LIVE A LEGACY.

LEAVE A LEGACY.

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2
AS THE CHURCH, THE FAMILY OF CHRIST, WE ARE BOUND NOT BY BLOOD BUT BY OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, AND WE HAVE A CALLING TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

THE TIME HAS COME TO FOCUS ON THE NEXT GENERATION.

IT’S TIME TO LIVE OUR LEGACY AND LEAVE A LEGACY.

THE TIME IS NOW.
Dear First Dallas Family,

What an incredible four years we have experienced since beginning Mission 1:8! In the last few years, we have launched new ministries, reached countless people all over the world through Pathway to Victory and our First Dallas iCampus, and seen God work in the hearts of hundreds in our church to make decisions for Christ.

As a new season begins, we look toward the future. We look toward Mission 1:8 Generation Now. In addition to discipling more people through the growing ministries of our church and reaching more people with the love of Jesus Christ through special missions initiatives, I am confident God is leading us to build a two-level expansion of our Horner Family Center to make room for the families God will bring to our church in the future.

I am fully convinced that God has called First Baptist Dallas and each believer to leave a legacy, and the way we leave a legacy is by living our legacy now. We are committed to discipling, equipping, training, and mobilizing the next generation in order to transform our world with God’s Word... one life at a time. They are our future, and our time to act is now. How will you invest in the next generation?

Gratefully,

Dr. Robert Jeffress
Senior Pastor
On Easter Sunday, Areli visited our church for the first time with her four children. She slipped into the service and knew something was missing in her life. Dr. Jeffress led the congregation in a prayer of salvation, and Areli prayed to receive Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. A church member sitting nearby encouraged her, prayed with her, affirmed her decision, and walked with her to make her decision official.
Olivia was visiting Dallas from Boston. She stumbled into the church one Sunday, seeking a place to wait out the bad weather. She was immediately greeted and invited to worship. At the end of the service, she came forward to accept Christ as her Savior.

FIRST DALLAS STORIES
The Lord is using First Dallas to transform our world with God’s Word ... **ONE LIFE AT A TIME** by making and mobilizing disciples.

**KEY MINISTRY STRATEGIES**

We are working to equip and mobilize the body of Christ through four key strategies:

1. **WORSHIP**
2. **EQUIP**
3. **SERVE**
4. **INFLUENCE**

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*One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

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**PSALM 145:4**
A NEW SEASON OF MINISTRY

KEY EVANGELISTIC SUNDAYS

We will accomplish our strategies by creating four key Sundays and outreach events throughout the year for you to invite guests and friends to join us for worship.

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER
On Palm Sunday, we create opportunities for guests to join us for the Lord’s Supper, a special guest artist, and Carry the Cross to Klyde Warren Park. Every Easter morning is an opportunity to invite people to hear a special gospel message by Dr. Jeffress.

FREEDOM SUNDAY
God is the author of freedom, and we are blessed to live in a nation where we can worship freely. Freedom Sunday is an excellent opportunity to invite guests to celebrate our freedom as American believers and our freedom in Christ.

CHRISTMAS
Our Night of Christmas performances are great opportunities to invite people to celebrate our Savior, enjoy worship and Christmas music, and hear the gospel.

EXPLORE FIRST
Explore First is our biggest opportunity to reach people who would never visit our church. We will create tools for you to use to invite friends, and we will center the whole day around helping guests connect to First Dallas and learn about our ministries.
Key Equipping Events

We are excited to offer several key conferences and outreach events throughout the year to equip you in your daily life.

Marriage Conference
We will offer a Marriage Conference for couples to come and receive resources and biblical teaching that will help them build a strong marriage.

Women’s Conference
Through our HeartStrongFaith Conference hosted with 90.9 KCBI, we will reach women in our area and provide them with biblical teaching and encouragement that will strengthen their relationship with Christ.

Men’s Conference
Our annual Men’s Conference will provide a place for men to come, be encouraged, worship, and be equipped with the tools to lead and have courage in our culture.

Biblical Parenting Conference
Through our Biblical Parenting Conference, we will equip parents with tools to raise godly kids in an ungodly culture and connect them with other parents to create a community of support and encouragement.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9
LOCAL MINISTRY

UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN OUTREACH

- **Community Events**
  We plan to serve our community and connect to the people of Dallas through planned fellowship events in key locations.

