

**RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN  
2025**

**It's Time To Build  
Ecclesiastes 3:3b**

“There is a season and a purpose for everything...there is a time to build.”

Building for Christ to continually reach the Ramoth Baptist Church community

## **MINISTRY STRENGTHS OF RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **A CLEAR PURPOSE**

The purpose of our church is to glorify God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, by ministering to the needs of people in and out of church, and by nurturing our fellowship to become givers instead of takers. We must reach and disciple the lost following Christ's example; continually honor and praise Christ and dynamically experience His presence; serve each other and the community by following Christ's example in our stewardship of time, talents, spiritual gifts, finances, and possessions; teach the principles of God's Word to instill Christian doctrine and values; and provide the leadership and facilities to effectively accomplish God's mission in and through us.

### **GOD'S LEADERSHIP**

I think we are blessed with an outstanding pastoral team that leads our church with integrity, vision, and love. They are totally committed to prayer and seeking the direction of God and are willing to sacrifice with you to accomplish His goals.

### **LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE TEACHING**

The messages of our pastors focus on helping people change and become all God intends for them to be. These messages are more than just little talks that make you feel better. The goal is to lead you to be "doers of the Word, not just hearers." We are to be participants in worship, not merely spectators.

### **JOYFUL WORSHIP**

Our services are vibrant, alive, exciting, diverse, and full of celebration, worship, and praise. We attempt to use the gifts God has given to us. We also attempt to use all of the people God has entrusted here to serve Him.

### **LAY-LED MINISTRIES**

We have many ongoing and short-term lay leaders heading many different ministries that reach out in love to our community proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### **A FRIENDLY, CASUAL ATMOSPHERE**

Our worship style and our people make visitors feel welcomed and relaxed. It's very difficult to come into our services without being greeted by numerous people other than just the staff. That friendly atmosphere, then, sets the stage for worship.

### **A WORLD-WIDE VISION**

Our church supports financially and prayerfully the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia as well as other church plants and missionaries serving from our own church family.

4. At your family conference, read the following Bible promises and instructions and make a list of what you learn:

**Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-12; 9:6-12; Matthew 6:19-20.**

5. In your family conference, ask yourselves aloud these questions:

**Regarding our cash gift:**

- \*How much cash could we gather by Victory Sunday?
- \*Is there anything we could sell and convert to cash?
- \*Do we have any assets or tangible items we could give?

**Regarding our 36 month commitment:**

- \*Are there ways we could decrease our expenses in order to make a larger commitment?
- \*Are there ways we could increase our income in order to make a larger commitment?

6. Decide as a family the total amount you will give, hold hands and have a prayer of commitment and thanksgiving similar to this:

**“Father, this is a big step for us. We’re asking You to strengthen our faith and help us grow spiritually through giving. We thank You for all You have given us. We know we wouldn’t have anything if it weren’t for You and that it all belongs to You. We want to be cheerful givers. We’re claiming the promises You’ve said in Your Word that You will take care of our needs if we trust You. Thank You for this opportunity to grow. Thank You for our Church. Help us to reach our goal to build this very important building. In Jesus’ name, Amen!**

## **A CHANCE TO LEAVE A LEGACY**

We believe it's a rare privilege to be part of what God's doing through Ramoth Baptist Church. Our congregation is impacting lives and families for Christ everyday. Now we have the opportunity to be visionaries – to lay the foundation for the future. The new Family Life Center will not only continue to bless us but will also bless future generations.

For the next 36 months, we will all need to make a special commitment in addition to our regular tithes and offerings so this building can become a reality. This may be perhaps the largest sacrificial gift you've ever made. As you pray about what you will give, consider these questions and Scriptures:

### **Has God blessed me through the ministries of Ramoth Baptist Church?**

"I will give thanks by sacrificing a freewill offering to You, O Lord" (Ps. 4:6).

### **Does my giving indicate I'm growing to spiritual maturity?**

"Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness, and in your love – see that you also excel in this grace of giving...It tests the sincerity of your love" (2 Cor. 8:7-8).

