



# SATURATE

“ For the earth will be  
filled with the knowledge  
of the glory of the Lord as  
the waters cover the sea. ”

Habakkuk 2:14





Years ago I heard the statement, "You must seize the opportunity of a lifetime in the lifetime of the opportunity." If there is one word that describes this season in the life of Temple Baptist Church it is the word "opportunity." In January 2016, when we first launched our strategic plan called "SATURATE," we knew God was calling us to "saturate the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel." The strategic initiatives in our plan are coming to fruition, and we now move into the next phases of this season of opportunity. We are humbled by the privilege and responsibility God has entrusted to us individually and as a church.

As you read this booklet, it is our hope that your passion and vision for the Lord and His work will be renewed and refreshed. You will be reminded of our vision initiatives and informed of the next steps we will take together. Our vision is fueled by a deep burden for the lost, the hurting, and those needing hope in Christ.

While the information in this booklet is not exhaustive, it does provide a clear path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our ability to "Saturate the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel." In the movie "Luther", the great Christian reformer was preparing for his trial where he had been ordered to recant his teachings concerning salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ alone. He said to his father in the ministry, "When you sent me out to change the world, did you think it would cost me nothing?" As we consider the future generations who will be blessed and reached by these endeavors, we are asking that each member of Temple prayerfully read this material and ask the following:

Lord, where are you sending me?  
Lord, make me a prayer warrior!  
Lord, help me to grow in the grace of giving!

Each one of us has been entrusted with one "lifetime." I implore you to seize this opportunity God has given you to make an eternal impact that will last beyond this life and into eternity. Together we can SATURATE the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel!

Dr. Darryl Craft





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# TERMS TO KNOW

## CORE VALUES

Temple's core values are the guiding principles that define our behavior and actions. Our heart at Temple is to see Life Change, and we see this happening through three core values: Life Worship, Life Together, and Life Mission.

## SATURATE

Saturate is Temple's five-year strategic plan to saturate the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that Saturate is a God-given vision for our church.

## SATURATE FUNDING INITIATIVE

The Saturate Funding Initiative is a two-year financial plan that enables us to fund the initial stages of our Saturate Vision.

## ONE FUND GIVING MODEL

The "One Fund Giving Model" enables us to see that everything we do is missional. A part of this initiative is to challenge each of us to increase our financial support with a two-year commitment to the Lord's work through our church.



# BUILDING FROM THE FOUNDATION

God has greatly blessed the historical commitment to being on mission that embodies Temple Baptist Church. As a result, we have been blessed greatly with people, resources, and opportunity. Believing [Luke 12:48](#) "from everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more," we better understand Paul's statement in [Romans 1:14](#), "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish."





In 1907, 15 Baptists came together for the purpose of offering Sunday School for their children in a location nearer to their homes. They began meeting in a small servant's house on Sunday afternoons, eventually moving to a home as their numbers grew. Their desire to foster a community of worship and spiritual learning would keep growing, becoming the Temple Baptist Church of today. A small group of 15 believers is now over 4,000 and continues to grow.



In June, construction begins on a major expansion for the Hardy Street Church.



As membership grows, Temple votes to lease 50 acres in Lamar County on Old Highway 11.



Saturate five-year initiative begins.



The church is officially organized on 4th Avenue in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Riley and is given the name "Faith."



The site for the new church is donated by H. A. Camp. Because of its location on 5th Avenue, the name becomes 5th Avenue Baptist Church, the first Baptist church in the western part of the city.



On the corner of Hardy Street and 16th Avenue, construction begins for a newer, larger church building. On June 3, 1951, the church changes its name to Temple Baptist Church.

Temple's resident membership grows to 4,493.



**OUR PAST  
FOUNDATION  
BRINGS US  
TO OUR  
PRESENT  
CORE  
VALUES**



**OUR PASSION  
IS TO SEE  
LIFE CHANGE  
THROUGH  
THREE  
CORE VALUES**

**LIFE WORSHIP**

We see the body dedicate itself to the teaching of the apostles, to worship, and to prayer.

**LIFE TOGETHER**

We also follow their example of committing themselves to the life together and to the common meal, living in wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.

**LIFE MISSION**

We see that by living out their faith that people in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.





