

“Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass” Exodus 35:5

Building Fund Drive 2015 - 2016



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Praise the Lord Saints,

Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus, Today I am extending to you a personal invitation to participate with your Pastor and other leaders in our congregation in an extremely important phase of our building project. This is a time where we all can truly be a blessing. In 1 Chronicles Chapter 29, King David provided us a vivid example, when he invited all the nations of Israel to join with him in seeking God's direction in terms of their involvement in the construction of the temple.

Once again I am asking the entire congregation to go before the Lord and seek his direction in terms of your personal involvement in this momentous project. I believe God can do a better job in convicting our hearts than any other person. In the world's economy, financial and physical risks often end in failure. But in God's economy spiritual risks always end with rewards. Jesus promised in his word that if we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you **Matthew 6:33**. As we give our time, talents, gifts, and finances I promise you God will reward us. **Habakkuk 2:3** says "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it because it will surely come, it will not tarry", God Bless you.

Your Servant in Christ,

Bishop Darnell Easton

WHOSOEVER IS OF A WILLING HEART

God told Moses to accept an offering from the people Israel who had a willing heart to give and work towards the building of the Tabernacle. The Building Fund Drive is asking of the same intentions, seeking those who are of a willing heart to give of their money and time to see this project through its completion. “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, **so let him give**; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful **giver**.”

It is the intention, throughout this drive, that everyone be cheerful about what they are giving.

In Exodus 36:1 -7, using “whosoever is of a willing heart”, as instructed by God, the people brought so much that Moses had to instruct them to stop giving! We believe that we will be able to reach our goal because of those of you “whosoever is of a willing heart”.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PENURY

In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus noticed the rich and the poor widowed woman giving their offering to the treasury. Jesus noticed that the rich were giving large amounts, and that the poor widowed woman only gave 2 mites. Jesus said that the woman’s offering was worth more than all, because even though they both were giving unto God, she was giving of all she had or of her penury, or from being poor.

Some of us will give more than others, some of us will give and it won’t hurt us. Some of us will give out of sacrifice. Whatever is given, is greatly appreciated, and the smallest amount is as important as the largest gift given.

ONE FOCUS, ONE GOAL

- In order to reach our fund raising goal, it will require the efforts of the entire church, from the Children’s Church age to the senior-most members.
- Each auxiliary is being asked to participate and work extensively towards reaching our fund raising goal.
- Each auxiliary is being asked to make plans to support the Building Fund Drive wholeheartedly, and reduce their annual budgets in an effort to help us reach our goals. We are asking that you continue your fund raising projects, but let them be to progress the Building Fund Drive, and not your auxiliary for the next 2 years

TALENTED MEN AND WOMEN PLACED WITHIN THE BODY

And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; and to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.” Exodus 34:30 -35

God has blessed Bethel with talented men and women who are capable of contributing to the physical work of the new sanctuary. We are asking you to volunteer, and respond to the call when it is put forth.

730 DAYS OF PRAYER

“And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”
2 Corinthians 7:12 – 14

After Solomon completed the building of the Temple, he asked God’s continual blessing and dwelling with them. We cannot complete, not only this building fund drive, but even the building of this project without prayer being made before God continually for our victory over the enemy, and delivering our goals into our hands. We are asking the saints to sign up to pray for several days 730 days, from January 2015 until January 2017, during the course of this building fund drive and the building of the project. Everyone is encouraged to pray for this everyday, and this will ensure that we have at least one person assigned to pray.

2014 – 2016 FUND RAISING PROPOSALS

- *FAMILY DAY*
- *FRUIT DRIVE*
- *SHOE SIZE DRIVE*
- *WOMEN'S DRESS / MEN'S SUIT OR SHIRT SIZE*
- *MEMORIAL PEW w/PLAQUE*
- *BUILDING FUND SUNDAY*
- *INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES*
- *KITCHEN SALES*
- *LICENSE PLATE FRAMES*
- *CONCERTS WITH MAJOR GOSPEL RECORDING ARTISTS*
- *TEE SHIRTS*
- *CHANGE JUG*
- *RETAIL GIFT CARDS AND PURCHASE GIVE-BACKS*
- *YOUR FUNDRAISING IDEAS!*

If you have fund raising ideas or would like to work on the Fund Raising Committee, we are asking you to submit your ideas to one of the below individuals:

Deacon Marvin Coates

Sister Deborah Dorsey

Sister Agnes Jefferson

Minister Troy Chew

Elder O'Brien Echols

KITCHEN SALES

Our Pastor has asked that our kitchen be used each Sunday, as a means to contribute to our Building Fund Drive. We are asking each auxiliary, either individually or with another auxiliary, sponsor the kitchen on Sunday afternoon. Please get with Sis. Sarah Gross to schedule your Sunday. Monies raised from our kitchen sales with help put us that much closer to our goal.

As an additional means to giving, we are asking that you patronize our kitchen as much as possible. Invite your friends and neighbors to support our Building Fund Drive by stopping by and purchasing or ordering a meal.

PLEDGES

The largest portion of our Building Fund Drive will be derived from the pledges that will come from the members of Bethel and beyond. We are asking each member to be prayerful to God, asking him to guide you to an amount that you can pledge to donate to the building fund. Seek him honestly and earnestly, from your willingness to bless this house of God, and he will direct your paths. There will be a time set apart at the beginning of our drive for you to present your pledge to Bethel.

BUILDING FUND SUNDAY

Established by Bishop Allen Easton some years ago, we are returning to the 4th Sunday of each month being designated as Building Fund Sunday. We are asking you to put something in the envelope for our Building Fund. No matter how small or large the amount, however much you purpose in your heart. You will be surprise how “little becomes much” when it’s placed in God’s hand.

ANTICIPATE THE CELEBRATION!

In Exodus 40:32 – 38, Moses finished the work of building the Tabernacle by hanging the door of the gate, and the Bible says that afterward a cloud of glory appeared, and was so heavy that Moses could not go in, because the glory of the Lord filled the Temple.

Through our hard work, the giving of our financial gifts, the giving of our talents, our continual prayer, and our willingness to work together alongside our brothers and sisters, resisting every work of Satan, we want the presence of the Lord to fill the new edifice, and dwell there with us. Anticipate the celebration, after we see the physical manifestation of our 2 years of labor! One sister has already said, “I am bringing 2 pairs of shoes because I am going to dance my first pair to pieces”.