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Dear Faithful Saints of Valley Bible Church,

As we move forward with our new Stewardship Campaign, **“IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY”** we are reminded of the many biblical examples of God’s faithfulness to those who stepped out in faith believing that God would take care of them. From the widow woman of Zarephath—who was about to use her final flour and oil to make a little cake for her and her son, but responded to God’s servant, Elijah, making him that cake instead, and God supplied her need, as her flour and oil did not run out for at least the next three years (1 Kings 17:7-16)—to the woman who gave her two copper coins—and was credited in the annals of the scriptures by Jesus, to be the greatest giver amongst all of the largest offering recorded that day (Mark 12:41-44)—to the Macedonians who gave out of their poverty—and Paul recorded their attitude towards giving in 2 Corinthians 8. *What an attitude and example of true sacrificial giving for us all.* This was followed up by Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 with a promise that God would supply seed to the sower for bread for food, would multiply their seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of their righteousness, that they would be enriched in every way so that they could be generous in every way, producing thanksgiving to God. In each of these stories, we see God use those who stepped out in a sacrificial way, those who depended on Him, all of them seemingly giving very little, when compared to the wealth of the world, but little is much when God is in it. We have experienced this common theme of giving, **“Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice,”** in every stewardship campaign in our church’s history—the stepping out in faith, making commitments before the Lord, and watching Him allow us to be a part of something bigger than us, something that will **“IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY”!** Just like those multiple references we see throughout the Scriptures, we are presented today with an opportunity, in faith, making a commitment to the Lord, in our above and beyond sacrificial giving! Please begin today to pray about what God, with His help, would allow you to commit now that will affect future generations of people here at Valley Bible Church.

In His Grip,



Larry Howard  
Executive Pastor



Tim Vahlstrom  
Lay Pastor/Chairman of the Elders



Todd Bolton  
Associate Pastor

# AN EXPLANATION OF THE CAMPAIGN

As we prayerfully considered a title for our new stewardship campaign, we decided that **“IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY”** was very fitting. In Psalm 145:3-7, we are reminded by King David that we are to praise and declare and meditate on God’s works and mighty acts, His glorious splendor, majesty, wonderful works, and that we shall speak of His powerful acts and greatness, eagerly speaking about His abundant goodness, shouting with joy of His righteousness. We adopted this passage because it is such a great reminder of how we should respond in every aspect towards God, and what better way to celebrate His faithfulness to Valley Bible in how we handle our giving back to Him. You, the faithful people of Valley Bible Church have responded with great joy when giving back to the God of our salvation, the one who is the provider of every good gift. The challenge before us in the **“IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY”** campaign is that we would prayerfully consider what God would have us to commit to give above and beyond our normal giving, **not equal gifts but equal heart to give**—that we might tell the generations to come of His faithful goodness, giving from the heart without reluctance or pressure, but with joy, leading us to God’s abundant blessings. **Your generous giving not only supplies the needs of the Lord’s people but results in thanksgiving to God.** Still others who hear of your faithfulness in giving will give praise to God. Your obedient generosity in giving to the Lord and sharing with others 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. What you decide in your heart to give today will have an **IMPACT** tomorrow on those around you and future generations. **Please join us in this program that will affect God’s people now and into the future.**

The **“IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY”** campaign is designed with three consecutive levels:

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

This level, when reached, will allow us to pay an additional \$275,000 +/- against the current balance of the mortgage.

## **LEVEL 2 - CHALLENGE: \$800,000 (Level 1 + Level 2 = \$1,450,000)**

Added to Level 1, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level, when attained, will allow us to do some much needed and highly desired maintenance in the following three areas:

- \$450,000 — Worship Center Stage Update, including some much-needed new AV equipment
- \$150,000 — Update the Family Life Center restrooms
- \$200,000 — Ministry Growth, used to increase our abilities to grow on a ministry level

## **LEVEL 3 - HALLELUJAH: UP TO \$2,675,000 (Level 1 + Level 2 + Level 3 = \$4,125,000)**

The amount of Level 3 reflects the balance of the mortgage after the accelerated amount paid on the existing balance from Level 1. All of the funds received above Levels 1 and 2 would go toward the balance of our current mortgage.

# VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH – A BRIEF HISTORY



**1972** Easter Sunday – 120 present  
First Building Fund offering –  
received \$2,105

**1975-77** Purchased Primrose  
property in Pinole



**1983** Moved to Garretson – May  
1983; Obtained 3-year lease on  
Garretson Middle School



**2000** Ground  
breaking for  
Worship Center  
– Sunday  
4/16/00.  
Construction of  
Worship Center  
begins.

THEN

**1973** Purchased  
Lucas Ave property  
in Pinole Valley

**1986** Lease expired  
- moved to Bay  
City Auditorium in  
Rodeo. First official  
Capital Stewardship  
Program begins,  
“Understanding the  
Harvest”

**1997** (February)  
15-year loan paid  
in full (in 8 years)

**1971** The work begins with  
nineteen people in attendance.  
First service – Sunday 10/3/71 at  
Holy Ghost Association. Hall in  
Old Town Pinole

**1989** Family Life Center  
completed. Moved in 2/24/89.  
First service – Sunday 2/26/89



**1974** Renting six  
other buildings  
to house  
ministries.  
Purchased Holy  
Ghost Hall at 592  
Tennent Avenue,  
Pinole

**1987** Bayberry (Willow)  
property obtained;  
Ground breaking – May  
1987. Family Life Center  
construction begins.





**2015-2018** Purchased 30' articulating arm lift; installed new lighting and updated stage decor in WC; resurfaced and restriped parking lots; installed security cameras in WC/FLC; installed solar panels on WC/FLC; updated/refurbished youth room, nursery (infant, toddler, and mother's rooms); began FLC lobby/auditorium update

**2001** Worship Center (WC) completed and dedicated; First Service Sunday 7/22/01; Dedication Sunday 7/29/01

**2021-2024** MINISTRY GROWTH: Added to our staff—Associate Pastor Todd Bolton; Church Administrator, Bill Smith; Financial Accountant, Raelene Lane; Worship Director, Rebecca Webster. Updated Family Life Center kitchen equipment; Completed remodeling of FLC preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Remodeled Worship Center Room 317. Funding set aside for the completion of Café and lobby remodeling; Architectural Plans completed for new Café; Plans have been submitted to the City of Hercules, currently awaiting planning and building permit approvals.



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**2004** Office complex/lower classrooms completed; Church staff moves into new office complex.

**2008** Reduced 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> mort.; expanded our parking

**2012-2015** Installed acoustic treatments in WC and new roof on the FLC; painted exterior of FLC; installed 3 new landmark crosses; installed HD video equipment and new sound equipment in WC



**2018-2021** MINISTRY GROWTH: Executive Pastor added to staff; Associate Pastor Matt Nicosia, Small Groups oversight; Transition of Founder/ Senior Pastor; Celebration of 48 years with Dr. Phillip Howard; Began Christmas in Hercules yearly outreach; Asphaltting of Parking lot; Purchased new sound and video Equipment for Worship Center and Parking lot/Outdoor Services; Remodeling of the Family Life Center preschool and kindergarten classrooms currently under construction; Began planning for VBC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



# ◀ A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS ▶

Greetings Valley Bible Church family.

As we prepared to launch our stewardship campaign, “Impact Tomorrow Today”, we had to take a step back and reflect on God’s faithfulness to His people. It is overwhelming to consider His kindness, goodness, and faithfulness to us individually, to our families, to our local church, and to His people around the world! Psalms 100:5 says, “For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” *We are so thankful to God for the faithful servants that consider Valley Bible Church their home and choose to underwrite this ministry for the advancement of the gospel in our community and abroad.* It gives us so much joy to see the various ministries at Valley that serve infants to seniors, and every stage of life in between! It is our responsibility that we continue to build on the firm foundation that has been laid by those before us so that we can continue to see God’s church thrive now and into the future. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said to Peter, “and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Well, for two millennia we’ve seen God grow His church and God always uses ordinary people like Peter to do extraordinary things! As we prepare to launch this campaign, we anticipate God using simple folks like you and me to do something extraordinary that will not only impact today, but will make a lasting impact for tomorrow! Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for this campaign and let’s celebrate God’s faithfulness together! “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” Jude 1:24-25 ESV

In Him,

*Randy and Angelina*

Randy and Angelina Osti  
Campaign Directors



Be a part of the  
IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY program!