# OUR CORE VALUES MOTIVATE US TO SATURATE

## WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

Because **1.9 BILLION PEOPLE** in the world have never heard the gospel! We have a burden that begins with the glory of God and is fueled by our compassion for the lost, the broken, and the hopeless. People in our community and the world need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## WHY NOW?

We are a blessed people, and God has entrusted us with many gifts and resources. Because of God's generosity, each of us has a greater responsibility to be a good steward.

**Luke 12:42-48**

Our community, our nation, and our world are in desperate need of the gospel. Jesus told us to go and make disciples.

**Matthew 28:18-20**



# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SATURATE?

We are providing a clear path for sustaining, growing, and expanding our church's ability to impact the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel!

## HOW?

### SENDING

Our goal is to be a people known for going and sending.

### PRAYING

Our goal is to be a people known for prayer.

### GIVING

Our goal is to cultivate a culture of growing biblical generosity.

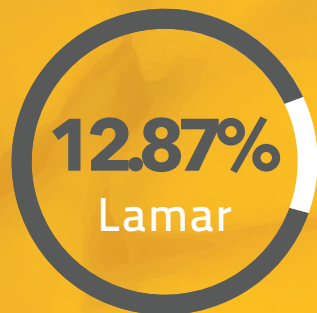
# SENDING

A CHURCH SATURATING THE PINEBELT AND THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GOING AND SENDING

- DISCIPLES INTO OUR COMMUNITY
- MESSENGERS INTO OUR WORLD

Active evangelical households by county:



"Active" is defined as attending 1 out of every 4 Sundays.

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT  
MATTHEW 28:19

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE CREATION  
MARK 16:15

What is a "sending church?" A sending church is one that obediently responds to Jesus' final command to His followers to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations.

Today, there are 1.9 billion people who have never heard the name of Jesus. Charles Spurgeon once said, "I plead this day for those who cannot plead for themselves... Shall we let them perish? Can we go to our beds and sleep while China, India, Japan, and other nations are being damned?" A sending church is one that has a burden for and a plan to see that all who are presently damned hear the life-changing message of the gospel.

As you will see on the pages that follow, we have an intentional strategy that will prepare our people to faithfully share the gospel and establish Christian communities in every part of the world. A sending church is one that is known more for the numbers they send than the ones that gather. Our desire is that Temple will be known as a going and sending church.

## SENDING OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLESHIP  
PINEBELT  
GAP

PARTNERSHIPS  
CHURCH  
PLANTING



# DISCIPLESHIP

## OUR GOAL IS TO INTENTIONALLY MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS, WHO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

**IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU.... YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES. JOHN 15:7-8**

The family is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from birth to personal maturity. In the same way, the body of Christ is the God-designed unit for shaping an individual from spiritual birth to spiritual maturity. This is why disciple-making should be at the heart of all that a church is and all that it does. Much like a greenhouse, a church has many intentional components or environments that contribute to the product of the disciple who makes disciples generation after generation. Three disciple-making environments at Temple are as follows: **Bible Fellowship** organizes the church into ongoing, smaller, multiplying groups that are open to everyone in order to help people

connect, belong, be cared for, use their spiritual gifts, and gain Bible understanding and application; **Life Groups** help those who desire to be a disciple-maker; **Equipping Classes** equip people in specific stages of life, crisis, or core habits/truths in short-term groups primarily on Wednesday nights.

Jesus will make an impact in our hearts during this Saturate Funding Initiative. See, **discipleship, and stewardship are intertwined**. As we grow in our discipleship, we grow in our stewardship, and as we grow in our stewardship, we will grow in our discipleship. The two concepts work hand-in-hand to mold our hearts more into the image of Jesus.

Discipleship involves our conviction, character, and conduct. A disciple of Jesus is a person who is following Christ (conviction), is being changed by Christ (character), and is committed to the mission of Christ (conduct). "He said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men'."

