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Dear Members, Regular Attenders, and Friends of First Baptist Church of Minneapolis,

Welcome!

Join us as we prepare our hearts and our building for another 150 years of ministry in downtown Minneapolis. **Restoration & Renovation** is the theme for this campaign. It is a call to bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. God is restoring and uniting our hearts as we grow in dependence upon him. The renovation of our building, for the sake of greater outreach and ministry, is a natural expression of this restoration.

Today is the official capital campaign kickoff. We dedicate this project to the Lord for His guidance and blessing. Enclosed is detailed information about the campaign: the purpose of the campaign, the goals of the campaign, and how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity.

This is an amazing time at First Baptist Church. Never before have we seen such unprecedented growth in the number of people who are living downtown. Never before have we seen so much unrest, confusion, and loneliness within our world. Clearly God has given us an opportunity at this time.

If we only look at this campaign from a building restoration standpoint, we miss the blessing that God has for us. Our physical structure needs help, but the restoration will need to start first with our own hearts as we submit them to the Lord. While the campaign will start within the church, our prayer is that future events will introduce many to First Baptist, and most importantly, to Jesus Christ.

The first step in this process is a commitment to prayer. Today begins a five-week call to prayer for the campaign. Please pray every day for this campaign. Pray that God would be glorified throughout this process. Without the blessing, guidance, and generosity of our Lord, we will not succeed.

As you review these materials, please feel free to talk to one of the committee members if you have any questions or concerns. Pledge cards will be distributed on Sunday, July 24th. We praise God for your partnership with us.

In Christ,

First Baptist Capital Campaign Committee

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