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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BRIAN JUMP

OUR STORY

Our story begins on October 28th, 1905, when 25 believers felt called by God to establish the First Baptist Church in Clever, Missouri. From our founding, God has been faithful, and His hand has been on FBC Clever.

Despite facing the trials of two major church fires (1915 and 1945) which both resulted in total building losses, the heartbreak and uncertainty brought on by two world-wars which saw some of our very own young men drafted into battle, and the extreme poverty of the Great Depression, God has worked to bring about the baptism of thousands, the equipping of tens of thousands, and calling out of many to the mission field and vocational ministry through FBC Clever.

Over the years, the city of Clever has experienced steady and, at times, rapid population growth. In the early 2000s specifically, land in and around Clever was being swiftly bought up by developers. Wisely, in January of 2006, the forward-thinking members of FBC purchased 30 acres of land on Hwy 14 just west of P Hwy with no immediate plans for development, but a firm belief that God had plans for the property in the future.

My family and I joined the story of FBC Clever in August of 2014, and since that time I've been blown away by how God has moved in countless ways.

- We've paid off our aforementioned property.
- We've given over \$100,000 to fund missions all around the world.
- · We've hosted outreach events that have served and evangelized thousands in our community.
- We've expanded the church staff to equip our growing congregation.
- · We've moved to two morning services to accommodate the growth we've experienced.
- We've remodeled and repurposed every room of our current buildings in order to maximize our church campus.
- We've baptized over 100 people and our congregation has grown 550%.

God has been at work, but I believe God is just getting started! Friends, I ask you to pray and believe these things with me:



I believe that God has greater days in store for FBC Clever!
I believe He is on the verge of a mighty move!
I believe God is still writing the Story of FBC Clever,
and we are about to begin a brand-new chapter!
I believe NOW is the right time for FBC Clever to move FORWARD IN FAITH!



Lastly, in order to make space for God to continue the story of FBC Clever, I believe we must expand and relocate our church campus. I do not believe that God has blessed us with our property on Hwy 14 to bale hay.

No, I believe God is calling us to build buildings for the purpose of building His kingdom.

Church, let's commit together to trust God and, in His strength, write the next chapter in the story of FBC Clever.

Let's MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!



Our Campus

Master Plan

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This phase will include expanded sanctuary space and seating; a complete children's ministry area equipped with plenty of classrooms, bathrooms, and an AWANA circle; and a foyer area designed as both a holding and fellowship place for before/after services.

In this phase, we will add a gymnasium that will be used for many fellowship, student, and life group activities.



Phase 2

Phase 3

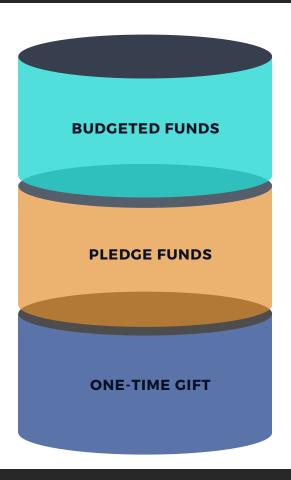


In this phase, we will add a dedicated space for students, expand the kid's ministry area, and add plenty of classrooms for life groups.

OUR GOAL



Aside from the significant cost savings, building Phase 1 and 2 together would accommodate current needs and allow for expanded ministry. Specifically, the gymnasium space could function as life group space on Sunday mornings, designated student ministry space on Wednesday nights, allow us to launch brand new ministries such as Upward sports, and allow for banquet space for special events.



TOTAL COST OF PHASE 1 & 2: \$5.8 M

As we continue to build our down payment, it is likely that we will need to secure a loan in order to actualize construction. So it is vital that we remain faithful in our general tithes and offering. For it is from the budgeted funds that a loaned payment will be made.

To further our Forward in Faith campaign, we are asking every family to budget an additional monthly/weekly gift above and beyond their normal tithe and offering.

In order to launch our Forward in Faith campaign we are asking you to seek God's direction and contribute a one-time generous gift.

