



ELDORADO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**MORE THAN
A BUILDING**
1 PETER 2:5

THE WORD

SAVE THESE DATES

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

The Word of God

Clearly the Living Word, Jesus, was the very center of all of creation. How, then, can we live our lives without making the Word central to everything we do? “Without Him not anything was made” (John 1:2). As leaders of the church, we cannot expect God to bless anything we do unless first we make the Word our foundation. This is why THE WORD OF GOD is the first of four focal points of this campaign. It is the foundation of every element, task, and outcome of the campaign process. Throughout the campaign, Scripture will be used to reveal who God is and how much He longs to be personally involved with every believer. The Word is “living and active” according to Hebrews 4:12. It is not just a record of the past. It was not written just for those who were alive at the time the Scripture was recorded. In fact, it speaks as much to us today as it did to those of the past. If we read it and follow its precepts, it will always draw us closer to Him. The Psalmist refers to the Word as right and true (33:4). It will never misguide us. As it speaks to our minds and hearts, we can be assured that this is God’s message for us.



Whether it is from fellowship, missions, or ministry, God promises that His Word will not return void.

“More Than A Building” Bible Study Lesson

Our church will share a special lesson in our Youth and Adult Sunday School classes on Sunday morning, October 30. This lesson on “The Call of God” is specifically designed to help us understand that God places a call on each of our lives. For some it is a call to Christian ministry, and to others it is a call to a secular vocation. In either case, God sends us forth to be His messenger to the community in which we live.

Make Your Plans

Sunday, November 6, we will gather at the College Heights Baptist Church for our *More Than A Building* Campaign Worship Event. Dinner will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by a great time of worship. This will be a unique opportunity for all of us to gather and worship in the same place at the same time. Members of our Celebration Team are calling all of our families for their reservations. Childcare will be provided at the College Heights Church for Birth through Kindergarten.

Our Need

Our pressing need is for new educational, general community, and ministry space to replace the essential space that we lost when we removed older portions of the building. 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.

Our Cost

We have cost estimates of \$850,000, although we will not know the actual cost until closer to construction. With currently over \$300,000 on hand, that leaves an estimated need of \$550,000 to still be funded.

Our Project

Our multi-purpose addition will create a perfect space for hosting meals, fellowships, events, and community outreach. The upstairs will host the next generation space with a large meeting area for our student ministry. The children's space will include five classrooms and nursery with shared restrooms. Adjacent to the multipurpose space will be large men's and women's restrooms, kitchen, and storage space.

Our Goal

Working together to follow the call of God on our individual lives will maximize the amount we raise. Our goal is to raise as many dollars as possible to reduce the amount we will have to borrow to complete the project.

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 the Lord, "What are you calling me to do?" Make a commitment that you believe is of the Lord and will cause you to stretch your faith.

When will I make my commitment?

As a part of worship on Sunday morning, November 13, each family or individual will be asked to complete their commitment card and bring it to the altar as a gift unto the Lord.

When do we start giving?

The first day of giving is First Fruits Sunday, Dec.4. Although you may give prior to that date, this will begin the three years of giving.



The WORD In Our Lives

In life, we often face important milestones that give us purpose and a time to reflect on what God has done for us. Sometimes these milestones are clear. Other times, we depend on the Lord to lead us. The "More Than a Building" campaign really has both characteristics. It is clear to us that God has placed our church in the community around us to minister to members of our community. In coming weeks, we will all be asked to make a commitment to the vision of community ministry and other things God would have for us. The process began with a specific focus in our small groups involving prayer and study. Today, our focus turns to the Word of God as our pastor begins a series of Sunday messages focusing on the core values of our campaign. Finally, a Response Sunday will give you an opportunity to express your part in our vision. Please pray about what God would have you do so we can fulfill our mission. We need you!

— Tom Clore

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?"



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