

# GENERATIONS

Share His Legacy

## SELF-GUIDED PRAYER WALK SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AT 9:30 AM

There is great power when God's people pray together!

Please join us Sunday, March 1st, for a self-guided prayer walk around our campus. The purpose is to pray over our campus asking God to fill this place with His Spirit. We hope you will experience God in a real and powerful way. The Generations campaign is more than just a building project. It's about God reaching people and changing lives.

Everyone will start in the Life Center at 9:30 am and then venture out to the various stations to pray for our campus and the opportunities we have to share His legacy now and in the future.

Another tangible way we will showcase generations sharing His legacy will be with a rock "garden" on our campus. Every member will be encouraged to paint a rock that, once everything is completed, will be placed along a path as a visible reminder of God's faithfulness through this generation and the ones to come. Look for the rock painting table on March 1st during the Prayer Walk!

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL "SCAVENGER HUNT" PRAYER WALK FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN STARTING IN THE LIFE CENTER. YOU WILL BE HANDED A CLUE THAT WILL GUIDE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO FIND THE NEXT CLUE WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY PRAYERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE CAMPUS. YOU WILL END UP AT THE ROCK PAINTING TABLE WHERE WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILY MEMBERS TO PAINT A ROCK.**



samples of how we may use our painted rocks

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## COMMITMENT CELEBRATION EVENT—MARCH 29TH

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**March 29, 2020**

**11:30 am to 2 pm**

**Generations Commitment Celebration**

**Come celebrate with your St. Timothy family and immerse yourselves in the joy of God's faithfulness to all generations as we Share His Legacy!**

**We will celebrate with lunch, games, children's activities, and music. Further details coming soon in the church bulletin.**

*“Generations - Share His Legacy is another opportunity to share this love with generations that may not know Jesus Christ. Yet!” ~ Neil Bamsch*

### FROM YOUR CAMPAIGN CO-DIRECTOR — NEIL BAMSCH



How wonderful it is to see someone coming over the hills to tell good news. How wonderful to hear him announce, “There is peace! We have been saved!” and to hear him say to Zion, “Your God is the king!” (Isaiah 52:7 ERV)... St. Timothy Lutheran Church is coming over the hills (figuratively that is) to share this good news. We are always excited to share the good news of Jesus Christ that we have been saved through the love of Jesus Christ. To me, this is what *Generations - Share his Legacy* is all about. From the moment you walk into our church, you know the love of Jesus is present. The smiles, handshakes, conversations, the messages from the Pastors, Bible studies and Sunday school to all the mid-week activities and missions. It's all about Jesus and His love through us! ... *Generations - Share His Legacy* is another opportunity to share this love with generations that may not know Jesus Christ. Yet!

Only by His Grace, Neil Bamsch

### FROM YOUR CAMPAIGN CO-DIRECTOR — MARK FLEISCHHAUER



As we enter into the inspire phase of the *Generations* campaign, I hope each of you know a bit more about what is being planned and how you can participate in the effort. The campaign teams are busy coordinating all the upcoming activities and working together very well. We can feel the energy growing and we are all excited about what's happening here at St. Timothy. Watching the videos each Sunday reminds me why I love this place so much – it's the people! I pray each of you can find a way to support this step of faith so we can *Share His Legacy* well beyond today and into tomorrow.

God Bless, Mark Fleischhauer

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SHARING HIS LEGACY

The children have been learning about different generations and how we can all work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They made piggy banks and are excited about collecting money to add to the campaign! The children made coupon books during Sunday School that can be used to help them earn money to tithe to the campaign.

In March an architect from our congregation will come to Sunday School and speak to the children about what it takes to build a building.

The children are excited and enjoying being a part of Generations!



## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - MARCH 8, 15, 22 IN THE SANCTUARY SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

### MANANTIALES DE VIDA

Twelve years ago, God in His infinite wisdom, birthed a small mission and placed it right here at St. Timothy. Knowing that as our local neighborhoods became more diversified we would need bilingual ministries to work alongside us in order to share the message of Jesus' love and grace. Pastor Rodrigo and the people of Manantiales de Vida are committed and enthused to walk this path with us as we follow Jesus and make a difference here in our community for generations to come.

Pastor Rodrigo and his wife Dayana have graciously and joyfully committed to participate in the Generations campaign. They are currently finalizing dates for two fundraising events as gifts from the Manantiales de Vida congregation. The plans are to have a family bingo night with live music and homemade tamale sales—dates are still being determined for both. All proceeds from the fundraisers will go towards the campaign as a love offering from the Manantiales de Vida congregation.

If you have never attended a Manantiales de Vida worship service, we highly encourage you to do so. They offer a bilingual service on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm. All St. Timothy members, friends and family are invited to attend.