21 DAYS OF PRAYER

MAY 2-22

For 21 days, we will be praying, fasting, and gathering together in preparation for our building campaign! During these 21 days, we will have 21 prayer topics, 4 days of fasting, and 3 in-person prayer meetings.



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During 21 days of prayer, we are setting aside 4 days to fast as a church. During these 4 days, we encourage you to fast from food, but if you are unable, you can fast from other things such as social media, TV, or other leisure items.

To learn more about fasting, visit fbcclever.org/21daysofprayer



"The goal of fasting is to engage in a prohibition of provisions or pleasures and to designate the amount of time that would have been spent on those things in prayer."

3 IN-PERSON PRAYER MEETINGS

MONDAY MAY 3RD, 10TH, AND 17TH 6-6:30PM

FORWARD IN FAITH PLEDGE SERVICE

SUNDAY MAY 23RD

Learn more on page 14

NEWNESS

Isaiah 43:19

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

Heavenly Father, thank you for always doing new things. I thank you that through Jesus I have new life. But, I recognize that I am in need of more "new" in my life. I desire to see your hand at work in these 21 Days of Prayer. I ask that you work to open my heart to behold you in "new" ways. Please, meet with me in prayer each day as I commit to seeking your face and your will for me and your church. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

FINANCIAL PROVISION DAY 2

IN-PERSON MEETING @ 6PM

*Today is the first of our four FAST days. Please spend today in prayer and fasting for God's financial provision.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Heavenly Father, I'm asking you, my God, to provide supernaturally! I'm calling out to you, the one who owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10) to pour out your provision for your mission. And, as your child, I ask that you show me how I can be part of your provision. Please reveal to me where I can save, what I may sell, or what I can do to invest in the construction of your church in Clever. Father, I believe you are a faithful provider. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 3 EXALTATION

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore, God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heavenly Father, you are worthy of my worship, your name is higher than all others, and I exalt you! Jesus, I give you preeminence in my life, I place you above all others, and I desire you and your favor supremely. I freely and gladly confess you as my Lord and my Savior, to the glory of God the Father, In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

MAY 5-7

DAY 4 PROTECTION

Psalm 34:7-9

The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

Heavenly Father, I come to you asking that you grant me your divine protection. I know you are with me wherever I go, and you will never leave me nor forsake me (Deuteronomy 31:6); As I seek to both trust and fear You, as you call me to do in Your word, please send your protection, whether by angels, other children of God, your Holy spirit, or through whatever means You will. I fully trust you with my life and ask for guidance as I walk on this earth to avoid any dangers or evil; thank you for your goodness. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

HUMILITY DAY 5

ı Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

Heavenly Father, please keep pride far from my soul and help me to walk in humility and full dependence on You and Your Spirit within me. May I be ever mindful that You resist the proud, but give grace to the humble. Form in me a heart of meekness that seeks to build up and serve others. I desire that you alone would receive all the glory, honor and praise! In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 6 SUBMISSION

James 4:7-10

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Heavenly Father, I come to you with a humble heart, submitting myself and my own will into your hands. I repent and turn from my sins and ask that you purify my heart and make me of one mind with your Spirit. Draw me close to you, my Lord and Savior, make me holy like you. I am clay in your hands and your servant to use however you will. I am wholly yours Lord. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 7 BELIEF

Mark 9:23-25

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!

Heavenly Father, I believe that you are the creator of Heaven and earth (Gen 1:1). I believe that you sent your Son to die on the cross for my forgiveness and salvation. I believe that what may seem impossible to man is nothing to you; For with God nothing is impossible. (Luke 1:37). Even so, I need your help in my moments of doubts and my seasons of faithlessness. Lord, please help my unbelief. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

REST DAY 8

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am [a] gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Heavenly Father, please come to me, and provide my body, mind, and soul with the rest that only You can give. As I struggle under the load and cares of this world, I do not want to miss the plans you have for me. You are an amazing God who can carry all the burdens of this world and yet you say your burden is light; Teach me to take your yoke and learn from you. Thank you for sending Christ to give me rest and peace. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 9 AWAKENING © 6PM

*Today is the second of our four FAST days. Please spend today in prayer and fasting asking God to send Awakening to our community, country and to all four corners of the globe.