**INDIVIDUALLY:** At what level does God want you and your family to be a part of the IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY program?

**12-HOUR PRAYER EVENT - SATURDAY, MAY 18:** Pray for our church and the IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY 2024-2027 program.

## HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THE IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY STEWARDSHIP 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 June 9, 2024).** 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.**

# 12 Hours of Prayer

**Saturday, May 18 • 6am–6pm**  
**Worship Center Rm 317**

*Come and pray with us for the  
"Impact Tomorrow Today"  
Stewardship Campaign!*

**Sign up for a time slot:**   
[valleybible.org/ITT](http://valleybible.org/ITT)

As we begin the **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** campaign, the best place to start is with prayer, asking God to bless this campaign as we come together with brothers and sisters for a concentrated twelve hours of prayer.

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 us for an exciting time of calling upon God to bless the **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** campaign.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### 12-HOUR PRAYER EVENT

Saturday, May 18  
6am - 6pm  
Worship Center Rm 317

### SPECIAL EVENT SUNDAY · JUNE 2

One Service at 10am

Banquet at 6pm  
Hilton Concord, 1970 Diamond Blvd

### CELEBRATION SUNDAY · JUNE 9

One Service at 10am



Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
His greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;  
They tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 145:3–7



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Why is the **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** Stewardship Program necessary?

Besides the obvious financial benefit to the ministries of our church that will be met through this program, it is an opportunity to develop generous stewards, through practical stewardship that will have an **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY**. This impact is not only for today's needs but also for the needs of future generations. The **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** program is designed to meet the obligation of our mortgage, which will reduce the balance by over \$300,000 during this three-year program. At the same time, it also provides a way to accelerate the retirement of the mortgage, update the stage, make some much-needed improvements to our facilities and set aside funding to expand our ministries (a more detailed explanation can be found on the inside cover).

## How much is our mortgage and what is our monthly payment?

As we begin our program, the balance of our current mortgage is about at \$2,900,000. Our anticipated monthly payment during this program is \$18,000. This payment will allow us to pay over \$275,000 towards the balance of the mortgage during this program.

## How does the stewardship program work?

The "Impact Tomorrow Today" Program seeks giving that is **above and beyond your current Ministry Fund giving**. Each family will be asked to prayerfully make a commitment of a sacrificial amount that is above their standard Ministry Fund giving for the next three years, giving first to the Ministry Fund and then towards the **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** Program.

## Where will the commitments be made?

Commitments will be made at a **Special Event** to be held on **Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 6pm**. At the conclusion of the event, an opportunity will be given for each person attending

to make their individual commitment. Although we encourage everyone to attend this special event, other opportunities will be available for those unable to attend.

## When can I begin giving my commitment and how will I make my contributions to this stewardship program?

We will officially begin this program on **Sunday, June 9, 2024 at our Victory Celebration Service**. Offering envelopes will be available throughout the program. You can also choose to contribute online at [valleybible.org/give](http://valleybible.org/give).

## Is there a certain amount of money that I will be expected to commit to our program?

No, **each individual should prayerfully seek God's guidance** and then make a decision about what He would have them commit. The Bible teaches prayerful, generous, sacrificial giving. Please make your gift (commitment) a matter of thoughtful and fervent prayer.

## Will we be asked to make our commitments publicly?

No, neither will individual commitments be announced. Because they are involved in the recording of our weekly giving, the only persons who will know your amount are the Church Administrator and his staff.

Additional information about **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

If you would like to be removed from all **IMPACT TOMORROW TODAY** mailings (electronic or otherwise), please text or call the Church Office at 510-799-3171.