- **Operation Care International**
  We hope to partner with Operation Care to impact the spiritually and economically impoverished in our city.

- **Apartment Outreach**
  We will partner with key local apartment complexes and deploy members who live nearby to develop relationships, host events, and share the gospel with local residents.

- **First Dallas Serve Days**
  We will plan several serve days a year to partner with local missions partners to serve our city together.

PARTNER MINISTRIES

- **Dallas Life**
  We will partner with Dallas Life Foundation to provide a place where homeless men, women, and children can receive help and hope.

- **Involved for Life**
  We will partner with Involved for Life to educate and empower women to make informed, life-affirming decisions for themselves and their babies.

- **First Baptist Academy**
  We will partner with First Baptist Academy to provide quality, Christian education to students.

PARTNER CHURCHES

- **Silent Friends Ministry**
  We will build our Silent Friends Ministry in order to reach even more hearing-impaired in our city who need to know the gospel or find a place to worship.

- **Lake June Baptist Church**
  We will partner with Lake June Baptist Church in order to empower them to reach those in East Dallas with the gospel and biblical teaching.
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

**NATIONAL MINISTRY**

**PARTNERSHIPS**

- **Southern Baptist of Texas Missions**
  We will partner with SBT Missions in order to fund church plants and support missions efforts throughout our state.

- **First Gospel Church Alliance**
  We will build a network of churches around the country to create an alliance to build the Church based on biblical truth.

**MISSION TRIPS**

- **Student Mission Trips**
  We will provide an opportunity for our students to minister and lead worship mission trips nationally and internationally.

- **Family Mission Trips**
  We will create an opportunity for families to experience a mission trip together outside of Dallas.

**MISSION OFFERINGS**

- **The Gideons International Offering**
  We will support The Gideons International Offering in order to further their mission to share the gospel and provide Bibles.

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**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY**

**ADULT MISSION TRIPS**

- **Guatemala**
  We will send medical and construction teams to minister to people's physical needs while also investing in them spiritually.

- **Kenya**
  We will send teams to Kenya in order to train pastors, evangelize, and offer medical support.

- **Amazon**
  We will send a team to lead Vacation Bible School, host a medical clinic, and evangelize in villages.

- **Belize**
  We will partner with iServants to work with local churches and schools, share the gospel, and lead Vacation Bible School.
**BROADCAST**

- **Pathway to Victory and Media Missions**
  Through Pathway to Victory and Media Missions, we will grow our broadcast coverage and ministry in order to proclaim the message of the gospel and reach even more people with truth.

- **First Dallas iCampus and Digital Media**
  We will provide additional opportunities for people to participate in our worship services, join the church, and provide resources to help them grow spiritually.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

- **Lottie Moon Missions Offering**
  Through the Lottie Moon Offering and the International Mission Board, we will support our missionaries who are deployed overseas.

- **MediAlliance International**
  Through our partnership, we hope to provide training, technical strategies, and biblical resources to broadcasters all over the world.

- **World Link Ministries**
  In partnership with World Link Ministries, we hope to advance their mission to train pastors, raise up disciples, and plant churches in countries like India, Cuba, and many more.

- **Mission House Ministries (Guatemala)**
  We will partner with this ministry by helping them care for the physical and spiritual needs of the people in Guatemala.

- **Amazon Vida (Amazon)**
  We will partner with this ministry to reach the unreached communities along the Amazon River.

- **Criswell Baptist Church (Kenya)**
  We will support Criswell Baptist Church in Kenya as they plant churches, teach, and preach the gospel in their region.

- **Canaan Baptist Church (Kenya)**
  We will support Canaan Baptist Church in Kenya as they plant churches and train church leaders and members to be effective disciples.

- **Individual Missionary Support**
  We will identify and support specific missionaries in their ministries overseas.
Pricilla struggled with trusting God after losing her dad a few years ago.

Pricilla’s mentor encouraged her to attend Beach Week with First Dallas Students where she heard the gospel and spent time around believing peers.

One night at camp, Pricilla stood up in the worship service to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior!
One of our children’s camp counselors faithfully invited one of her friends to church. The friend was hesitant but finally allowed her daughter, Kaylee, to attend children’s camp. While at camp, Kaylee made a profession of faith! When Kaylee returned from camp, the family decided to visit First Dallas together.
In 2013, the Horner Family Center welcomed thousands of children and students, immediately becoming a hub for teaching God’s Word to the next generation. We prayed that God would fill these classes, and He has faithfully answered that prayer.