 **1,000 NEW PEOPLE ENROLLED IN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES FIVE YEAR GOAL**



# PINEBELT

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## OUR GOAL IS TO SATURATE THE PINEBELT WITH THE GOSPEL

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**TELL OF HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS WONDERFUL DEEDS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES.**  
**1 CHRONICLES 16:24**

Fifty-two thousand people will live within five miles of Temple Baptist Church by 2019. This is 80% of the Lamar County population. Within the “Five-Mile Radius” are the poorest and wealthiest citizens in the Pinebelt. Temple is strategically located to the population base that surrounds it. The “Five-Mile Radius” surrounding the church is diverse ethnically, economically and culturally.

“26.4% of people in America live in apartment communities. Only 5% of multi-resident housing residents go to any type of evangelical church.” North American Mission Board

Within the “Five-Mile Radius” of Temple, 60% of the population expressed they are Christian and members of a local church. However, in Lamar County alone, only 12.87% claim to regularly attend. More troubling is that regular attendance is now defined as one in every four Sundays. If projections are correct, of the 52,000 people residing within the “Five-Mile Radius” in 2019, less than 12% are going to be in church on any given Sunday.

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**“EIGHTY-TWO PERCENT OF THE UNCHURCHED ARE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT LIKELY TO ATTEND CHURCH IF INVITED.”**

Dr. Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door

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- FULLY ENGAGE THE “FIVE-MILE RADIUS” AROUND TBC WITH THE GOSPEL
- ESTABLISH A REPRODUCIBLE OUTREACH TO MULTI-RESIDENT HOUSING
- ESTABLISH INTENTIONAL OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONALS
- REFOCUS THE CAC TO BECOME A HUB OF ACTIVITY WHERE THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INTERSECT ON BRIDGES TO THE GOSPEL



**GAP**

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**OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP AND RELEASE  
YOUNG ADULTS TO LIVE FAITHFULLY AND  
MISSIONALLY WITH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

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**AND THIS  
GOSPEL OF THE  
KINGDOM WILL  
BE PREACHED  
IN THE WHOLE  
WORLD AS A  
TESTIMONY TO  
ALL NATIONS,  
AND THEN THE  
END WILL COME.  
MATTHEW 24:14**

GAP ministry is a missional opportunity for young adults, 18 to 24 years of age, to commit a season of their lives, 6 months to 1 year, developing a strong biblical foundation and a Christ-centered worldview while taking the gospel to the nations.

We will develop a training center at Temple that, in five years, will prepare 25 young adults annually in the GAP ministry. This is just one of the innovative ways Temple will prepare workers to share the love of Christ and build Christian communities in every part of the world.

**CONNECTING LOCALLY AND  
GLOBALLY THROUGH MISSIONS**



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IT ALL STARTS HERE

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [Ephesians 6:12](#)



# PARTNERSHIPS

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## OUR GOAL IS TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE PINEBELT, IN EVERY REGION OF NORTH AMERICA, AND ON EVERY CONTINENT IN FIVE YEARS

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**IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU, I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW. PHILIPPIANS 1:4-5**

Temple desires to see the power of the gospel transform lives and communities. We intend to do this by forming strategic partnerships with like-minded churches and ministries around the world. Strategic partnerships multiply ministry effectiveness for kingdom growth by enabling partners to leverage their strengths and resources. They will provide Temple with access to locations that would be unreachable otherwise. Also, will provide increased mission opportunities for Temple members. Most of all, strategic partnerships will better enable Temple to follow the Lord's

command to make disciples of all nations.

A partnership is defined as an arrangement where parties agree to cooperate for the purpose of advancing their mutual interest. Temple seeks to develop partnerships to increase the likelihood of achieving our missional goals and to expand our reach into the world with the gospel message.

### TEMPLE'S PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS:

- Temple partnerships should be formed to penetrate darkness. **Luke 19:10**
- Temple partnerships should impact all five regions of North America and every inhabitable continent around the world.
- Temple desires to partner with our own missionaries, encouraging, supporting, and enabling them to accomplish the mission God has called them to.



# CHURCH PLANTING

## OUR GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH ONE CHURCH PLANT IN AN UNREACHED AREA OF THE WORLD

**BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH. ACTS 1:8**

Temple will develop an intentional plan for planting churches.

It goes without saying, lost people need Jesus. Church planting is the most effective way to saturate a community with a gospel presence. Church plants reach different people groups. The Great Commission mandated that disciples be reached among all nations, not just the Galileans who were gathered. They can reach different demographics of people by strategically positioning them to serve communities in fresh and effective ways.

