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Building Program: What Next?

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Noticing that we have fallen short of our pledge goal by about \$60,000, it would be easy to start a destructive process. Negativity, pessimism, despair, blame, or even apathy are all lurking around the corner anytime an important goal is not met. Allow me to put in my two cents and make a few suggestions.

First of all, there is always a Plan B. Even if I don't know what Plan B is at the moment, there is always another option when a first plan comes up short. I have full confidence that a revised strategy will soon arise. After all, I've never seen a manmade plan that was perfectly conceived or executed on the first attempt. Maybe this plan was rushed or poorly communicated. Maybe expectations were too high or perhaps it was just a bad time on the calendar. Most likely, it is a combination of all those things that lead us to our current circumstance. In any case, give your church leadership an opportunity to revise and reassess. They have already decided to extend the pledge deadline to at least **January 13th** in order to allow us to pledge or to revise a pledge. Hopefully, national and seasonal circumstances will be settled down at least a little by then. It may be that more adjustments will be made as more information and input is made available. Be a positive part of that process if you have input rather than being an obstacle to it.

Second, don't overestimate the size of the problem. We are \$60,000 away from our pledge goal, or about 46% short. However, our pledge goal is only about 10% of the total project. On the whole, we are about 5% short in resources for a one million dollar project. We have access to the other 95%. The project budget itself is still just an estimate, as the final blueprints have not been finished. It is entirely possible that the initial estimate will shift, and it is as likely to move in our favor as it is the other way. We really don't know yet just where this leaves us. This pledge drive was to get a *preliminary* sense of our ability to give based on a *preliminary* estimate of a *preliminary* building plan. So let's not jump to conclusions in any direction.

Finally, while I personally believe that a new auditorium is an integral part of facilitating future growth, the kingdom of God is not made of brick and mortar. Even if the building explodes in a fiery pillar, the government turns to violent anti-Christian secularism, and the dollar devalues to the level of the peso, the kingdom of God still stands and we still have a job to do. "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:13-15). So shall it ever be.

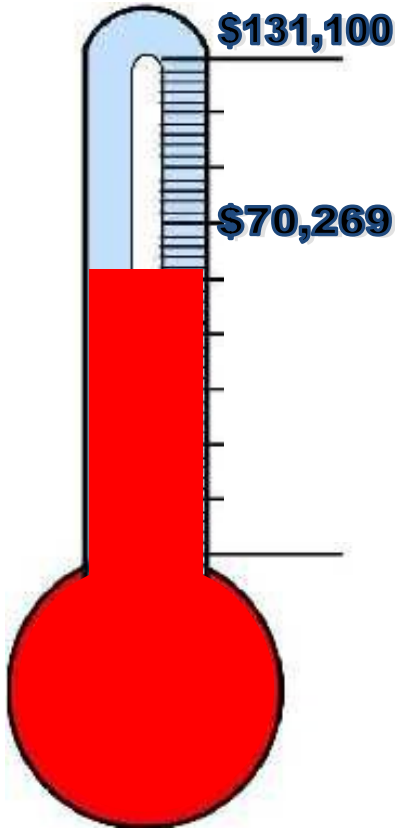
by Benjamin Williams

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm



LET'S BUILD IT TOGETHER

WHAT NEXT?

The goal thermometer on the left will be periodically updated to reflect our progress toward our Pledge goal of \$131,100 toward our new auditorium. You can also view the progress on our webpage. See the cover article for some thoughts and information on this process. The deadline to return your pledge cards has been extended until after the holidays (Jan 13th).

E-MAILS

Every now and then the church office will send out an email to all members informing us of an event or service cancellation (snow/ice). An email was sent out this past Tuesday and Wednesday (about baby Tuggle) If you did not get that email that means either (1) the office does not have an email address for you, (2) it is incorrect in our computer, or (3) it came back to us undelivered. Some email accounts will think our emails are 'spam' and not something you wish to read. If you add the church's email address to **your** address book it will accept those emails. (This is especially true in the case of AOL users). Please let the office know if you did not receive this latest email so we can update our mailing list and keep you informed.

