



ELDORADO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



**MORE THAN
A BUILDING**

1 PETER 2:5





**Pastor
Randy
Plunkett**

FROM OUR PASTOR

It is exciting to see the work begin on our new building. It is faith building to see how God continues to answer our prayers. It is a blessing to think upon where this project has the potential to take us as a church.

This building will give us 7200 sq. feet of NEW space which will include five classrooms, a nursery, a kitchen, restrooms, a multi-purpose room, and more storage. And that is just the first floor! We will also have another 4000 sq. feet for student ministry and storage on the second floor. That is 11,000 sq. feet of new space for serving one another and our community. The opportunities are almost endless!

Over the next several weeks, we will join together on a spiritual journey towards the vision God has given us to accomplish. We will emphasize the WORD of God, the CALL of God, the AWE of God, and the RESPONSE of God's people. Through prayer, consideration of God's Word, involvement, and commitment, I am confident we can accomplish our goal financially. Some can do much. Some can do less. All is important, and all can do something as God both leads and enables. God has promised to bless us as we trust Him with our obedience. He is, after all, able to do more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 4:20).

Please join my family as we pray that God will lead us, and that with His help, together we will build "More Than a Building"!

OUR HISTORY

From a very meager beginning known as Wolf Creek United Baptist Church, our church was organized October 30, 1850.

It was organized by Elder Thomas M. Vance, Timothy Hamilton, and Adam Vinson. They immediately adopted the New Hampshire Declaration of Faith and at the earliest opportunity joined Franklin Baptist Association.

Elder Vance became its first pastor, and they met in the Wolf Creek meeting house.

In 1858, Eldorado was platted as a town, and in December 1862 the church decided to move to town.

A building was built on the NE corner of Walnut Street and was then called First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

The building burned about 1882.

In 1886 the second building was erected.

Once again fire consumed the building in 1898.



The third building was erected on the present location. It served the people with continual remodeling and additions.

In 1942, fire struck for the third time, leaving the wooden structure in ashes and members with a driving desire to, once again, raise a building for the glory of God.

In February 1948, a building consisting of what used to exist on our current building site was erected, and in November of 1968, our present auditorium and former educational space was added and dedicated. The current fellowship hall and educational space was built in 1995 in conjunction with the Together We Build campaign.

By the end of 2016, portions of the older building and education space were removed, leaving a need for more space to grow and serve the community.

First Baptist is a parent to two mission churches: College Heights Baptist and Scott Street Baptist, both of Eldorado.



OUR TEAM

We express our gratitude for the leadership of our *More Than A Building* Capital Campaign Team. Those who serve on this team are (L-R): **Tom Clore, Jennifer Durham, Jason Farmer, Seth Gipson, and Betsy Oldham.**



OUR VERSE

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

— 1 Peter 2:5

OUR PRAYER

"Lord, what are you calling me to do?"

OUR NEED

Through the years, God has shone his great grace upon our Eldorado First Baptist Church family. Throughout our church history, we have been able to build or remodel to meet the growing needs of the current culture and community. Our current pressing need comes in the way of construction of new educational, general community, and ministry space to replace the essential space that we lost when it unfortunately became necessary to remove older portions of the building. With this need comes an incredible opportunity to rise as a body of believers in both faith and action. Our vision is to provide next generation space for our students' and children's ministries, and a large multipurpose space useful in cultivating community among our Eldorado First Baptist Church family as well as the community of Eldorado.



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Q&A

What should I give?

You should give as the Lord calls on you to give. It is important that the entire church family commits together in order to meet our financial need. We are many members of one body, serving Him together.

What if I do not know how much I can afford?

How much you commit should be a serious matter of prayer. Ask, "Lord, how would you have me sacrifice so that we can be one family on one mission?" Then follow His steps. Make a commitment that you believe is of the Lord and will cause you to stretch your faith.

When will I make my commitment?

We will make our commitments during the morning worship on Sunday, November 13.