### **Am I willing to give generously and then trust God to care for my needs?**

"God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more, so there will not only be enough for your own needs, but plenty left over to give joyfully to others" (2 Cor. 9:8).

**God is waiting for us to demonstrate our faith through our giving. The need is quite obvious. The solution is also obvious. So, let's leave a legacy.**

## **WHAT'S MY PART IN "IT'S TIME TO BUILD"**

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO GIVE:

### **1. Give a cash gift.**

Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift. You might consider income from savings, tax refunds, garage sales, reducing expenses, deferring a major purchase, etc. Involve your whole family in raising a specific amount.

### **2. Make a 36-month giving pledge.**

Most of us can give far more when it's spread out over time. See the Giving Potential Chart for ideas and examples. Please take advantage of this option. It would be a true blessing to the church if you could combine ways 1 & 2.

### **3. Give a gift of assets.**

In addition you can give real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, cars, boats, etc.

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3. **METHOD;** by having a **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**, on June 8<sup>th</sup> where each family can make a cash gift and a 3-year giving commitment to “It’s Time To Build”
4. **TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**  
**METHOD:** By having testimonies of those who have been blessed by the ministries of our church and to share information about Ramoth’s Ramoth’s ministries, and to listen, and to pray together.
5. **TO CELERATE ALL WE HAVE TO THANK GOD FOR**  
**METHOD:** By having an all-church Thanksgiving banquet on the grounds to express our thanks to God by enjoying worship and fellowship with each other.

### **IT’S TIME TO BUILD GOALS**

(through cash gifts, pledges, property, etc., over three years)

“The company of the prophets said to Elisha, look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us.”

#### **\* Our Immediate Needed Goal: \$1,800,000**

This would allow us to start construction.

#### **\*Our Challenge Goal: \$5,000,000+**

This would fully fund our Family Life Center

### **4 Essentials To Reaching Our Goals**

1. We must believe it can be done.
2. We must involve every family (members, regular attenders, visitors) in our church.
3. We must be willing to sacrifice.
4. We must be creative in finding ways each of us can give more that we ever thought possible.

**Q: Why have a stewardship campaign if the bank has already stated that they will give us the loan.**

**A.** It's really a very simple answer. The lending company will not loan us the entire amount and requires that we have a down payment to complete the construction cost of \$5 million. They are lending us \$3.2 million dollars and our down payment is to be \$1.8 million. Then as we give over the three-year period we pay on the principle and make the note payment from the general fund. This is why the stewardship campaign is over our regular tithes and offerings without affecting our current ministry obligations. Hopefully due to the increase of our membership we're expecting to see, and already see happening, we will be able to pay off the loan in a shorter period of time. Along those same lines, the more money we can raise the less money we will have to borrow. The less money we have to borrow the less interest we will have to pay. The less interest we have to pay the more money we have to spend on ministries to the community.

**Q: What's the difference between a "fundraising" campaign and a "giving" campaign like ITTB?**

**A.** There is a big difference. The purpose of a 'giving' campaign is to challenge each of us to give out of our "OWN" resources. In a "fundraising" campaign, you collect money from someone else by selling them a product or service. A giving campaign always results in personal spiritual growth whereas a fundraising campaign just raises money. The ITTB campaign was designed to (1) stretch your faith, (2) build your hope in God's promises, (3) deepen your love for Christ and His church, and (4) teach you Christlike generosity. By learning to sacrifice personally for the cause of Christ, you will grow toward spiritual maturity.

**Q: I'm a single parent with several kids or parents with several kids and have a low income or almost no extra income, but I want to be a part of building our church. How can I give?**

**A.** First, you are to be commended for your heart's desire to give. It reminds me of the poor widow Jesus honored for her faith in giving in Mark 12:41-44.

"Jesus sat near the Temple Offering Box and watched the people put in their money. Many rich people gave large sums of money. Then a poor widow came and put in two copper pennies. Jesus said, I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people together! They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had; she gave all she had to live on."

From this moving example of sacrifice, Jesus taught 3 important truths: First, your attitude is more important than your amount in giving. Second, it's always possible to give something IF we really trust God. Third, God measures our faith by comparing what we've given with what we have left over after we've given.