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"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." EPH. 3:20-21

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank you, church, for your faithfulness and prayerful support of the Lord's plans for Meadow Brook. God is faithful. He has provided repeatedly, and I know He will continue to do so. What a privilege for God to use each of us to carry out His mission here. My prayer for our Growing Together emphasis is that we may participate in joyful and sacrificial giving and serving that brings

glory to God and leads others to faith in Christ. Would you join me in that prayer?

This November marks 30 years that Meadow Brook Baptist has met on this hillside. For three decades, the Lord Jesus Christ has called, equipped, and used his people here to advance the gospel through this local church. Let's celebrate the Lord's work and anticipate His church's growth!

Your Pastor,
Chris Jones



GROWING TOGETHER BANQUET

*You Are Invited to the Meadow Brook Baptist Church
Growing Together Banquet
Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
at Our Lady of the Valley Banquet Hall*

The Growing Together Banquet is less than two weeks away. All church members are invited to attend this special night of worship and fellowship. Growing Together hosts will be calling you to confirm your reservations, but why wait? If you haven't received a call by this Friday, please contact the church office to secure your reservation. There is no charge for the banquet. There will be no offering. The purpose of the banquet is for information and inspiration as we step forward in faith to the next chapter of Meadow Brook Baptist Church. We believe that this will be one of the most important events in the life of our church. You will be glad you attended.

Please remember a special Children's Party will take place at Meadow Brook for babies-5th grades, with drop off beginning at 4:45 p.m. Middle and High School students are welcome and encouraged to attend the banquet.

**** If you would like transportation from Meadow Brook to the banquet please call the church office (991-8384) in advance to make arrangements.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Celebration Sunday
November 5

Church-wide Banquet at Our Lady of the Valley Banquet Hall
Sunday evening November 5, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Sunday
November 12

Victory Sunday
November 19

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Marlin and Karen Bennetch joined Meadow Brook Baptist on March 10, 1998. Their daughter, Brittany grew up at Meadow Brook, was married in the church, and now attends with her husband, Jake.

Q: What made you want to stay at Meadow Brook?

A: Karen: "Sunday School! Getting involved in a Sunday School class, getting involved in a small group is so important because that's where you meet your closest friends. They give you Christian support and they love you and are there for you. Our closest friends are our church friends that we met in Sunday School."

Q: Why do you believe we need to grow?

A: Marlin: "We don't want anyone to feel like there's not room to get involved. This church has a lot of financial and material blessings, and it's very easy to be comfortable. I think it's time to step out of the box. With better facilities we can attract people from the community and have more people plugged in and get more involved throughout the church. Right now, we literally have some Sunday School classes that can't fit another chair in them."

GROWING TOGETHER CAMPAIGN GOALS

Victory Goal

\$1.5 Million

Challenge Goal

\$2 Million

Hallelujah Goal

\$2.5 Million

WHAT CAN I DO?

You will receive a commitment card in the next few weeks (front and back are below). Please pray for the Growing Together capital campaign and your family's involvement. Each member should ask the Lord, "How much can I give?". Our theme is **"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"**. Talk with your family about ways you can sacrifice for the Lord. One suggestion is to consider as a family doing without something this next year in order to support the Growing Together capital campaign.

A privacy envelope will be included with your commitment card, and your commitment will be kept confidential. Only the church's financial coordinator, who is not a member of Meadow Brook Baptist Church will see the amounts.

Meadow Brook Baptist Church wants to be the church God has called us to be and to reach the lost in our community with the gospel. You play an important role in the future of this church.

- Please return your completed commitment card by **Harvest Sunday, November 12.**
- You may bring your cards (sealed in the enclosed envelope) to the church and place in the designated box, offering plate or church office. It may also be mailed. Your commitment is confidential and will only be handled by our financial coordinator (who is not a member of Meadow Brook Baptist Church).

GOT QUESTIONS?

Q1. What is the goal of the Growing Together capital campaign?

- A. We have set three goals for our Growing Together capital campaign.
- Victory Goal is \$1,500,000
 - Challenge Goal is \$2,000,000
 - Hallelujah Goal \$2,500,000

Q2. How will the funds raised by the Growing Together capital campaign be used?

- A. The funds from our campaign will be used to build a new Fellowship Hall/Adult Classroom Space with a new Full-Service Kitchen. We will also remodel the existing Fellowship Hall to create a Designated Children's Area and a dedicated space for Young Adult Classes.

Q3. How can I participate in the Growing Together capital campaign?

- A. Most importantly, you can pray for our church, church staff, building committee, and the individuals who are planning our project and who will provide the labor. You can also participate financially by completing a commitment card. We encourage you to spend much time in prayer as you consider your commitment and that you discuss it with your family. A commitment card will be mailed to your home where you may complete it in private.

Q4. Will my commitment be made public?

- A. No, the commitment process will be completely confidential. Only the church's financial coordinator, who is not a member of MBBC, will see the commitment amounts.

Q5. When do I begin to give and how do I keep the giving separate from my regular tithes and offerings?

- A. You can begin giving towards the Growing Together capital campaign November 19. Weekly giving is appreciated but other increments whether monthly, one-time, or annually are also appreciated.

Q6. If my circumstances change, am I able to alter my commitment?

- A. Yes. Life is full of changes. We realize unforeseen events may require the need to reconsider commitments sometime in the future. If circumstances require you to change your commitment, it is understandable. If this occurs, please contact the church financial coordinator. As in the original commitment, this information is confidential.

Q7. What if I have other questions?

- A. Please feel free to speak to a member of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee or its Co-Directors, David Brown and Kay Wise, if you have any questions.





Be sure to check out our private Facebook page to learn the latest developments regarding the Growing Together campaign. Search for **Growing Together at Meadow Brook Baptist Church**.

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Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice.

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