When do we start giving?

The first day of giving is Sunday, December 4, 2022. Although you may give prior to that date, this will begin the 3 years of giving.

When will we know how much has been committed?

On First Fruits Sunday, December 4, the total commitments to date will be announced.

Can we give other than cash contributions?

Yes. You can arrange through the church office to contribute real property such as jewelry, real estate, automobiles, etc. You can also donate stocks and bonds or another like-cash property. The church can also receive assets through wills and trusts or other similar devices.

OUR RESPONSE

Each family or individual is being asked to pray and be prepared to complete a commitment card in the worship service on Sunday, November 13. Cards will be distributed during the service, and then we will complete the cards and bring them to the altar.

These commitment cards are simply a statement of your intention to give the amount God leads you over the next 3 years. They may be changed at any time. Your commitment will be treated with the same confidentiality as all your contributions to the church. Our Campaign Team will announce the total number of cards and how many total dollars have been committed on Sunday, December 4. Please continue to pray the following prayer: "Lord, what are you calling me to do?"

Be prepared to respond on Sunday, November 13, 2022.



Commitment Card

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

After prayerful consideration, I/we have decided to make a financial commitment and join the **More Than A Building Campaign**. As God allows, I/we will commit the following resources to the campaign:

☐ My/our commitment to give to the **More Than A Building Campaign** is to give \$ _____ per week for three years.

☐ My/our commitment to give to the **More Than A Building Campaign** is to give \$ _____ per month for three years.

☐ My/our commitment to give to the **More Than A Building Campaign** is as follows:

GIFTS IN KIND

There are many options of giving through a campaign. Please talk with a qualified professional (attorney, certified public accountant, estate planner) about which ways may be best for you. When you pray about your gift, the Lord will bless you and multiply your gift to the campaign. You may find that you are able to give far more to this campaign if you look at sources outside your regular income.

Gifts of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Real Property, and Tangible Personal Property

These can be given directly to the church for resale or they can go through their broker. You will be credited for making a nontaxable gift equal to the full current market value of the gift. At the same time, you will avoid most, if not all, of the taxes on the appreciated amount, even though the gift may have increased in value since it first came into your possession.

Cash Gifts

This is the most common form of giving.

Gifts of Property and Assets at Bargain Prices

You may not be able to give a property or an asset in its entirety, but you may be able to give a portion of a property or an asset. In this case, you may want to consider selling a property or an asset to the church at a bargain price. You will be credited with a nontaxable gift equal to the difference between the bargain price and the current market value. At the same time, you will avoid most, if not all, of the taxes on the appreciated amount, even though the gift may have increased in value since it came into your possession. The church can then sell the property or asset at the current market value.

Charitable Trusts

Various types of trusts may be established to pay you (or those you designate) an income for a term period or until your death (or the death of those you designate). Afterward, the amount you have designated as a gift to the church will become the property of the church.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You may name your church as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy that you feel is no longer needed for the protection of your family. This kind of gift offers some meaningful tax advantages.

Bequests

While you may give to the church while living, you may also want to designate a portion of your estate to the church in your will. This way of giving may enable you to give far more generously than you would otherwise be able to do while living.

Gifts Through Your Corporation

Some people can give more when they give either in part, or entirely, through their corporation, rather than from their personal income.

Your Tax Advantage

When you make a gift to the church and you itemize your deductions, you will not have to pay income tax on the amount of your gift. This means, for example, that if your gift is \$10,000 and you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you will save \$2,800 in income tax for the year. This being the case, you might want to consider giving your tax saving of \$2,800 along with your gift of \$10,000.

SAVE THESE DATES | 2022

Sunday, October 2
Prayer Event Sunday

Sunday, October 23
The Word of God

Sunday, October 30
The Call of God

Sunday, November 6
The Awe of God
5:00 pm – “More Than A Building”
Dinner & Worship

Sunday, November 13
The Response of God’s People

Sunday, December 4
First Fruits Sunday



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