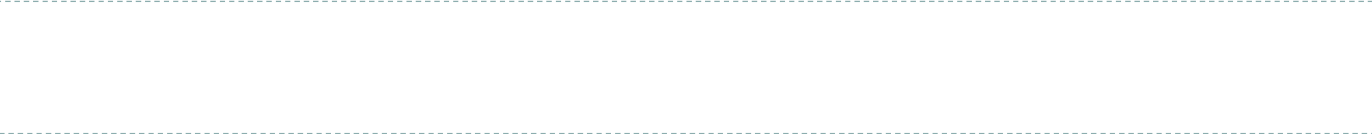


## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – MARCH 8, 15, 22

### Generational Generosity - Pastor's Bible class

Pastors Steve and Brad will share God's Word to help us learn how God can use each of us to make a Kingdom difference! We will explore the impacts of our building campaign and focus on how these will benefit each generation. Members of the Presentation team will explain the various improvements, share personal testimonies and give you the opportunity to ask questions. We want to reach all our members on the exciting improvements and how they will help us share His legacy.

The Pastors will continue the series after the 22nd with continued focus on stewardship and generosity. Please plan to attend one session either March 8, 15, or 22.



## STUDENT MINISTRY

Students in Jr. and Sr. High School have been praying and learning about the capital campaign. A prayer cross was design by Patty Schatte and is in the youth room so that they can submit prayer request and also pray for their fellow students.

The students are also doing a sticky note project with the hashtag #talk2God. They are sticking notes around their schools with a Bible verse and a corresponding social media post encouraging people to 'talk 2 God.'

The youth will also be helping with the campaign by working with the Commitment Celebration team for the March 29th event.

In order to make a monetary contribution to the campaign, the students are looking at doing two fundraisers each year during the campaign outside of the church to donate all proceeds to the campaign. Possible examples are: babysitting, bake sale, raffle, car wash, or a spirit night at a local restaurant.



#talk2God

## BRIGHT BEGINNERS

The School Emphasis team is working hard to ensure every family at Bright Beginners is aware of what is happening with our campaign and how the building program will affect their children.

The Bright Beginners Art Auction will be held on Friday, March 6. This event is generally attended by over 90% of our families so we will take this time to share some information about the campaign and building. A letter will then be sent with information of how they can be involved in the campaign through a couple fundraisers as well, including the possibility of a family spirit night at Swanny's and selling turkey legs at the Spring Carnival with the proceeds going to the capital campaign.







### **What is "Generations - Share HIS Legacy" Campaign?**

Generations is a 40 month, \$6M capital fund raising campaign to help us reach multiple generations with the Gospel. The monies raised by this campaign will enable us to add new facilities and renovate existing facilities to foster growth and help people follow Jesus and make a difference. Our new campus will support the five generations we have at St. Timothy today while equipping us to reach future generations of tomorrow.

**What exactly are we planning to build or renovate?** The project involves expanding and renovating our current campus buildings. Key components of the plan include:

- Renovation of present Life Center into a state-of-the-art Worship Center that seats up to 550
- Renovation and upgrades of our present Sanctuary to enhance traditional worship
- New multipurpose gym for dinners, gatherings and athletics
- Creation of new large gathering areas, tying the campus together under one roof
- New larger kitchen close to the new gym
- Renovation and additional classrooms for Children's Ministry and Adult Education
- New area for Quilters Ministry in the main building
- Expanded Youth Ministry area
- Larger and relocated restrooms for easier access
- Removal of the old Annex building, replaced with additional parking
- Additional parking located to the south of the campus to accommodate growth
- Final building layout will connect the entire campus under one roof to provide much needed security for Children's Ministry with controlled access and protection from weather.
- Includes approximately 25,000 sq. feet of new space and 21,000 sq. feet of repurposed space.

**Why is it needed now?** Our 10:45 worship service has been overcrowded (> 80% occupancy) requiring additional worship space. We are also seeing growth in young families with children driving the need for additional Sunday School, Youth, and Adult space. Our current Sanctuary is in need of upgrades (audio, video, lighting, A/C, new roof) and the annex building must be replaced as it is beyond repair. New space, additional parking and renovated worship spaces are needed now to address this growth and our current campus conditions.

**What about other options?** Our leaders conducted a thorough two-year study of our needs, limitations, and growth expectations. They worked with two separate architects to develop a campus plan that would meet current and future growth but their plans cost between \$9-12M, or \$13-19M, and each called for our present sanctuary to be torn down with a larger sanctuary built in its place. Our leaders decided this was not an optimal or ideal use of our campus, buildings or financial resources, and rejected these plans. The current plan does an excellent job of optimizing our current buildings and campus footprint while adding much needed space at a more reasonable cost of \$6M.

**Where will we worship during construction?** Some flexibility will be needed during construction. While the Sanctuary and Life Center will be impacted by construction or renovation, it will not be at the same time, allowing us to worship in either space for a brief time. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions and ensure our on-going activities can continue.

**Will we lose our green spaces?** No. The property located to the west will be preserved for outdoor gatherings such as picnics, spring carnivals, trick or treat festivals, sports camp and cook-offs.

**What will become of the Annex?** It will be removed and replaced with additional parking spaces. The Quilters ministry currently using the annex will have a large new space in the main building.

**My child attends Bright Beginners. What can I expect?** Bright Beginners programs will continue with no expected disruptions. The protection, security and welfare of all the children here is a top priority. To ensure safety during construction, additional procedures and barriers will be in place and no workers will have direct contact with children.