### CHURCH PLANTING INVOLVES THE WHOLE CHURCH

#### INVITE

Soon, we will **INVITE** people of all ages and all seasons of life to hear Temple's vision for church planting.

#### INTEREST

For members **INTERESTED**, leaders will help people identify a role and a place on the church plant team.

#### INVEST

We will **INVEST** in each team member to develop a contextual strategy that leads to effective church planting.

#### SEND

Temple is committed to **SENDING** church planters and team members who are trained and equipped to take the gospel to the nations.

"America is drastically underchurched. The church-to-population ratio has been steadily declining for the past century. In 1900, there were 28 churches for every 10,000 Americans. By 1950, that number had dropped to 17 for every 10,000. In 2000, there were only 12 churches per 10,000; and in 2004, the ratio was down to 11/10,000." Tom Clegg and Warren Bird



# PRAYING

A CHURCH SATURATING  
THE PINEBELT AND THE  
WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

## A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR PRAYER

EVEN THOSE  
I WILL BRING  
TO MY HOLY  
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CALLED A HOUSE  
OF PRAYER  
FOR ALL THE  
PEOPLES.  
ISAIAH 56:7

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

Oswald Chambers reminds us that, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." We seek no less than total prayer saturation over our church family and our ministries locally, nationally and internationally. Together, we will reclaim the church as a house of prayer for the nations! (Isaiah 56:7)

We desire to make it easier and more likely that people will pray personally and corporately. Prayer is our first response, not a last resort! May we never act without prayer but never pray without acting!

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

## OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF PRAYER



### PERSONAL | Life Worship

We encourage members to prioritize prayer in their personal time with the Lord, using the ACTS tool as a guide:

- A Adoration:** praising and adoring God for who He is
- C Confession:** admitting our sin and seeking God's cleansing
- T Thanksgiving:** thanking God for His blessings and answered prayers
- S Supplication:** asking God to work in our lives and in the lives of others



### CORPORATE | Life Together

Together we will reclaim the church as a house of prayer for the nations.



### KINGDOM | Life Mission

As a church, we will respond to God's call to unite all believers in focused prayer for world evangelization and spiritual awakening.

# FOCUS ON PRAYER

God is moving through the prayers of His people! Jesus says to ask, and we will receive. These are some evidences of answered prayers for God's direction for our church:



## PRAYER WALL

Write a request on our Prayer Wall located upstairs in the Building B. We are adding another Prayer Wall soon!



## BOILER ROOM

The Boiler Room Ministry prays during our weekly worship services. Individuals, families or groups sign up to pray on a rotating basis.



## HOUSE OF PRAYER

Our church family gathers once a month for House of Prayer uniting our hearts in calling out for God to intervene through our prayers.



## THE COVE

A Place of Prayer: In 2017, we will construct a prayer cove that will be available for anyone to utilize anytime our building is open.



## PRAYER ROOM

Members sign up to pray in one hour blocks on a weekly basis. In 2016, participation has increased by 25%.

# CONNECT WITH PRAYER



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ONLINE RESOURCE COMING SOON

# GIVING

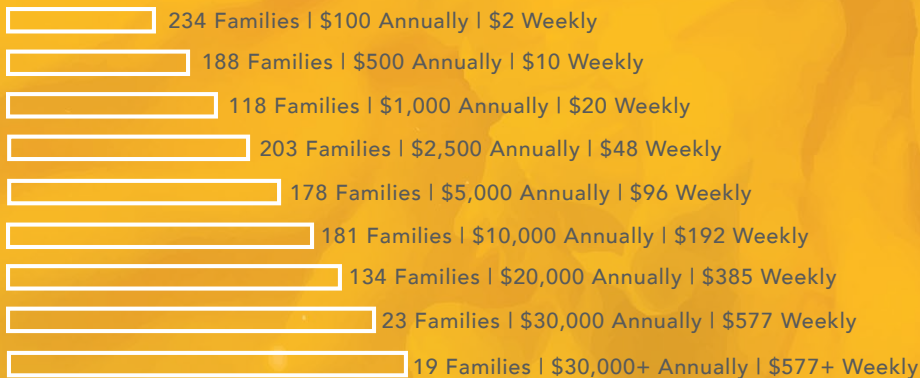
A CHURCH SATURATING  
THE PINEBELT AND THE  
WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL

A PEOPLE KNOWN FOR GENEROSITY



Americans donated two percent of their disposable income to some form of charity last year.