Thank you—Karen. (our address is office@glenpoolchurchofchrist.com)

upcoming events
 work dinners fellowship meetings
 retreats picnics games parties

Sunday, Dec 2nd

Christmas Party after evening services; Soup, sandwiches and desserts

Monday, Dec 3rd

Ladies Meeting at 6:30

Sunday, Dec 9th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:30

Saturday, Jan 12th

Chili Cook-off

March 8th-10th

Spring meeting with Jim Baird

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Glenna Estep was able to go home from the hospital and has improved, still a little trouble with swallowing. They will insert a filter just above the blood clot in her right leg.
- Colton Treat had knee surgery last week. He had an infection in his knee cap. Little guy is only about 3 years old.
- Jerry O'Shields' mother, Eula Shope, is under hospice care and living with Jerry & Janice.
- Barbara Vaughan fell a few days ago, she is home from the hospital with a bruised hip and she twisted her back (it is very sore).
- Eddie Whitchurch went in Tuesday for his annual testing to see if his rare stomach cancer has returned. Update: test results were good!
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Glenna Estep (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Judge Morris (cancer); Kylie Aaron (cystic fibrosis); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Junior Moctezuma (Alma's brother);

LADIES

Monday Dec 3rd at 6:30 is our Ladies meeting

UPDATES

Nyla Nunley has a new address and phone number—her updated directory page is on the small table in the foyer along with a few other updates.

RESPONSES

Two came forward last Sunday, Toni O'Neal asking for prayers and strength and Chris Patterson asking for prayers to get his priorities back on the right track.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth Christmas party that was scheduled for December 8th has been canceled due to conflicts with area Christmas parades and other seasonal activities.

Make plans to attend a lock-in on Dec 31st.

GOALS

Fisher Patterson knows the New Testament Divisions; **Riley McCafferty** knows the names of Jacob's twelve sons; **Daniel and Kevin Marquez** know the names of the four gospels. Nice work guys!

MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting Sunday Dec 9th at 3:30

CONGRATULATIONS

Doyle and Natasha (and big brother Alex) had a baby boy this past Tuesday. Oliver William Tuggle weighed 5lbs 13oz, 19 1/2" long. He is a month early and is having trouble breathing he will be on a machine for a while longer. He is unable to go home until his due date of Jan 2nd. Visits are welcomed, just contact Doyle or Natasha ahead of time one of them will need to be there before you can see the baby. Proud grandparents are Robert & Marcia Hill, and don't forget uncle Ian.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come and enjoy this year's Christmas party after evening services. Please bring soup and sandwiches and desserts. Also, if you wish to play the gift exchange game bring a wrapped gift costing \$5.00 or less. (This is not the dirty Santa game). If you have any questions please see Selene.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Zac Caldwell, Dec 5	Jerry Morgan, Dec 12	Ryan Pulliam, Dec 18
Karen Brown, Dec 5	Henry Lack, Dec 12	Ben Williams, Dec 18
Susie O'Neal, Dec 6	Kimber Perry, Dec 14	Selene Williams, Dec 20
Angela Grows, Dec 8	Keith Riggs, Dec 15	Lenora Hamrick, Dec 22
Scott Lack, Dec 11	Randy & Karen Brown, Dec 16	Eddie & Debbie Whitchurch, 22

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	110
Sunday AM Worship	146
Sunday PM Worship	80
Wednesday Bible Classes	75

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4,695.76
Budget	\$3,559.00
Over Budget	\$26,957.75
Building Fund	\$294,700.

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Bruce Rothell
Closing Prayer	Topper Causby
Scripture Reading	Larry Potter
Lord's Table	Bobby Hill Keith Riggs Sonny Pulliam Hayden Bullinger

Ushers

Dean Scherman
Darrell Burcham

Lock Building

Matt Caldwell; Bobby Hill

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Lonnie White
Closing Prayer	Randy Crawford
Scripture Reading	Dennis Robinson

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Robert Hill
Closing Prayer	Mike O'Neal
Song Leader	James Hamilton
Invitation	Jesse Byers

Communion Preparation

12/2	Selene Williams
12/9	Lilia Rothell
12/16	Bayla Burrus
12/23	Becky Byers
12/30	Debbie Whitchurch

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Monday, Dec 3rd
6:30 PM



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OF THE LORD'S WAY®

"These were more noble...they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

- Dec 2—God Isn't Going Away
- Dec 9—What Grace Teaches
- Dec 16—Jesus the Messiah
- Dec 23—The Word Became Flesh
- Dec 30—Trust God

Sunday Morning Sermon

People of the Book
Psalm 119:105-106

Sunday Evening Sermon

Worship: Why Not Instruments?
John 4:21-24