



VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH  
1477 Willow Avenue  
Hercules, CA 94547

LASTING  
2021-2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN  
IMPACT

**LEVEL 1 - VICTORY: \$650,000**  
**MORTGAGE AT \$18,000 PER MONTH**

Pay an additional \$300,000 +/- against the current balance

**LEVEL 2 - CHALLENGE: \$850,000**  
**LEVEL 1 + LEVEL 2 = \$1,500,000**

Allows us to do some much-desired maintenance/updates

**LEVEL 3 - HALLELUJAH: UP TO \$2,930,000**  
**LEVEL 1 + LEVEL 2 + LEVEL 3 = \$4,430,000**

The balance of the mortgage after the accelerated amount paid. Allows us to **PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE COMPLETELY!** This will free up resources, creating more missions and ministry opportunities in the future.

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..... "YOU CAN'T BEAT GOD GIVING"

*It has been a joy and a privilege* to be a part of the Stewardship Campaigns over the years and now we get to be a part of the **LASTING IMPACT** stewardship campaign for 2021–2024.

We are reminded of the old song,  
*"You can't beat God giving no matter how you try and just as sure as you are giving and the Lord is in Heaven on high, The more you give, the more He'll give to you Keep on giving because it's really true that you can't beat God giving No matter how you try."*

Now that we are in this season of life, "retirement," we can look back and reflect on the many blessings we have enjoyed.

Every time we drive on the campus of Valley Bible Church we are reminded of **God's provision and faithfulness** not only in our lives but in the history of Valley Bible Church.

We remember setting up 48 chairs at the **Holy Ghost Association Hall** in Pinole which we rented for \$140 a month so we could have services on Sundays and Tuesdays. We remember leasing **Garretson Middle School** in Rodeo. We remember renting the **Rio Theater** in Rodeo. We remember all the additional buildings which were rented for offices, nursery, children and youth ministries. We remember buying the **property on Willow Ave.**

When we drive on the campus of Valley Bible Church, we don't just see nice buildings, **we see a physical manifestation of God's**

**goodness, grace, provision, and faithfulness.** More importantly, we can start naming **people whose lives have been transformed and changed from darkness to light, the chains of sin broken, and their minds renewed in Christ.**

This year as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Valley Bible Church, **we are looking forward to the future**—anticipating God working in a special way in Hercules and all of West County.

God has blessed us with three daughters and sons-in-law, eleven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. It is a privilege to once again give to this **LASTING IMPACT** Stewardship Campaign as we pray to have a **LASTING IMPACT** on our family and your families.

*Psalm 78:4 "...We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done."*

**We hope you will join us in this stewardship campaign** so that we might have a **LASTING IMPACT** on the next generation and generations to come.

Blessings,

*Pastor Phil and Caroline Howard*



## HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THE LASTING IMPACT CAMPAIGN?

To be a part of the campaign is to *prayerfully consider and commit to a sacrificial amount above your regular Ministry Fund giving* for the next three years (beginning May 23, 2021). No effort will be made to tell any person a specific amount required for commitment. Each family should decide its particular commitment after seeking God's guidance in this important decision. *Make your gift a matter of prayer.*

## WHAT YOU DO NOW WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT

The last few weeks, we as a church, have received newsletters, heard testimonies, and a plan for our next 3-year campaign, **LASTING IMPACT**. *Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> will be our day to respond out of faith and joy*, as we prepare to make our commitments to the Lord and to the future of the ministries of Valley Bible Church. Our giving service will be followed by a *Special Celebration BBQ at 1:00pm*.

The theme of the **LASTING IMPACT** program was adapted through the principles seen in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15—*giving from one's heart with joy*, without reluctance or outside pressures, leads to abundant blessings from God. This type of giving will supply the needs of the Lord's people but will also result in thanksgiving to God. Your obedient generosity in giving to the Lord and sharing with others also opens the door for the Gospel of Christ. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift of grace through Jesus Christ! What an example of giving.

*Please give prayerful consideration*, calling on the Lord asking Him to make it clear what He would have you and your family sacrificially give, with joy, during the next three years. *What you decide in your heart to give today will have a lasting impact on you, those around you, and future generations.*

*Please join with us as we make a lasting impact for God's Kingdom!*

### Continue to Pray

God tells us in Scripture that "we have not because we ask not", and *if we gather together and pray according to His will, He will supply what we need*. Join with us for an exciting time of calling upon God to bless the **LASTING IMPACT** campaign!

### How and When Do I Make a Commitment?

**PRAY** about your commitment

**DECIDE** upon a particular amount

**PLAN TO ATTEND** our **Celebration BBQ** on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, after the second service. Please let us know if you can attend at [valleybible.org/lasting-impact](http://valleybible.org/lasting-impact)

**FILL OUT A COMMITMENT CARD** at the **9am or 11am service on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a time to fill it out during the service.

(If you are unable to attend this event, you can make your commitment online at [valleybible.org/lasting-impact](http://valleybible.org/lasting-impact) or drop it in an offering box on Sunday.)

### Dates to Remember:

**SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY  
WITH CELEBRATION BBQ**

May 16 • Services at 9am and 11am  
BBQ following second service

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

May 23 • Services at 9am and 11am

LASTING IMPACT		2021-2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN	
Weekly gift of	\$ _____	156 weeks	= \$ _____
Monthly gift of	\$ _____	36 months	= \$ _____
Quarterly gift of	\$ _____	12 quarters	= \$ _____
Annual gift of	\$ _____	3 years	= \$ _____
One-time gift of	\$ _____	1	= \$ _____
Total Commitment		Over 3 years, beginning May 23, 2021	= \$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_