## TEMPLE GIVING



OUR GOAL IS TO CULTIVATE A CULTURE OF GROWING BIBLICAL GENEROSITY

- 1 Equip members for a lifestyle of growing biblical stewardship that empowers financial freedom and generosity.**
  - Help individuals grow in the grace of giving.
  - Increase the number of givers.
- 2 Pour greater resources into being a sending church by eliminating debt.**
  - Form a culture of giving beyond the tithe to reduce and/or eliminate church debt in five years.
  - Redirect future funds from servicing our debt to spreading the gospel.
- 3 Develop a legacy initiative that will enable members to continue their gospel influence beyond their lifetimes.**

But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. 2 Corinthians 8:7

# SATURATE FUNDING INITIATIVE

The Saturate Funding Initiative is a two-year financial plan that enables us to fund the initial stages of our Saturate Vision. We are asking our membership to make a two-year financial commitment to expand our vision and mission.

## GOALS:

GROW AND  
STRENGTHEN  
**FAITH**

**100%**  
PARTICIPATION

FULFILL THE  
SATURATE  
VISION

ELIMINATE  
**DEBT**

# ONE FUND MODEL

The Saturate Funding Initiative is accomplished through the "One Fund Model".

The One Fund Model enables us to see that everything we do is missional. A part of this initiative is to challenge each of us to increase our financial support with a two-year commitment to the Lord's work through our church.

The One Fund Model is a comprehensive financial plan that includes ongoing ministry expenses, new initiatives, and further debt reduction. The goal is to reduce and/or eliminate the debt so that the debt service part of our current budget can be used for reaching our community and world for Jesus Christ.

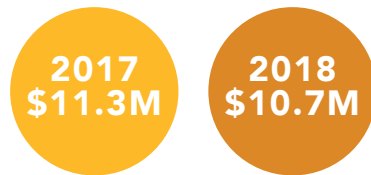
We are challenged to be generous and participate in the One Fund Giving Model. Pray about your participation and ask God to show you how you can grow in the grace of giving.

# ONE FUND MODEL

## EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED IN ONE BUDGET

- Ministry Budget
- International Missions Offering (Lottie Moon)
- North American Missions Offering (Annie Armstrong)
- State Missions Offering (Margaret Lackey)
- Saturate Initiatives
- Debt Retirement

## PROJECTED BUDGETS IN TWO YEAR SATURATE FUNDING INITIATIVE



## 2 YEAR PLAN | \$22 MILLION GOAL



By eliminating current debt, church funds can be used to **SATURATE** our community, country, & world through...