Our children are the future leaders of the church, and we take our job seriously to partner with parents to instill the truth of God’s Word in their hearts. According to author George Barna, the spiritual war occurring in individual lives is statistically won or lost by the age of 13. We have a small window to nurture the children in our care.

We have experienced exponential growth in every age group over the past five years, maxing out our space and creating need for additional space to enhance the worship experience of both our members and guests. In fact, in order to accommodate our younger children, our preteens are currently meeting on the other side of the campus in the Spurgeon Harris Building. As a result, parents who have multiple children in different grades must take some children to the Horner Family Center, others to Spurgeon Harris, and then race to Sunday School and worship.
The time has come to build upon a firm foundation. In order to continue reaching others for Christ, we must grow. Currently, our Horner Family Center boasts over 98,500 square feet of educational space and is home to nearly one thousand children and students on average every Sunday.

With the addition of two floors, which will be constructed on top of the Horner Family Center Garage and extend to cover a portion of the existing education space, we will be able to house our bed babies through college students, and create a new home for our young parents with their children under one roof.

This expansion will provide an additional 80,500 square feet of educational space, nearly doubling the size of the existing Horner Family Center and providing the room we need for the families the Lord will bring to join First Dallas in the days and years ahead. **These two floors represent an investment that will yield a return and reward for all eternity.**
Level 6 of the Horner Family Center will become the new home to our 2nd-6th graders, enabling us to move our Preteens from Spurgeon Harris, and create a new space for our children with special needs.

- With this addition, we will create nearly 38,000 square feet of additional programmable space for children.
- A secure lobby area with check-in kiosks will speed up the process for parents and provide safety and security for children on the floor.

- Additional elevators will enhance our movement throughout the building.
- Teachers and volunteers will have access to a large, centrally located resource room.
- With the addition of classrooms and two additional large group spaces, we will be able to reach hundreds of more children and families for Jesus Christ through our extensive biblical programming opportunities.
- The new floor will also open up additional space for our youngest children as our 2nd-4th graders move to level 6.
- Over 2,300 square feet of classroom space will be specifically designated for children with special needs, enabling us to better meet the needs of each child.
- The sensory room will create a calm environment with activities intended to soothe and comfort special needs children who become overwhelmed in the typical developing classroom and need to take a break and reset.
- A new age-appropriate playground covering nearly 800 square feet will provide a place to have fun and build friendships.
Level 7 of the Horner Family Center will create much needed space for our Young Married Adults, allowing parents to be under one roof with their children and providing easy access for Sunday School and worship. It will also create space for us to reach even more young families, who are the future of our church.

- With over 38,000 square feet of additional programmable space, we will be able to move our Young Married Adults from the Criswell Center and our College Ministry from Spurgeon Harris.

- Guests and members will enter into a large lobby area of over 5,000 square feet, which will serve as a hub for fellowship and can also be used as a venue for special events.

- Comfortable seating areas and meeting spaces will create opportunities for small groups, Bible studies, and friends to gather and enjoy Sunday morning coffee.

- By moving our Young Married Adults from the Criswell Center, we will also unlock additional quality classroom space for our Median and Senior Adults.
Classrooms of varying sizes will meet the needs of our growing ministry and create even more opportunities to reach people with the gospel!

A centrally-located, open-air kitchenette will create space for a coffee bar, a gathering area, Sunday breakfasts, classroom fellowships, potluck lunches, and more.

College students will enjoy their own space with an auditorium, gathering area, and community seating on the north side of the floor.
Temitope discovered Pathway to Victory through the podcast. His daughter—who has been curious about Islam and other religions that surround them in Guyana—asked him what it means to be Christian.

Not All Roads Lead To Heaven and the ministry teaching have been great resources as he strives to help equip his children.
Pam visited First Dallas in the fall of 2017, where she prayed to receive Christ and was baptized. Her niece, Kristin, visited with her months later. On Easter Sunday, Kristin met Pam at the front and prayed to receive Jesus.

Kristin’s dad, Alvie, also came with Kristin and Pam for the first time on Easter Sunday. During the invitation, he followed his daughter down from the balcony and trusted Christ. This family came to know Jesus because one family member invited them to church.
Legacies that last are built through faithfulness in the present, and now is the time to live our legacy and leave a legacy for the families in our care and the ones God will bring. We pray for at least 150 more years of teaching God’s Word to the generations to come, and that begins today. Committing to Mission 1:8 Generation Now will yield eternal returns that God will reward one day.
Over the next two years, we are asking our church to make a commitment to give $82 million.

