





We are here for a **PURPOSE.**

Over the last 10 years, Alpharetta has seen dramatic change and **GROWTH.**

At the center of it all is a church with an **OPPORTUNITY:**

For more than 100 years, God has been preparing us for this moment...

Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name.

**NEHEMIAH 1:11 (NIV)**

**ARE  
WE  
READY?**







To Take Full Advantage of the Moment God has Given Us

— WE MUST —  
**ADVANCE**

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**ADVANCE  
THE VISION**

Know Jesus. Discover Hope. Experience Family. Live Sent. These are the core values that drive life changing ministries in our church and to our community. We can accelerate these ministries to reach hundreds more with the hope we have found.

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**ADVANCE  
BEYOND THE BARRIERS**

As the community comes to our campus, will they be able to find a place to park? Will they be able to find a seat to worship? Limited parking and aging interiors are barriers that we must break through to take hold of our opportunity.

3

**ADVANCE  
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

What if Alpharetta became the epicenter of a mission movement? In Atlanta. In North America. Across the world to every populated continent. We have the opportunity to access the ends of the earth. Will we take it?





How Will We  
**ADVANCE**  
To Make The Most Of this Moment?

**ADVANCE** to New Capacity

- » Completely redesign the East Parking lot to enable permanent offsite parking to reach hundreds more at 44 Academy.
- » Renovate the seating and interiors in our worship spaces to provide a welcoming place of worship.
- » Expand our online worship capabilities with technology to reach hundreds more online.

**ADVANCE** to New Frontiers

- » Plant a Church inside the Atlanta perimeter.
- » Expand our support to 6 church plants across North America.
- » Engage in Mission Partnerships on every inhabited Continent.
- » Establish an Equipping Center for those called to ministry and missions.
- » Adopt an unreached, unengaged people group so they may hear the gospel for the first time.





To **ADVANCE** our mission and vision to new frontiers locally and globally, we must **ADVANCE** in our generosity. Now is the time for us to give sacrificially to make the most of the moment. Prayerfully consider how your gifts will **ADVANCE** ministry, missions, and the vision God has given us.

## ONE FUND TARGET GOAL

OVER 24 MONTHS

**\$9,000,000**



## CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered. You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following 7 options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.

### 1. Practice priority budgeting

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure, like a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchase.

### 2. Increase giving with increased income

We often increase our standard of living when we receive a raise or a bonus. Some families elect to keep their standard of living the same and increase their giving by the amount of the raise or bonus.

### 3. Redirect current expenditures

Families often have short-term expenses factored into their budget. When those expenses end, those funds can be redirected without major budget adjustments. For example, a family that pays off a loan may choose to continue budgeting the same amount of the loan payment as a gift.

### 4. Sacrifice your extra time

Extra time can be converted into extra income and greater giving capacity through part-time jobs.

### 5. Donate Stored Resources

Appreciated assets (like stocks or real estate) can also be resources for generosity. Talk to a financial advisor for ways to maximize these gifts.

### 6. Give from your excess

Some families save over a period of years for a special project. Funds initially saved for vacations, new vehicles, or other projects can be redirected as gifts.

### 7. Commit Unexpected Cash

Sudden influxes of cash due to an inheritance, a second income, or gifts can be added to gifts from regular income.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is the financial goal of this initiative?

Our goal is \$9 million over a 24 month period, and raising this amount of money will require 100% participation from those who call First Baptist Alpharetta home. This initiative is roughly \$1,000,000 or 13% more than the same time period from 2017-2019.

## Why are we doing this now?

While our church is growing, and we're seeing a lot of fruit, we never want to settle for the status quo. We want to have maximum kingdom impact as we pursue what God has in store for us. We believe God has given us health and momentum for such a time as this. The longer we defer needed maintenance and improvements, the larger the project becomes—and we don't want to saddle future generations with it.

## When will this initiative begin and end?

The Advance initiative will begin March 2022 and continue through March 2024.

## Are my gifts "over and above" my normal tithes and other offerings?

We are taking a "One Fund" approach to the Advance initiative. That means all giving is rolled into one budget (as opposed to a traditional building campaign, where ministry and projects are kept separate). With campaigns people typically give to one and/or the other, whereas with this One Fund initiative, everyone is giving to support the mission and vision of the church.

## When will we be asked to make our commitment?

Commitment Sunday is March 6, 2022.

