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John 16:33b
A.W. TOZER SAID,

“A SCARED WORLD NEEDS A FEARLESS CHURCH.”

IN AN EVER DARKENING AND UNCERTAIN CULTURE, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE COURAGEOUS. WE KNOW OUR GOD HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD. WE KNOW THAT THIS LIFE IS NOT ALL THERE IS. AND WE HOLD THE ANSWERS TO ETERNAL LIFE. NOW IS THE TIME TO BE A LIGHT, TO STEP INTO OUR CALLING, TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

NOW, CHURCH, IS THE TIME TO BE COURAGEOUS.
Dear First Dallas Family,

What does it mean to be courageous?

Over the coming two years, this is the question each individual in our church must answer as we enter into a new phase of ministry — Mission 1:8 Courageous.

Jesus never taught that Christianity is an automatic exemption from trials. In fact, difficulties are part of the price we pay for living in this world. In John 16:33, Jesus says, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

Take courage. That’s God’s message, His call for you and me. In a world of viruses and pandemics, take courage. In a world of war and death, take courage. In a culture ignoring absolute truth, take courage. In your office, classroom, or home, take courage. When you go to bed and when you rise, take courage. Our God has overcome the world.

Armed with that truth, we should be the most courageous people in the world. I am fully convinced that God has called First Baptist Dallas to be a voice for truth in a darkening culture; to transform our world with God’s Word...one life at a time. And there has never been a greater time and a greater need than now.

We have a calling. We have a purpose. Like never before, it’s time for the people of First Baptist Dallas to be courageous. How will you accept the call?

Your fellow laborer,

Robert Jeffress
Senior Pastor
First Baptist Dallas has always been passionate about reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2015, we embraced this calling in a new way as we launched what came to be known as Mission 1:8, a one-fund ministry strategy based on Acts 1:8:

“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.”

And that’s what Mission 1:8 is all about: reaching our city, nation, and world with the good news of Jesus Christ. In 2017, we fueled the fire with our next iteration, and in 2019, we focused on ministry and the next generation as we constructed our brand-new two-level expansion of the Horner Family Center.

God has abundantly blessed your faithfulness to give, go, and serve. The gospel has spread. Lives have changed. And now, we will go forth courageously as lights in the world with the launch of Mission 1:8 Courageous.
“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”
1 Corinthians 16:13
Mission 1:8 Courageous will fund and support our ministry opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally as the Lord makes them available to us. We diligently seek to structure our ministries and seize opportunities in a way that allows us to welcome guests, minister to our members, and deploy our people to make an impact in their own spheres of influence and throughout the world.
God has called us to influence our culture by intentionally reaching people locally, nationally, and internationally. We do this through a variety of church ministries and through partnerships with other ministries.

**MY 3 SUNDAYS AND EVENTS**
Create outreach opportunities through special Sundays, guest speakers, and special events to encourage members to invite guests to worship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Equip the saints by encouraging them to reach, teach, and minister through their own classes and in their daily lives.

**DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY**
Learn through gifted teachers and a variety of classes on Sunday evenings and online.

**EQUIPPING CONFERENCES**
Offer key opportunities for parents, spouses, men, and women to gather and learn from speakers and one another.
**AGE GROUP MINISTRIES**
Minister and teach each age division or life stage uniquely, and create community through targeted age group ministries.

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**
Meet needs, teach biblically, and encourage fellowship through men’s and women’s ministry opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER**
Encourage the body to use their talents, skills, and spiritual gift to serve the body through volunteering.

**SERVE DALLAS**
Partner with local ministries to meet the needs of our city.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**
Provide opportunities to corporately worship through Choir and Orchestra, the Day One band, and children’s and student’s music opportunities.

**PASTORAL CARE**
Minister locally through personal visits, caring for the homebound, answering prayer requests, and offering counseling through our ministers and professional counselors at Pathways Counseling, as well as hosting ministries such as GriefShare and DivorceCare.
**PARTNER MINISTRIES**
Partner with ministries like First Baptist Academy, Dallas Life Foundation, Lake June Baptist Church, and others to share the love of Jesus through their unique ministries and programs.

