



new life fellowship

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*"Test me in this....and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it". Malachi 3:10*

## **NewLife's Journey**

God's faithfulness has been shown to NLF since our first meeting in the bank in 2004 ---- from making Meadowview Elementary available for Sunday mornings and finding the ground for a permanent site, to speaking to people's hearts when funding was needed for the church building in 2006. There is an abundance of stories and blessings to share between then and now and we know that many of you have your own stories to treasure and share as well --- from baptisms, to coming to know Jesus more deeply, and countless others. God is good!

## **Current Needs**

So almost exactly 20 years later (the first church service at the bank in Topeka occurred on July 28, 2004) we have several physical updates required of our facility. God has been and will continue to be faithful through this journey!

The most severe and expensive update is our church building roof. Late last year it was discovered that we had a leak on the north lower roof over the children's classrooms. Earlier this spring we attempted to fix the worst leak and it was made very apparent that we had an issue that went beyond just a normal repair. After careful consideration from the trustees and elders, including the realization that the rest of the shingles only had a remaining life of a few years, we landed on moving forward with putting on a new metal standing seam roof.

A second need is replacing three exterior doors and creating a vestibule in the back for our Little Sprouts Preschool. The doors being replaced are either leaking or have been vandalized in the past and are beyond repair.

Finally our screen projectors in the sanctuary (rear projectors behind the front right and front left screens) are outdated and becoming very dim. This project will chronologically be the last one handled after quotes are finalized.

In total, these projects will land in the \$275,000 to \$290,000 range.

## **Our Financial Reality**

Through God's faithfulness, a few years back we were able to pay off our building debt and since that time our building fund has increased to approximately \$130,000! Praise God! This balance will be used toward getting the roof project started, but we also realize that we have other needs that will be necessary to address in the next few years (carpeting in certain areas, sanctuary chairs, south exterior furnace as examples) and to be good stewards we do not believe it's wise to fully deplete the building fund.

We are asking our church family (leadership included!) to help meet the needs for these projects, to prayerfully consider your individual involvement in this Stewardship Campaign. We believe God does not want us to borrow for these needs --- our campaign goal is \$250,000, which will leave us with a building fund balance that can absorb smaller needs in the near future.

## **Now how do we do this?**

Pray --- thanking God for his bounty, his faithfulness and asking Him to place on your heart an amount that you and your family can pledge toward this goal. Leadership will not pressure anyone to give ---- if God owns everything and we are simply the managers, our prayer is that each person be obedient to what God is asking.

We are asking that your pledge be done in two ways -- first, what can you give now? This amount is what you would be able to contribute within the next month. Secondly, we are asking what you can commit to give over the next 18 months, by December 31, 2025 --- whether it be quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

God is asking for EQUAL SACRIFICES, NOT EQUAL GIFTS!!!

## New Life Chart of Gifts...

# Individual Commitments	Weekly Amount	Every 6 Months Amount	18 month Amount	Total 18 Months
1			20,000	20,000
2			15,000	30,000
3			12,000	36,000
6			5,000	30,000
15	35	910	2,730	40,950
30	25	650	1,950	58,500
30	10	260	780	23,400
28	5	130	390	10,920
Rounding			230	230
Other ??				
115				250,000

## Our Campaign Goal....

**\$250,000 in gifts and pledges to be raised over a 18 month period of time.**

**God can, through our faithfulness, achieve the above goal of at least \$250,000 over the next 18 months. Any amount given above the \$250,000 will remain in the building fund to be used only for future building needs.**

**Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts is an essential part of the campaign. We will have some larger gifts as well as many smaller gifts. All are equally important.**

**God's leading, not our pressure, will help each family determine the amount of their gift.**





## Commitment Form

God enabling, I/we will make the following gift(s) to our Building Fund as indicated below. This commitment will be over and above any other giving to the church.

Section A	Immediate Cash Gift
I/We will make an immediate cash gift on or before August 15th of: \$ _____	

Section B	Non-Cash Gift (Assets)
Description of Item _____	
Date to be given: _____	Estimated Value: _____

Section C	18 Month Cash Gifts		
To be given by 12/31/24	To be given by 6/30/25	To be given by 12/31/25	
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	

By God's grace, I/we will give the above 18 month cash gifts according to the following schedule:

\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Quarterly \_\_\_ Semi-Annually

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Section A total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Section B total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Section C total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Designation of your Building Fund gifts on your regular giving envelope is needed so that your specific intentions are carried out. If you give on-line, please use the "Building Fund" option under giving on our website – nlf-online.church. This commitment is made between you and God. It is not legally binding. It will be recorded by our Finance Chair (Chuck Christner) and will remain confidential. These gifts are tax-deductible and will show up as building fund gifts on your year-end giving statements.

**Please return your sealed commitment envelope on Commitment Sunday, July 14th.**