We plan to fully fund our ministry budget and missions initiatives with a total of $47 million before we allocate funds to the Family Center two-floor expansion, which totals $35 million.

**MISSION 1:8 GENERATION NOW**

**MINISTRY BUDGET AND MISSIONS INITIATIVES**

$47 MILLION

$35 MILLION

**HORNER FAMILY CENTER EXPANSION**

**TOTAL TWO-YEAR GOAL = $82 MILLION**

(DECEMBER 2018-NOVEMBER 2020)
MISSION 1:8 GENERATION NOW

is our all-encompassing ministry strategy for reaching our city, nation, and world for Christ. We each have a part to play, and it will take the commitment of every single one of us to accomplish everything God is calling us to do over the next two years.

But Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

MATTHEW 19:14
As you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you commit to Generation Now over the next two years, please ask yourself one question: *How is God asking me to live my legacy through my stewardship in order to leave a legacy now?*

**PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED CARD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, AS WE INVEST IN GENERATION NOW.**
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. WHAT IS MISSION 1:8 GENERATION NOW?
Mission 1:8 Generation Now is our church’s two-year ministry plan that will enable us to expand our ministry locally, nationally, and internationally, and to add two new floors to our Horner Family Center in order to reach more children and families with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our strategy for transforming the world with God’s Word... one life at a time.

Q. WHY DO WE DO MISSION 1:8?
We believe God has called us to transform our city, nation, and world with the truth of His Word. The church is His vehicle for reaching people with the gospel. To accomplish our mission, everyone in our local body of believers must become a surrendered steward, viewing their time, talent, and treasure as belonging to God and meant to be used for His glory.

Q. MISSION 1:8 GENERATION NOW HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS “ONE-FUND” GIVING. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
Like most churches, our church supports many different ministries and has historically collected various offerings throughout the year, including the Pathway to Victory Thank Offering, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and others. In the past, we have also asked for special gifts for capital campaigns and building projects. However, Mission 1:8 Generation Now is an all-inclusive, comprehensive ministry plan that includes giving to our ministry budget, missions initiatives, and even the expansion of the Horner Family Center. We do not plan to take up any additional special offerings because everything we do is included as part of Mission 1:8. All giving to Mission 1:8 Generation Now will be strategically allocated to best accomplish our mission as a church.

Q. WHY MUST THE MINISTRY BUDGET AND CHURCH’S MISSIONS INITIATIVES BE FUNDED BEFORE MONEY IS ALLOCATED TOWARD THE EXPANSION OF THE HORNER FAMILY CENTER?
Our Finance Ministry Team and staff have developed a plan to fund our ministry budget, missions initiatives, and new Horner Family Center Expansion over the next two years. All giving through Mission 1:8 Generation Now will be allocated based on the strategic priorities of our church.

The ministry budget and missions initiatives must remain our first priority so we can continue reaching more people with the gospel now.

Once we receive enough pledges and gifts to Mission 1:8 Generation Now to forecast sufficient support for the ministry budget and missions initiatives, we will be able to allocate funds toward the building project. Through Mission 1:8 Generation Now, we hope to fund the entire ministry budget, all missions initiatives, and the expansion of the Horner Family Center.
Q. WHEN SHOULD I BEGIN GIVING TOWARD MY COMMITMENT TO MISSION 1:8 GENERATION NOW?
Mission 1:8 Generation Now is the next iteration of our two-year ministry plan. Your giving to Generation Now will begin on December 1, 2018, and conclude on November 30, 2020. Everything given on or after December 1, 2018, will be attributed to Mission 1:8 Generation Now.

Q. WOULD IT BENEFIT THE CHURCH FOR ME TO GIVE A SIGNIFICANT GIFT TOWARD MY PLEDGE EARLY IN THE PROCESS?
Yes. While you may give your pledged amount over the next two years, it would greatly benefit the church for you to give a significant gift toward your pledge early in the process. These early gifts will enable the church to better plan when and how to allocate funds, undertake new missions initiatives, and manage our cash flow as we work to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, nationally, and internationally.
LIVE YOUR LEGACY

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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