

IMPACT DEBT

Dear First Church,

I want to personally invite you to participate in a new venture that will impact First Church and its ministries for many years to come.

BREAKTHROUGH is a 2-year initiative which will increase the awareness of our ministry mission and provide a chance to acknowledge all that God is doing through the body of Christ of First Church of God.

Through this initiative, we will all be afforded a great opportunity to make a difference for generations to come. God is certainly at work through the ministries of First Church. He has blessed us with Spirit-filled leaders and committed people who together make every effort to fulfill the call of Christ to go and make disciples. However, there are some specific areas which need addressed in order for us to effectively reach our community for Christ.

I invite you to join with us as we pray and seek to follow God as He calls us to use our time, gifts and resources to meet these areas of need.

- Pastor Rick



TRANSFORM FACILITIES

Impact the Debt

Our Breakthrough goal is to impact our debt by \$200,000. Our debt was incurred in 2004 for the purpose of constructing our youth building, the Summit. First Church youth previously met in an old farmhouse adjacent to the church property. The farmhouse was demolished due to its age and the cost of repairs.

First Church believes that youth matter. Paul encouraged Timothy in his young age.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

The blessing of the Summit came at a cost, but through your faithfulness, our indebtedness has been reduced to \$430,000. Our new goal will help us radically reduce this current debt by at least \$200,000 over the next two years.

Transforming Facilities

Our Breakthrough goal for transforming our Worship space is \$300,000. We want our facilities to show that we are ready for company. Transforming our worship space reflects our concern for people and testifies to the overwhelming blessings and provisions of the Lord.

The worship area is showing its 40 years of usefulness. The pews are well worn and have been repaired as much as they allow. The lighting and electronics are antiquated. The carpet is threadbare in places, and the sound system is on borrowed time. Seating, carpeting, wall repairs and painting, lighting and sound/video/acoustics are all in need of attention.

The **BREAKTHROUGH** initiative allows us to make our worship space an excellent, inviting, and technologically current environment.

UNLEASH MINISTRY

Unleashing Ministry

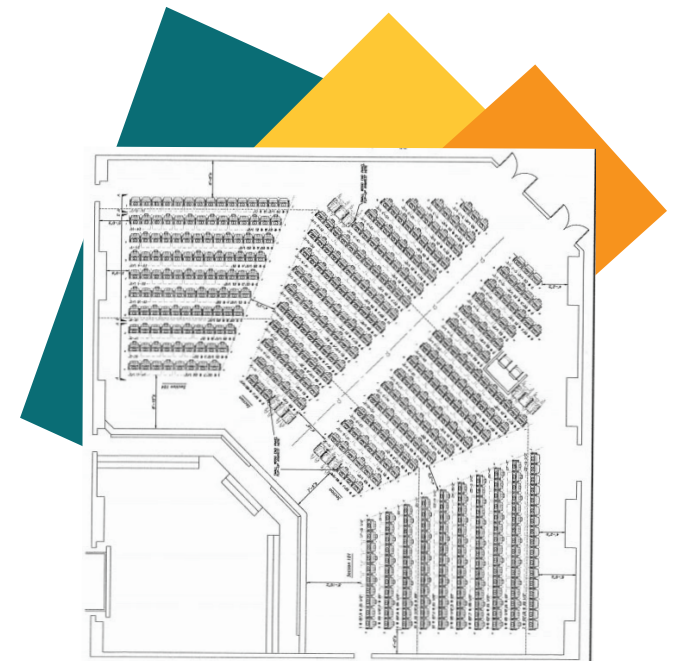
Our mission must remain the priority.

Jesus told us to go into all the world, and as we go, make disciples. He also encouraged his disciples to wait on the Holy Spirit so that they could be effective as witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Throughout the **BREAKTHROUGH** initiative, our mission must remain the priority.

Meeting people where they are... Loving them to where Christ wants them to be.

Our Breakthrough goal for the next two years of ministry is \$1.1 million. This is well in line with our annual giving for the last two years.



I'm All In

How You Can "Make a Difference"

There are several ways that you can help **BREAKTHROUGH** in the future of First Church.

- **Continue to pray:** As we begin our faith journey, pray and ask God to help you decide how you can be part of this initiative. Pray that He will enable First Church to continue impacting our community and trust Him to guide us as we begin this journey together. Then, believe that He will guide First Church to even greater works in the future!
- **Make your BREAKTHROUGH Commitment:** We encourage you to make your faith investment for an amount to be given regularly over the next two years. Trust the Lord to enable you to fulfill your goal!
- **Invite Friends & Neighbors:** As we continue to grow our First Church family, invite your friends & neighbors to join you for worship, to participate in Life Groups, and to attend special events. Continually look for opportunities to minister to those around you. Spread the word about what God is doing through First Church!

Questions & Answers

What is our **BREAKTHROUGH** goal?

Our Breakthrough goal total is 1.6 million dollars over the next two years. This is a culmination of our stated goals to impact our debt (\$200,000), transform our facilities (\$300,000), and unleash our ministry (\$1.1 million). This is the total needed to accomplish all current First Church ministry and the new stated goals.

When does our giving begin?

Giving will begin on Sunday, March 25 and continue for two years.

What if I am already giving to The Summit Building Fund?

If you are currently donating to The Summit, thank you! The **BREAKTHROUGH** initiative is an all-in-one fund. When you give to First Church, your gift will be divided according to the stated goals of the **BREAKTHROUGH** campaign. There is no need to designate a specific fund.

How can I make a gift to the **BREAKTHROUGH** initiative?

Our church is asking for a two year commitment that can be payable weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

BREAKTHROUGH investment cards will be distributed on February 18th, 25th and March 4th, but you can join this initiative at any time.

What if we exceed our goal?

Any additional income will be divided between payment on the debt, mission projects, and future capital expenditures.

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