## CONTINUED FAQ'S

**What if we don't raise all the funds?** We trust God will lead us to complete something great to Share HIS Legacy with all generations. Each component (new buildings, renovations, additional gathering space) is connected, making it a challenge to only implement portions of the plan. However, should we not have enough commitments to complete this project, we will re-evaluate and develop a new plan that will support our mission and vision based on the monies pledged. We will NOT negatively impact our on-going or future ministries in order to fund new facilities with excessive debt.

**What is our present debt?** As of January 2020, our debt is \$913,000 and we are paying down the debt by approximately \$120,000 each year.

**Are we carrying debt from construction of the Adult Ed/Bright Beginners buildings in 2012?** No, the entire project cost was \$3.2 million that was completely paid off in 40 months. Our debt entering the 2012 campaign was \$1.7 million and during that time the debt was still reduced each year to its present level.

**Does this mean there is no financing at all?** No, the plan includes a short-term construction loan which will be repaid as campaign pledges are received that may be in place for up to two years.

**What am I being asked to do?** Each person or family is asked to prayerfully consider a 40-month sacrificial commitment "over and above" your regular offerings. No one will be told what he or she "should" give, but we trust that the Holy Spirit will move each person to give generously and joyfully!

**Why 40 months instead of 36 months?** The 40-month payment period aligns with St. Timothy's 50th Anniversary in September 2023. We hope to have the project paid off by the anniversary and springboard us for the next 50 years as we follow Jesus and make a difference for future generations.

**What do you mean by sacrificial?** "NOT EQUAL GIFTS BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE." We recognize that we all cannot and should not give the same. We give in proportion to how God has blessed us. Some can give smaller amounts while others can give much more. All gifts are given in response to our thankfulness for the love we have in Jesus Christ. We ask for equality of prayer, service, and sacrificial generosity to honor Jesus. Pray about what you can do to share His love with many generations.

**What happens if my situation changes?** God provides all in His time. If your personal situation changes, you can always adjust your commitment up or down.

**What if funds are raised beyond the projected project costs?** All excess funds raised over the cost of the new facilities and renovations will allow us to reduce our current debt so we can invest in more missions, more ministries and "Share HIS Legacy" even more!

**When will construction begin?** Pending the outcome of the campaign, construction would most likely begin in fall 2020, or early 2021. An announcement will be made shortly after all pledges have been received to either confirm sufficient pledges were made or inform the congregation that we will need to revise the plans based on the monies pledged which would delay the start of construction

**When will construction be completed?** 12-14 months after construction begins

**How will we use what we build?** Ministry is always about people! We believe Jesus "transforms hearts and lives for eternity!" We will use these facilities to worship and pray as Jesus takes us HIGHER to embrace the power of His love and grace. They will be used to go DEEPER in Bible studies for adults and children to study, learn, grow, and play. We will introduce children to Jesus from the earliest ages in Children's Ministry and Bright Beginners. This entire building will be devoted to teaching God's Word to equip and grow "disciples of Jesus Christ" in every generation. And we will use these facilities to go WIDER as a place to serve our community, and a launching pad to equip and send missionaries throughout Houston, the state of Texas, and the world. Your partnership and prayers will help us make a Kingdom impact!

**What if my question is not answered in this FAQ?** Any and all questions are important. If you have any questions that are not addressed or you would like additional information, you can:

Check the campaign website at <https://www.stlhouston.org/generations/> where information will be posted and where you can find a form to ask a question online

Send an email to [Generations@STLHouston.org](mailto:Generations@STLHouston.org) with your question and someone will respond

Contact either Pastor, the church staff, or any Director or team member of the Generations campaign



DEAR GOD,  
TURN OUR FEAR  
INTO FAITH!



*Let me share with you this wonderful letter I received from a young wife and mom in our church:*

Whenever God calls us to do something, we can either see where God is leading us and follow, trusting in His plan, or we can see the obstacles in front of us and react in fear. We can talk about how big the mountain is rather than how big our God is, the God that can move mountains with a simple word.

For example, when the Lord freed the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, He promised to give them a land "flowing with milk and honey," and they were thrilled. God led them to the border of the land He promised and Moses sent 12 spies ahead to survey. Two of the spies saw the promise of God, "a land flowing with milk and honey." The other ten focused more on the giants; they saw obstacles they would have to overcome. The two came back encouraging the Israelites that what God promised was true. The other ten did not trust that God could help them, highlighting their fears. The ten sufficiently quenched any flicker of faith the others may have had to begin with.

As a result, God allowed only two of the people to enter the promised land. The other ten spies, along with the millions of people who listened to them, missed out on the blessings God promised.

I want to be part of the two who receive the promises of God, not the millions that missed out.

We have an opportunity in the coming weeks to encourage faith or fear. Let's talk about God. Let's pray boldly. Let's praise God for leading us. I hope that years from now future generations will walk through the doors of the new building and still be talking about how God provided in unimaginable ways, and how this moment in time was a launching point for the faith of our church family to grow exponentially.



*I pray you each will join with this young woman in focusing on and encouraging faith over fear!*

*In Christ, Pastor Steve*