence, service, and witness, but with your gift as well. Commitment Sunday is May 8, 2016.

**GIVE:** Third, consider a bold GIFT on Miracle Sunday, May 22, 2016. Those who are able and desire to do so are challenged to give their full ALL IN Commitment on that day. Others are asked to give their First Fruit Offering - the first of their 3 year commitment gifts.

## Not An Equal Share But An Equal Sacrifice

Who is being called? Every adult, teenager and child are encouraged to take part in this opportunity to advance Christ's Kingdom and specifically our mission of making disciples. All of us, from long time members to those who have recently joined, are called to be victorious in reaching God's will in faith and obedience.

What do we mean by sacrificial giving? Much is written in the Bible about giving. Jesus speaks in Luke 21 about sacrifice. He says the widow who gave the smallest gift made the largest sacrifice. We believe in the concept of sacrificial giving instead of equal giving. The sacrifice should be equal, not the gift. There is a role in this capital campaign for everyone in the church family.

**Everyone's sacrifice is vital if we are to be successful.** Your financial involvement is a decision between you and God. Giving is a part of worship, but giving must come from your heart in order to please God. You will never be pressured or told what you should give. We ask you to pray for God to show you His will: "Lord, what do You wan to do through me?"



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Our congregation offers 100's of opportunities to give and receive ministr

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him. bears much fruit; for apart from me can do you nothing."

Here are some of the ministries: **Interest Studies Jail Ministry Transitional Ministry Mission Groups Food Ministry CARE Ministry Baptist Women Yard Cleaning Ramp Building Heating Wood** Caregiving **Bus Ministry** Band **CD Ministry** Senior Lunches

**Children's Choir Fitness Nursing Home** Visitation **Middle School High School** College Parenting **Block Party** Meals **Calls & Cards Prayz Choir Prayer Ministry Drama Ministry** Movies

John 15:5





- 800 square foot kitchen space
- Additional ministry workspace for all ages
- 8900 square footage worship space
- Covered drive-up entryway and walkways
- A prayer garden & age appropriate playgrounds & recreation space
- All handicap accessible

## How Much Should 1 Give

Only you and God can make that decision. As each individual or family makes this important decision we ask that you ask yourself the three following questions as you seek the Lord's guidance.

1. Has prayer been the most important factor in your decision?

Please pray about your gift. If your decision is a result of earnest prayer as you ask the Lord for guidance, then you can be sure the amount is right. If you feel led, then you can know that He will provide resources.

2. Is there an element of faith in your decision?

Is it an amount that you must trust the Lord to provide? If ALL IN is to have an affect on us spiritually, we must be willing to trust the Lord for what only He can provide.

3. Is it sacrificial?

"Not equal gift...but equal sacrifice" is important to remember in making this decision. Commitments are to be pledged over a three year period, over and above regular tithes and offerings. Clearly, goals such as these demand sacrifice by all of us. They cannot be reached by a few, but rather will require participation of our entire church family.

Please remember that gifts may come from many different sources. Consider one time gifts other than monthly or yearly income including gifts of stock, property/real estate, an inheritance, or tax refund. Simple items are often easily overlooked. Think about the liquidation of a car owned by a family member who no longer drives or the value of estate jewelry and family trusts. Each of these gifts may be used to glorify God while honoring the donor.

### 1 Want To, But How?

Consider options such as: disconnect phones not being used, decrease days of trips, forego manicures, give up coffee, sodas and movies out, turn off satellite or cable, put off new purchases or make temporary cuts to your living expenses for a season to see how God will bless you!

"Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with their whole heart." I Chronicles 29:9



MY GIVING POTENTIAL
Typical Contributions you can make
over a 3 year period

Monthly	Annually	3 Yr Total
\$26.00	\$312.00	\$936.00
\$43.33	\$520.00	\$1,560.00
\$65.00	\$780.00	\$2,340.00
\$86.67	\$1,040.00	\$3,120.00
\$108.33	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
\$130.00	\$1,560.00	\$4,680.00
\$173.33	\$2,080.00	\$6,240.00
\$216.67	\$2,600.00	\$7,800.00
\$260.00	\$3,120.00	\$9,360.00
\$325.00	\$3,900.00	\$11,700.00
\$346.67	\$4,160.00	\$12,480.00
\$433.33	\$5,200.00	\$15,600.00
\$541.67	\$6,500.00	\$19,500.00
\$650.00	\$7,800.00	\$23,400.00
\$758.33	\$9,100.00	\$27,300.00
\$866.67	\$10,400.00	\$31,200.00
\$1,083.33	\$13,000.00	\$39,000.00
\$1,300.00	\$15,600.00	\$46,800.00
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passed away; behold the new has come. " 20 22 Cor. 5:17 ESV

"Therefore if anyone is

in Christ, he is a new

creation. The old has

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# Crestview Baptist Church Hallelujah Goal: \$1 Million!



# **Upcoming Events**

- April 18-19 Advance Commitment Gatherings -RSVP to Church Office
- May 1 Celebration Sunday
- May 7 Prayer & Breakfast 7:30 am
- May 8 Commitment Sunday
- May 22 Miracle Sunday (First Fruit Offerings)





May 23, 2016-May 30, 2019 Extended ALL IN Giving

#### Dear Friends,

We have an opportunity to make a difference in this valley, expanding our ministry here at Crestview Baptist and reaching thousands of our neighbors with the gospel. Lori and I are excited to be a part of the "ALL IN" campaign! I also thank those before us who have been so instrumental in the growth of this church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

As we approach commitment Sunday, I would ask you to pray about what God would want YOU to do. I do believe that the hope of the world is the local church. We have a great opportunity before us and we are so richly blessed. Lori and I have found that "giving" has cultivated our faith and has helped us to grow spiritually. I am grateful to be a part of this great effort for our Savior.

I urge you to join me in committing wholeheartedly to this wonderful endeavor to expand God's Kingdom.

In His Service,

#### Michael Weaver

Campaign Chairperson



# God is Already at Work

Several months ago God blessed our church with a gift of over 34,000 tons of fill dirt valued at \$225,000 dollars. This was compacted, made ready to build upon and certified by an engineer. This unexpected blessing allows us to expand the ministry at Crestview. We are so grateful for the opportunity this presents to our church and to our community. God has certainly been the provider in this great blessing. He will provide again and again when we boldly step out in faith!

### **ALL IN Leadership Team**

- Pastor: Daniel Page
- Campaign Chair: Michael Weaver
- Campaign Coordinator: Shirley Belue
- Prayer Coordinator: Lisa Stiles
- Gratitude & Ministry: Ned Webb
- Advance Commitment Meetings: Steve Brooks, Steve Thompson
- Celebration: Waynette Bourke
- Connection: Ken Holland
- Youth & Children: Jarred & Amanda Rathbone
- Communications: Myra Steadman, Alecia Jones
- Consultant: Nathan Ealy, Horizons

"Now this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)



# Crestview Church

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