Acts 2:40-41

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Heavenly Father, please work a work of supernatural spiritual awakening in our midst! I long to see a mighty harvest of souls that starts in our community, moves throughout our country and expands to all four corners of the globe. Father, please use me and birth within me a greater burden to reach those who do not yet know you! In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 10 PRAISE

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Heavenly Father, I praise you! You are good and merciful, and your truth will endure for eternity. Thank you for giving me life, salvation, and every good thing. No one is like you; you are the one, true God, and you are only good. I bless your name, praise you, and exalt you! I will seek to praise you in every place and in every situation because I know you always want what is best for me. You are the only one worthy of my praise. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

WISDOM DAY 11

James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

Heavenly Father, your word places a premium on wisdom. You have said we should be happy when we have found wisdom. For in wisdom, we possess something more precious than rubies and more valuable than silver or gold (Proverbs 3:13-15). But wisdom can't be found in this world or purchased for any price; rather it is a gift that is given by you to those who ask. Oh God, I need your wisdom. I ask in faith, that you would generously grant me wisdom so that I may live boldly and not stumble in the path that you have called me to travel. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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Psalm 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Heavenly Father, I ask you to grant me joy daily, that I would take pleasure and refuge in you and your word, that I would count my trials as joy (James 1:2), and that I would rejoice in you always (Philippians 4:4). Your word speaks so much of joy, help me to know the true and everlasting joy that can only come from your Spirit at work within me. I rejoice in your coming to save and place my hope, awaiting joyfully, in your future coming. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

MAY 14-16

DAY 13 INFLUENCE

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

Heavenly Father, I desire that my life be used to help others to know and serve you. I ask that you increase my sphere of influence so that I may maximize my life for your glory. Lord, please keep me close to you and far from evil and misery. Please make me holy and honorable before the eyes of the world. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE DAY 14

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Heavenly Father, help me to store up your word in my heart that I might not sin against you (Psalm 119:11), for your word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). I believe Jesus is the very word of God who was made flesh to dwell among us and I cherish that word and mediate upon it both day and night. Your word is a lamp unto my feet, Lord, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105). In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 5 RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Heavenly Father, please help me to crave righteousness. Your Word tells me that if I seek first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, You will lead me to a life of blessing, purpose, and fulfilment (Matthew 6:33). Help me to focus on Your priorities first, sharing Your love and making Your Name known. I know that by focusing on You and Your righteousness rather than myself, I will receive joy and peace. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

DAY 16 SANCTIFICATION ©

IN-PERSON MEETING @ 6PM

*Today is the third of our four FAST days. Please spend today in prayer and fasting asking God to work His soul cleansing work of sanctification in your life.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Heavenly Father, please search me and uncover any and all of my sin. Sin that is in my heart, in my mind or currently manifested in my life. Holy Spirit, convict me of anything that falls short of Your best and better ways and please forgive me of all that is unrighteous. It is my sincere desire that I can present myself as a sanctified vessel to be used for your service. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.



Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

Heavenly Father, I desire to live a blessed life. I want to be mindful of the dangers of tethering my life to those who are scornful, unrighteous and unbelieving. The advice and guidance given by the ungodly will never lead me to blessings. However, your law leads to joy, productivity, stability and blessings. Help me to delight in the diligent reading of and reflecting upon Your word. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen

DAY 18 PROVIDENCE

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Heavenly Father, presently there are circumstances in my life that are difficult, painful and that I can't see an ounce of good in. But I will take comfort that You have promised me that in all things You are providentially at work, ordering everything for my ultimate good. I choose to believe Your truth over my feelings. Even in situations that seem hopeless. I know You are working on my behalf and that You want more for me than I could ever want for myself. Thank you for having a purpose for me and for working all of my life circumstances for good. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen

DAY 19 PEACE

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Heavenly Father, I confess that often times my heart feels anxious. Lord, help me to heed your invitation to replace my anxieties with unexplainable peace which Jesus will use to watch over my heart and mind. I come to you with thanksgiving on my lips. If for nothing else, I thank you for the gift of life, for your word says that I am fearfully and wonderfully made in Your image. I lay down all worries, I surrender all to You. I need You. I need Your peace that transcends my troubles. When life seems unstable, Lord, thank you that you are always immovable. I trust that You are faithful, and I receive Your peace in my life today. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen

MERCY DAY 20

Lamentations 3:21-23

This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Heavenly Father, I am comforted that you are a good God who is rich in mercy, for I know that I fall short of your glory daily. It is because of your love, mercy and grace that you saved me. I praise you that every morning you have more mercy to bestow on me. The truth that your compassions cannot collapse grants me hope to face each day with confidence. Truly, Your faithfulness is great! I praise you, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

DAY 21 TOGETHERNESS

*Today is the fourth and final FAST day.

Please spend today in prayer and fasting asking God to help promote and protect the harmony of His church.

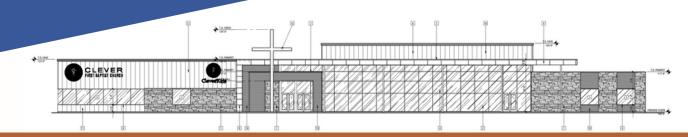
Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is... For brethren to dwell together in unity!

Heavenly Father, we are praying for unity as your people. Please cultivate a heart of togetherness with FBC Clever as we move forward in faith in constructing a new building for your glory and our good. Please cultivate a spirit of harmony. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

PROPERTY SUNDAY May 23rd

On Sunday **May 23rd**, we will be gathering for worship at both 9 & 10:30 AM at our current campus. An opportunity to make a financial pledge to the Forward in Faith campaign will be given at the conclusion of each service.

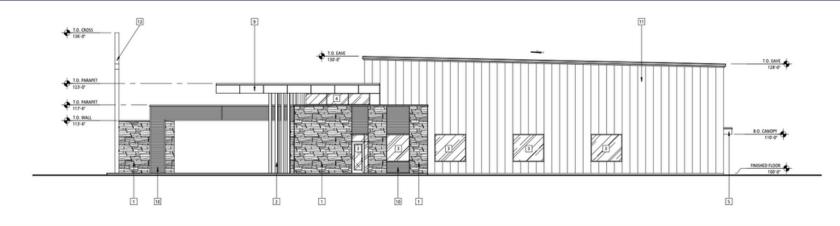


ONE-TIME GIFT

In order to launch our Forward in Faith campaign, we ask that every family or member bring a one-time gift (above and beyond a normal tithe) to be designated toward our future facility.

36 Month Pledge

During our May 23rd service, we are asking every member to bring their 36 month pledge. This will be a commitment above and beyond our normal tithe amount. We hope to break ground well before the 36 months is over, and your pledge will help us make an informed decision for a loan amount.



ACTUALIZING OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

Consider decreasing unnecessary weekly expenses in order to save more for your Forward in Faith commitment.

- 1 Sell
 Consider selling nonessential items or
 possessions that you could part with and use
 the funds generated to invest in the future
 facility (unused equipment, property, etc).
- 2 Sacrifice
 Consider ways that you can cut
 unnecessary spending to free up extra
 funds to further the kingdom of God
 (eating out, cable, etc.).
- Secondary Revenue
 Consider ways to increase your income in order to contribute to the Forward in Faith Campaign.

Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing."

2 Samuel 24:24



A CONSISTENT GIFT ADDS UP QUICKLY

LOOK AT WHAT JUST \$35 PER MEMBER CAN DO!

	Weekly	Monthly	Annual	36 Months
1 Member	\$35	\$151	\$1,820	\$5,460
50 members	\$1,750	\$7,583	\$91,000	\$273,000
100 Members	\$3,500	\$15,167	\$182,000	\$546,000
300 Members	\$10,500	\$45,000	\$546,000	\$1.64M

With a weekly gift equal to 2-3 takeout meals, FBC could raise a significant amount of funds!
Imagine what we could do with an even larger sacrifice if everyone did their part.



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