**GIVING PARTNERSHIPS**
Give to the International Mission Board, the Southern Baptist of Texas Mission Fund, and many other parachurch ministries to help spread the gospel throughout our city, state, nation, and ultimately the world.

**MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS**
Partner with organizations in other countries like Israel, Kenya, Cuba, Belize, and Guatemala to support church plants, pastor training efforts, or community care as opportunities arise. When possible, we will send teams to selected countries to physically partner with ministries and share the gospel.
God has blessed First Baptist Dallas with one of the leading and largest multimedia ministries in the world!

**MULTIMEDIA MINISTRY**
Use technology to not only have a physical campus but create a digital campus for those across our country and world who need a bold, biblical church.

**KCBI**
Communicate the good news of Christ to nearly 300,000 people weekly in the DFW metroplex through teaching and worship via KCBI radio.

**iCAMPUS**
Provide an online church to hundreds of thousands all over our country and world on a weekly basis.

**PATHWAY TO VICTORY**
Provide bold, biblical teaching to millions in a darkening culture through radio, television, print, and digital resources.
“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:58
In the past few years, God blessed us by filling our classes and church with new children and families to disciple and encourage. We quickly outgrew our space. As part of Generation Now, you answered the call to give, and we now have an expanded Family Center with more space for more ministry. With this expansion, we also acquired debt. While we were prudent in how and when we acquired it, now is the time to reduce and ultimately eliminate that debt to free us to focus on expanded ministry opportunities in the days ahead.

“Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.”

Joshua 1:6
TOTAL TWO-YEAR GOAL = $50 MILLION
(JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2022)
As you prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you commit to MISSION 1:8 COURAGEOUS over the next two years, please ask yourself: How is God asking me to invest in courageously spreading the gospel farther than ever before?

PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED CARD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, AS WE COMMIT TO LIVE AND GIVE COURAGEOUSLY THROUGH MISSION 1:8 COURAGEOUS.

John 16:33b

“In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

OUR TWO-YEAR GOAL (JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2022)
FOR OUR MINISTRY BUDGET, MISSION INITIATIVES, AND DEBT REDUCTION IS A TOTAL OF $50 MILLION.

Please prayerfully consider how you will invest in courageously spreading the gospel farther than ever before. My commitment to Mission 1:8 Courageous over the next two years:

ANNUAL GIVING
Ministry Budget, Missions Initiatives, & Debt Reduction x 2 =

PLUS: SPECIAL GIFT

TOTAL TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT
to Mission 1:8 Courageous =

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: __________________________ Phone: __________________________
Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Email: __________________________

Signature: __________________________
Q. WHAT IS MISSION 1:8 COURAGEOUS?
A. Mission 1:8 Courageous is our church’s two-year ministry plan that will enable us to expand our ministry locally, nationally, and internationally. We are fully convinced that God has called First Baptist Dallas to be a voice for truth in a darkening culture; to transform our world with God's Word… one life at a time. And there has never been a greater time and a greater need for courageous believers than right now.

Q. WHY DO WE DO MISSION 1:8?
A. 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, recognizing their time, talent, and treasure belong to God and are meant to be used for His glory.

Q. MISSION 1:8 COURAGEOUS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS “ONE-FUND” GIVING. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
A. Like most churches, our church supports many different ministries and has historically collected various offerings throughout the year. However, Mission 1:8 Courageous is an all-inclusive, comprehensive ministry plan that includes giving to our ministry budget, missions initiatives, and debt reduction. 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 Courageous will be strategically allocated to best accomplish our mission as a church.

Q. WHEN SHOULD I BEGIN GIVING TOWARD MY COMMITMENT TO MISSION 1:8 COURAGEOUS?
A. Mission 1:8 Courageous is the next iteration of our two-year ministry plan. Your giving to Mission 1:8 Courageous will begin on January 1, 2021, and conclude on December 31, 2022. Everything given on or after January 1, 2021, will be attributed to Mission 1:8 Courageous.

Q. WOULD IT BENEFIT THE CHURCH FOR ME TO GIVE A SIGNIFICANT GIFT TOWARD MY PLEDGE EARLY IN THE PROCESS?
A. 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, seize opportunities, and manage our cash flow as we work to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, nationally, and internationally.
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COMMITMENT SUNDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2020