# CURRENT STATUS OF OUR DEBT

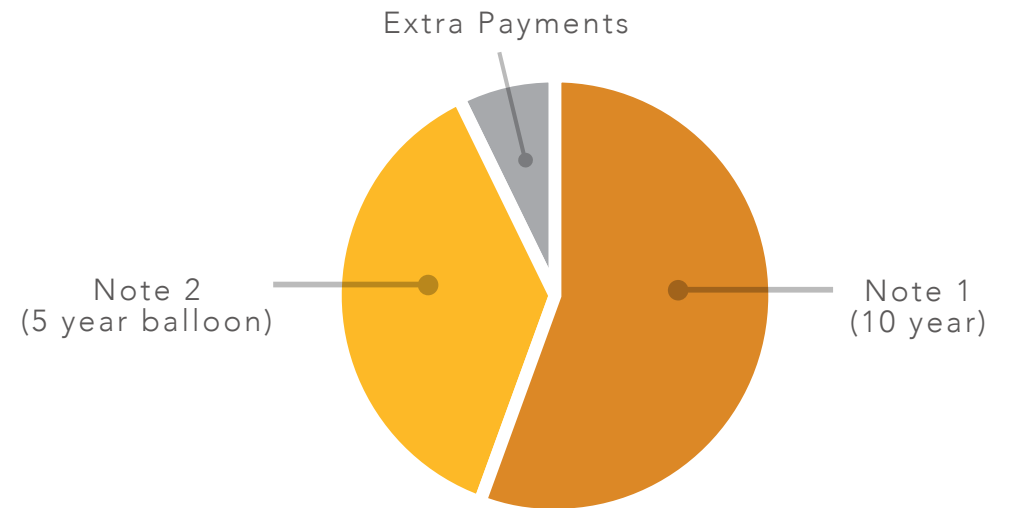
## OUR CHURCH DEBT

The Finance Ministry Team is faithfully leading our church to reduce debt while at the same time continuing our strong ministry of the gospel.

### What is our current debt and how does it impact our annual budget dollars?

Our church debt is approximately ten million dollars. Currently, our budget includes \$1,058,750 for debt service. Once the debt is eliminated, this money can be repurposed for ministry and missions.

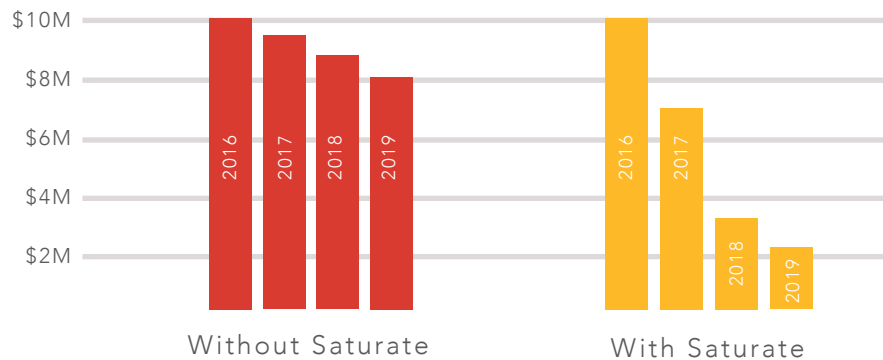
## BREAKDOWN OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL BUDGET FOR DEBT



# THE RESULT

By the end of 2019, debt will be minimized to greatly increase ministry and mission funds.

**PROJECTED DEBT LEVELS**  
(DEC 2016 - DEC 2019)



# YOUR ROLE IN SATURATE



Lord, where are you sending me?  
Lord, will you make me a prayer warrior?  
Lord, will you help me to grow in the grace of giving?

Each one of us has been entrusted with one "lifetime."

**SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
GOD HAS GIVEN YOU!**

**YOU CAN MAKE AN  
ETERNAL IMPACT!**

Together we can SATURATE  
the Pinebelt and the world  
with the gospel!



# WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

## THE EXTRAVAGANT GIVER

"I am living a radically generous life with all of my resources."

**BIBLICAL HEROES:** Barnabas and the widow

## THE EXPANDING GIVER

"I am giving beyond my tithe to the vision of my church and needs I encounter."

**BIBLICAL HEROES:** The Good Samaritan and David

## THE TITHING GIVER

"I am giving my first fruits (10% of my income) to the Lord."

**BIBLICAL HEROES:** Abraham and Jacob

## THE CONSISTENT GIVER

"I am giving at least once a month."

**BIBLICAL HEROES:** Cornelius and Mary

## THE BEGINNING GIVER

"I am beginning my giving journey."

**BIBLICAL HEROES:** Zacchaeus and the boy with fishes and loaves

EXTRAVAGANT GIVER



EXPANDING GIVER



TITHING GIVER



CONSISTENT GIVER



BEGINNING GIVER





# AVENUES FOR GIVING



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As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, please use the tool below as a guide. Let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

What I/we normally give in a year

+

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expanded annual generosity for SATURATE

=

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

x2 Years

=

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

+

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts from my/our stored resources

**FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS,  
I/WE COMMIT TO ...**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO YEAR COMMITMENT**

February 26, 2017 - February 24, 2019

# 28 DAYS OF SATURATED PRAYER

[JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 18]

At Temple, we want to create a culture of prayer that saturates our church family, our ministries locally, nationally and internationally. Prayer is our first response, not a last resort! Please join us as we pray daily for our Saturate plan.

