

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why can't we just borrow the money we need to finish our building?**
We have already borrowed \$2.375 million to finish Phases 1 and 2. We are able to handle this debt primarily through our church budget, but we do not feel that we should take on additional debt. We are committed to finishing the remaining parts of the building as we are able to pay for them.
- **What is the suggested amount each family should give?**
There is no suggested amount. Each person should pray and ask God what he should give. We are not asking for equal giving but equal sacrifice. God does not look at how much we give but at the level of sacrifice we make.
- **Should I give part of my tithe to Building People?**
No. Your tithe should be given to the budget offering of the church. That is the most important giving. It funds all the ministries and missions of our church. We are asking you to give sacrificially above your tithe for the next three years. If you cannot give above your regular giving, you should not give to Building People.
- **Why are we being asked to make a commitment? Why don't we just give what we can?**
Commitments are powerful. Christ asks us to make a commitment to Him. Our church is able to carry on its ministries because of members who have committed to tithe. We will give far more if we make commitments. Three years ago, 204 families in our church committed to give over \$730,000 to Building For Tomorrow over a three year period. We received over \$750,000. We would not have been able to build our building without these commitments.
- **These are tough economic times. What if I make a commitment and then I lose my job?**
We are asking you to make a commitment based on your current income. If you lose your job, you are not bound to your commitment. If God blesses you during the next three years, you may want to increase your commitment.
- **Is my commitment confidential?**
Yes. The members of the accounting team who tally the commitments are the only ones who will see your commitment card.
- **Does someone monitor whether I keep my commitment?**
No. That is between you and God. A record is kept of your giving. You may contact the financial secretary any time for a total of what you have given, but no one will contact you about your commitment.
- **When do we start our giving?**
The first Sunday of Building People is June 7, 2009. That is week one of our 156 week campaign. We are asking each church member to bring a Firstfruits Offering that Sunday.
- **Do I have to give weekly?**
No, you may make your gifts any way you like—weekly, monthly, annually, etc. For most of us, it is easiest to give according to pay periods.