

**Dear First Family,**

Our Basecamp Commitment Banquet will be this Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We hope all our church family will join us for the “family meal” and commitment time. We have developed a commitment card that will be distributed Sunday and the following weeks during our season of commitment. We hope God will use the card in your life to stir your heart and move your spirit toward making a tangible commitment to the Lord of what you plan to give to the ministries of our church the Lord willing.

Below is a sample of the card. Let me explain it to you.

You will note our **Primary Goal: 100% Engagement.** We hope and pray that every member of our family of all generations and stories will make a commitment, no matter how big or small, to this work God has placed before us.

The **Secondary Goal: \$4 Million/3 years.** The financial goal we strive together to meet will be about \$4 million which will fund the construction and equipment of the Basecamp, the renovation of space currently used by our preschoolers and children for other purposes, architectural fees, as well as parking lot expansion. The overall cost we anticipate will be around \$5 million, and we have already received \$1.15 million. We are asking our members to give special gifts over three years to Basecamp expansion over and above their regular giving.

**Primary Goal: 100% Engagement**

Each one of us, and all of us together,  
experiencing the joy of generously giving to Jesus.

**BASECAMP PROJECT**

**Secondary Goal: \$4 Million / 3 years**

Every generous gift will be invested toward the building of the Children’s Building and renovating the space previously used for preschool and children

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(Name—Optional)

The campaign will run from May 2019-April 2022.

The **COMMITMENT** portion of the card is divided into six boxes. The first box entitled **What I/We normally give each year to FBC Decatur (Box 1)** is designed to help our members to remember that our commitments will be over and above our regular ongoing giving. We cannot afford to cut into our ministry budget to build the building. Remember we must build “the church” before we build the building.

The second box entitled **My/Our expanded annual generosity (Box 2)** is designed to give our members a place to record their annual commitment to the Basecamp campaign over the next three years. (So, if a member intended to give \$200 a month to Basecamp then their annual commitment would be \$2,400).

**COMMITMENT**

Each Gift Counts

<b>Box 1</b>	\$ 7,500	What I/We normally give	
	+		
<b>Box 2</b>	\$ 2,400	My/Our expanded	
	=		
<b>Box 3</b>	\$ 9,900		<b>Box 4</b>
		X 3 YEARS	
		\$ 29,700	
		+	
		\$	<b>Box 5</b>
		=	
		\$ 29,700	<b>Box 6</b>
		Total Gifts for 3 Years	

The third box would represent what the annual commitment would be to the work and mission of the church. Example: If a member normally gives \$7,500 to the church and is committing to give an addition \$2,400, then the total for the year would be \$9,900. The total in the third box would represent that annual total.

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The fourth box would be what that commitment would total over three years. Example: The member gives \$9,900 annually for a three-year total of \$29,700.

The fifth box entitled **Gifts from my/our stored resources (stocks/savings) (Box 5)** would be where a member would report a commitment to give a one-time gift to be given to the Basecamp Campaign. This gift could be given at anytime during the three years. If a member desires to give stock or land and needs assistance with the transaction the Finance Committee of the church will be available to assist in this transaction.

The sixth box **Total Gifts for 3 Years (May 2019-April 2022) (Box 6)** will be where the total commitment to the church and to Basecamp will be reported and totaled.

The card also has a place for the name of the donor. This portion of the card is optional because ultimately the commitment will be between our members and the Lord. The information on the card will help our Financial team to plan with an idea of how much we can expect to receive from our people. The only persons to see the information on the card will be those who work in our Financial records. The same people who currently handle all contributions.

*(On a personal note: As pastor I will not be reviewing the commitments of our people.)*

If you have any questions, please contact the church office for more assistance.

**We still have room for you at the Basecamp Commitment Banquet. You can call the church office today to RSVP, reply to this email or register online at this link:**

<https://firstdecaturtx.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/225337>

I am praying for our church this week as we stand on the threshold of some very exciting days.

Your Pastor,

David