



MAJOR COMMITMENT EVENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019



El Bethel stands on the threshold of a resounding spiritual and financial victory that will proclaim our love for Jesus Christ and our commitment to do God's will. Our Capital Stewardship Campaign, "NO LIMITS" challenges us to commit to a new level of faith, service, and love.

Over the past weeks, we provided information to you to promote awareness about the campaign and the role you play to ensure its success.

With every significant life event, there comes a time to move from deliberation to decision, and from consideration to commitment.

We have now reached the commitment phase of our journey.

On Sunday, February 24th we will collectively make our personal financial commitments to our "NO LIMITS" Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign. We trust that you have allowed God to stretch you beyond your comfort zone and have prayed to Him to direct you in the amount that He wants you to give as you submit your commitment card.

In the meantime, El Bethel's leaders have made their financial commitments to the campaign. Their leadership follows the biblical pattern revealed in 1 Chronicles 29:6, where King David's leaders made their commitments to the building of the Temple in advance of the congregation, in order to set a good example. Having seen what the leaders did, David's congregation rejoiced and gave with willing hearts - 1 Chronicles 29:9 - *"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly."*

After you have made your commitment, resolve in your heart to follow through!

GROWTH & GIVING

Jesus tells a parable about a mustard seed. It's the smallest of all seeds, but once it's planted it grows to become the largest of the garden plants. Acts 4:32 - 35 records that believers sold houses, land, and fields... then gave the proceeds to the apostles for kingdom use. Maybe you can plant a mustard seed by making your commitment to our Lifestyle Stewardship Campaign and its growth will be incredible.

Here's the beautiful thing: The size of the gift really doesn't matter in God's eyes! Luke 21:1-4 shows us that God cares most about the heart of the giver.

He loves to see us joyfully sacrifice in faith, and to trust in His provision. We won't all make equal gifts, and that's okay. Instead, let's just strive to equally and joyfully sacrifice as we present our gifts to God!

"Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."
2 Corinthians 8:11-12

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019

"Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow..." (Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJV)

We are designating March 3rd as "First Fruits Sunday." This is the day that we will make our first payment on our financial commitment.

We certainly understand that there are going to be a large number of ways that pledges will be fulfilled. Some have elected to give their entire pledge immediately, others weekly or monthly, and others at different intervals.

Your First Fruits Offering towards your NO LIMITS commitment will align your future for His blessing!

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." ... 2 Samuel 24:24

A WORD FROM OUR CAMPAIGN MANAGERS

WE'RE BLESSED TO SERVE YOU IN THE FOLLOWING ROLES FOR OUR LIFESTYLE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN;

REV. DAMON & SIS SHARISSE SPENCER, CAMPAIGN MANAGERS - CONGREGATION;

SIS MICHELLE LIGGANS, CAMPAIGN MANAGER - ADMINISTRATION;

REV. NATALIE H. RHODES, CAMPAIGN MANAGER - INSPIRATION.



WE BELIEVE MINISTRY IS ABOUT SERVING AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND THIS CAMPAIGN IS A VEHICLE TO ACHIEVE THIS. GOD WANTS TO PARTNER WITH US AND WORK THROUGH US AS WE REASSESS, REARRANGE AND REALLOCATE OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES – ALL FOR HIS GLORY. WE MUST BE FOCUSED AND FAITHFUL TO THIS CHARGE.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO DO THREE THINGS; NOT ONLY DURING THE CAMPAIGN BUT ALSO THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES.

FIRST, TALK TO GOD ABOUT IT. GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMITMENTS WE MAKE, AND HE WANTS TO TALK WITH US AND GUIDE US THROUGH THEM.

SECOND, TEST GOD WITH IT. EXAMINE AND ASSESS GOD'S CHARACTER. GOD WON'T ASK OF US THAT WHICH HE'S NOT ALREADY PREPARED – OR CURRENTLY PREPARING – US TO DO (2 COR 9:6-8).

FINALLY, TRUST GOD THROUGH IT. IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO SEE THE RESULT AT THE BEGINNING.

- *TRUST GOD TO BUILD US AS HE STRETCHES AND MATURES US, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY.*
- *TRUST GOD TO KEEP US COMMITTED.*
- *TRUST GOD TO HONOR US AS WE HONOR HIM WITH OUR LIVES AND LIFESTYLES.*

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

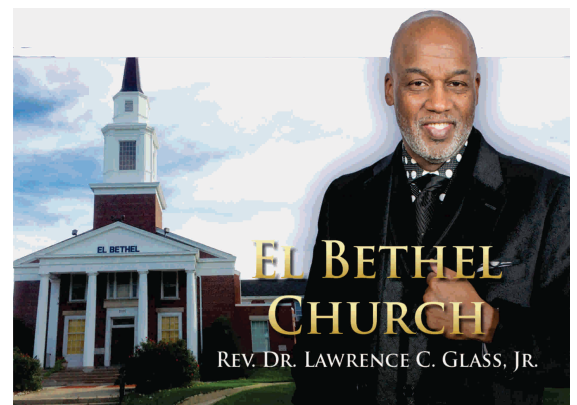
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