## What will take place on Commitment Sunday?

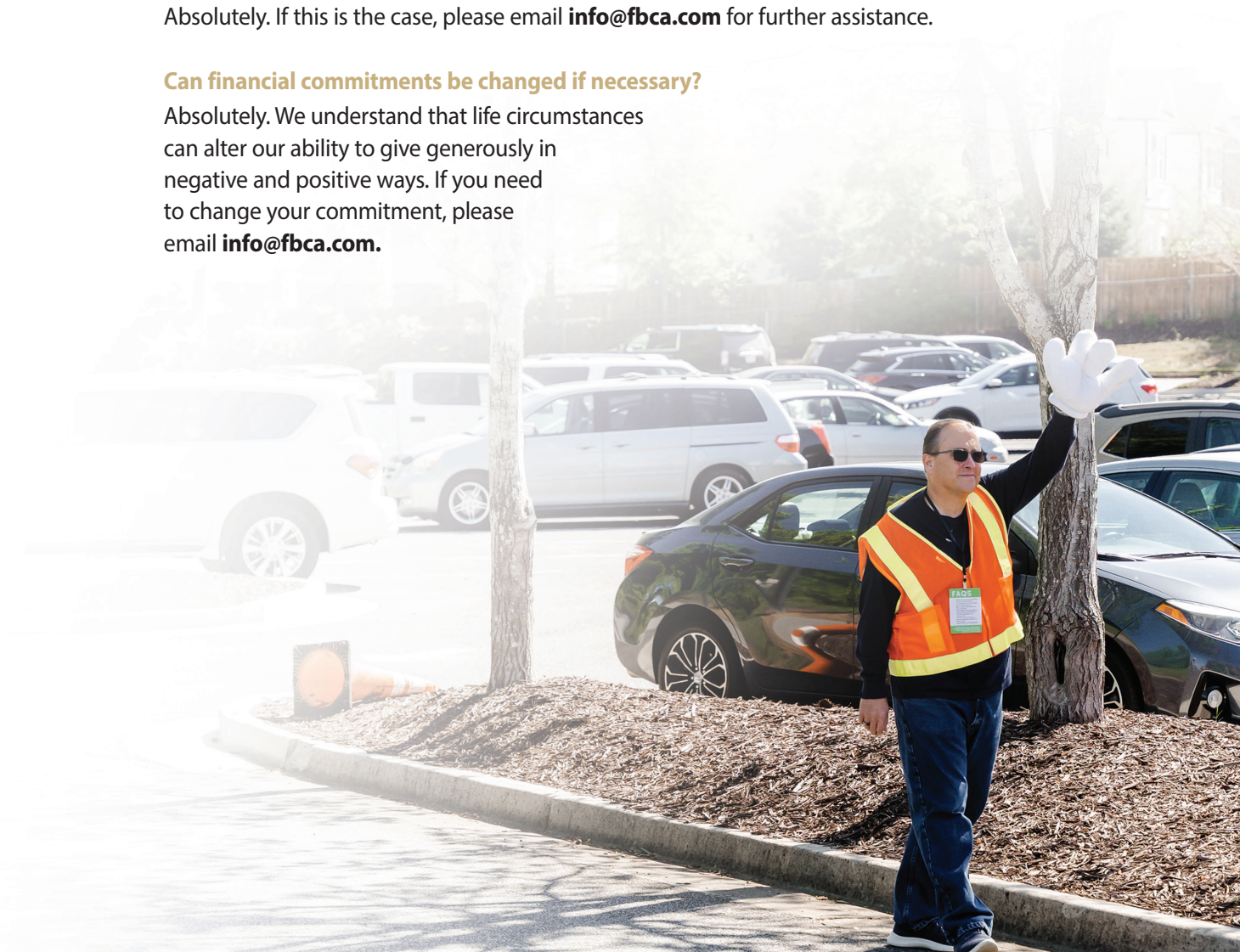
On Commitment Sunday we will worship, celebrate, and pray over what God has planned for the coming years at FBCA. We will ask our entire church—100%—to participate by committing to give financially to the Advance initiative. We ask that everyone submit their Advance Commitment Card on this day at the end of our worship gathering.

## Can my gift involve stocks or other assets in addition to cash?

Absolutely. If this is the case, please email [info@fbca.com](mailto:info@fbca.com) for further assistance.

## Can financial commitments be changed if necessary?

Absolutely. We understand that life circumstances can alter our ability to give generously in negative and positive ways. If you need to change your commitment, please email [info@fbca.com](mailto:info@fbca.com).







It is our time to **ADVANCE**. We are encouraging everyone to pray, engage, and give in new ways so we can make the most of this moment. Will you prayerfully ask yourself:

**Who do I know who needs to KNOW JESUS?**

**What can I do to create space for others to DISCOVER HOPE and EXPERIENCE FAMILY at my church?**

**Where is God calling me to LIVE SENT from here to the ends of the earth?**

