



*"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD."  
~1 Chronicles 29:9 (NIV)*

July 21, 2005

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

In 1 Chronicles 29, we find the account of the gift of King David's resources and treasures to the building of the temple and the giving by the leadership and people of his kingdom in response. Both David and the people rejoiced at the work the Lord had done because they knew that their giving was not from their own hands, but from the blessings poured out on them from the Lord. They gave "freely and wholeheartedly" (v. 9) because they were investing in something that was "not for man, but for the Lord God" (v. 1).

**Renovation & Restoration** (our 2005-2008 capital campaign) is a similar type of investment in the ministry of the Lord. In early June we started our campaign with a call to prayer. Our capital campaign will allow us the opportunity to renovate and restore our facility so that we can continue in ministry where Jesus is truly Lord in thought, word, and deed. Please join us in prayer, opening our hearts to God's leading for this church body, and specifically His leading in giving back to Him what He has already given us.

Enclosed with this letter are a commitment card and a commitment guide. We will also be circulating a wonderful book by Randy Alcorn titled "The Treasure Principle". Several copies of the book will be available in the church library and the leadership of the church will be distributing copies of the book as well. Use these tools, bathed in prayer, to seek the Lord's leading in what your pledge to the campaign should be. Please also remember that your pledge should represent giving above and beyond ministries that you are already supporting.

Your commitment card needs to be returned to the church office by Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Regular giving to the campaign should begin as of Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your participation in the capital campaign, please feel free to contact any of the capital campaign committee members listed below. Thank you for joining with us in this endeavor.

In Christ,

First Baptist Capital Campaign Committee

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