**"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."**

(Oswald Chambers)

## 24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Sign up to pray for one hour during January 22-23

### Pray for:

- Our staff
- Church leadership
- God-inspired vision and clarity
- Our plan to saturate the Pinebelt and the world with the gospel
- Our members to be receptive to the Saturate Funding Initiative

Use the following guide as you pray daily for the next 28 days.



## JANUARY 22-28: SATURATE WITH ADORATION AND PRAISE

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### Day 1: Habakkuk 2:14

Praise God that the earth will be saturated with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the seas.

### Day 2: Exodus 15:2

Praise God that He is our strength, our song and our salvation!

### Day 3: Psalm 40:3

Praise God for putting a new song in our mouths. He is worthy of our praise!

### Day 4: Psalm 63:3

Praise God that His love is better than life!

### Day 5: Psalm 139:14

Praise God for being an incredible Creator who made us in His image!

### Day 6: Psalm 148:13

Praise God for His name is exalted and His majesty is above earth and heaven!

### Day 7: Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

## JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4: SATURATE WITH CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

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### Day 1: Psalm 139:23-24

Ask God to search you and know you. Do you need to confess any thoughts, feelings, attitudes or actions that have displeased Him?

### Day 2: Psalm 19:14

Are the words of your mouth and the deep longings of your heart pleasing to God?

### Day 3: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Humble yourself, pray, seek God's face and turn from any wicked way God has revealed to be true about your life.

### Day 4: Ephesians 6:10-13

Pray, acknowledging that your struggle is not a physical one but a spiritual one. Take your stand against the devil and his schemes.

### Day 5: Ephesians 6:14-20

Pray, putting on the individual pieces of spiritual armor God has provided for us. We are in a spiritual battle! Take your stand in Christ's victory!

### Day 6: Hebrews 12:1-3

Confess anything that is hindering your relationship with God. Repent of any known sin. Persevere as you follow Jesus.

### Day 7: 1 John 1:9

As you have confessed your sin, know that God not only forgives you but He cleanses you from all unrighteousness. Thank Him for this great news!

## FEBRUARY 5-11: SATURATE WITH THANKSGIVING

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### Day 1: Psalm 100:4

Begin your time with the Lord today by thanking Him for the blessings He has given you. Thank Him for answering specific prayers you have prayed.

### Day 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Give thanks even in the bad circumstances of your life. God is there. He cares. He can bring good things out of bad circumstances.

### Day 3: Psalm 111:1

Pray, giving thanks to God with your whole heart. Share this thanksgiving with another believer. Let them rejoice in the good God has done for you.

### Day 4: 2 Corinthians 9:15

Pray, giving thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – Jesus!

### Day 5: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Pray, giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness and His steadfast love that will last forever.

### Day 6: Psalm 30:4-5

Pray, giving thanks to God for showing us His favor. Thank Him for the joy we have in Him.

### Day 7: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Pray, thanking God for the victory over death and sin that we have through Jesus.

## FEBRUARY 12-18: SATURATE WITH SUPPLICATION

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### Day 1: Ephesians 5:18

Ask God to fill you with His Spirit. Ask, seek and knock. Tell God that you want Him to have complete control of your life. Seek to be led by the Spirit, not by your flesh.

### Day 2: Luke 10:2

Pray, asking God to raise up workers in His harvest. Ask Him to call people to serve as pastors, missionaries, preschool workers, children's ministry workers, and student ministry workers.

### Day 3: Matthew 28:18-20

Pray, committing yourself to be part of the church's great work of making disciples who will follow Jesus, be baptized and be taught to obey King Jesus. Commit to becoming a disciple maker who will make other disciple-makers.

### Day 4: Romans 12:1-2

Daily pray offering your body as a living sacrifice to God. Surrender to Him and His plan for your day. Pray to be transformed by the renewing of your mind through scripture. Commit to doing God's will.

### Day 5: John 15:5-8

Stay closely connected to Jesus through prayer and reading His word. Pray boldly for God to answer big prayers that would bring Him glory. Pray that your obedience would bear much fruit.

### Day 6: Acts 1:8

Pray for God to put people on your mind that you need to tell about Jesus. Ask Him if you should go on any of our church mission trips this year or in the years to come.



# BIBLE FELLOWSHIP NOTES

## JANUARY 22: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

2 Corinthians 9:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Mark 10:17-27

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### MAIN POINT

*True generosity connects us with a God who is joyfully generous toward His children.*

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### APPLICATION

*Our aim is to understand God's joyful generosity toward us more deeply.*

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the least likely and 10 being most confident), rate your level of generosity. How would you rate your current level of financial generosity based on your capacity?

What is one small, concrete step you can take to grow in your level of generosity?

What is the role of individual giving in the mission of the church? What do you imagine the church is unable to do right now but would be able to do if everyone gave generously?

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### GENEROSITY PRAYER

"I thank God who has blessed me in all ways, at all times, with more than I need. Lead me to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward my future."

## JANUARY 29: MY FIRST STEPS

Luke 19:1-10; John 6:1-13; Acts 10:1-8; Luke 8:1-3

### MAIN POINT

*An encounter with the generous Jesus leads to a life of consistent generosity.*

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### APPLICATION

*Our aim is to begin our giving journey and grow into consistent givers.*

Beginning a journey of giving starts when we put some restraints on our spending. Where can you cut some spending in your own budget to prepare yourself to give more?

How can you contribute to and promote a culture of generosity in your home? Why is it important to develop generosity in your home early on?

What is celebrated is repeated. Understanding how crucial giving is to living as a Christian. As we become more consistent in our giving, how can we joyfully hold one another accountable?

### GENEROSITY PRAYER

*"I thank God who has blessed me in all ways, at all times, with more than I need. Lead me to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward my future."*

## FEBRUARY 5: GOT TO OR GET TO

Genesis 14:18-24; Proverbs 3:9-10

### MAIN POINT

I am a steward and not an owner. I will give my first fruits (10% of my income) to the Lord.

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### APPLICATION

*Our aim is to grow from consistent givers into tithing givers.*

Give some thought to the three types of givers we have discussed so far—beginning giver, consistent giver, and tither. Which one best fits your current giving lifestyle? Where would you like to see growth over the next year?

Why do you think so many church members choose not to tithe?

Giving away 10% of your income will significantly impact your standard of living. Why should you move from consistent giving to tithing? How is this a heart issue?

What do we communicate to God when we tithe faithfully? Why should tithing be a source of joy and not a burden for us?

### GENEROSITY PRAYER

*"I thank God who has blessed me in all ways, at all times, with more than I need. Lead me to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward my future."*

## FEBRUARY 12: COUNT ME IN

Luke 10:30-35; 2 Samuel 24:18-25; Acts 4:36-37

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### MAIN POINT

True generosity moves beyond a focus on the minimum.

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### APPLICATION

*Our aim is to move from tithing givers to expanding and extravagant givers. Here are some items to begin praying about. Talk through these with your Bible Fellowship class and with your family.*

How well informed am I about my giving opportunities?

What adjustments in my earning or spending do I need to make so I can be ready to give beyond my tithe as the Lord leads?

Over my lifetime, what long-term generosity impact might I have? If I created my personal generosity dream life, what would it look like?

What steps can you make this year to begin to make a higher priority of this legacy lifestyle?

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### GENEROSITY PRAYER

"I thank God who has blessed me in all ways, at all times, with more than I need. Lead me to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward my future."

## FEBRUARY 19: NO HOLDING BACK

2 Corinthians 9:6-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Mark 10:17-27

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### MAIN POINT

We achieve our "dream life" when we live in the freedom of giving.

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### APPLICATION

*Our aim has been to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward our future.*

Read Proverbs 8:17-21. What do these verses promise those who treasure the Lord above all else?

What is one small, concrete step you can take to grow in your level of generosity?

Of the five types of givers we have studied (beginning, consistent, tithing, expanding and extravagant), which one best represents where you are today?

What will you do this year to grow toward becoming the generous person God desires you to be?

What are a few concrete things that God can do if you increased your giving? What could the Lord do if our entire church family increased their giving?

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### GENEROSITY PRAYER

"I thank God who has blessed me in all ways, at all times, with more than I need. Lead me to live generously, share joyfully, and look expectantly toward my future."













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