

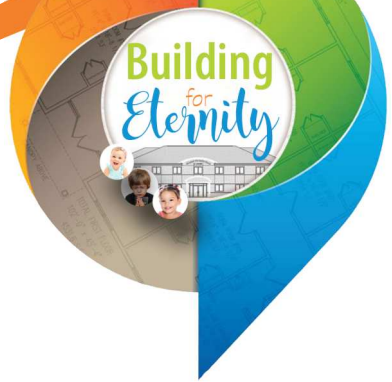
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# Building for Eternity

## Newsletter

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### A SUMMARY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

#### CELEBRATION BANQUET

The Celebration Banquet will be this Saturday night, May 20 at the Holiday Inn North in Longview. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. It's going to be a highlight in the history of Woodland Hills. Please make every effort to attend with your family. There's going to be a great "sit down" meal, tremendous fellowship, testimonies, and heart warming music. No special guests...just home folks singing and praising the Lord.

#### MAKING OUR COMMITMENTS

You will receive a commitment card at the Banquet. We're asking you to pray ahead of time of what you are willing to give over a 3 year time period. The only way that Building For Eternity will work is when we are ALL doing our part. You will begin giving your commitment on Sunday, May 28. Commitments can be given, weekly, monthly, yearly, or all at one time.

#### CHEST OF JOASH

Sunday, May 21 is our Chest of Joash Sunday. This is a time when we ALL make a special, Sacrificial gift to "jump start" our Building For Eternity. We are not starting on the building until we have \$500,000 in hand. The more we give on this special day, the soon our faith building becomes a reality!

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### TREMENDOUS GATHERING EXPECTED AT BANQUET

The members of Woodland Hills Baptist Church are looking forward to having a tremendous gathering at the **Building for Eternity** banquet on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

This evening of good food, fellowship, and inspiration will be a high point in our Building for Eternity campaign. The program will include singing, testimonies, and a brief message by Bro. Charles. The banquet will be over at 8:00 pm.

Thanks to all those who have signed up for the Banquet. If you thought you couldn't come, but now you can, call the Church Office at 903-757-3110 to let us know you can come.

The Children's Parties begin at the church at 5:30pm. Workers will be present to care for the children at that time. This will give parents time to come by the church and still arrive at the Banquet by 6:00pm. The nursery

will be open from 5:30pm until the banquet is over.

Extra security from the Police Department has been hired to be at the church during all the Preschool and Children's activities.

Many people have worked hard to make this banquet a truly great event in the life of our church. We know that you will be glad you attended this exciting and inspiring event.

*"...Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously."  
II Corinthians 9:6*

Not Equal  
Gifts....  
But Equal  
Sacrifice

Woodland Hills Baptist Church  
cordially invites you to our  
**Celebration Banquet**

*on Saturday, May twentieth,  
two thousand seventeen  
at six o'clock in the evening*

*Holiday Inn Longview - North  
300 Tuttle Circle, Longview, Texas*

*Menu:*

*Airline Chicken with /Cheese Sauce,  
Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans,  
House Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler,  
Tea & Coffee.*

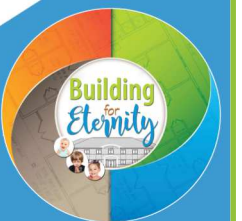
*The evening will include food, fellowship,  
information and inspiration.*

*This is a free event.*

*Children grade five and under  
will be entertained at a  
children's party and nursery at  
Woodland Hills Baptist Church.*

**All members of your  
family are invited.**

There are still seats  
available.  
Call 903-757-3110  
to add your name!



*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything come from You, and we have given You only what comes from your hand." 1 Chronicles 29:14*

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

A pastor was excited about taking his two visiting nephews to church. The boys, 6 and 9, had never been to church and he was looking forward to exposing them to what the church had to offer. Their lack of familiarity with the church became evident early in the service.

The boys came down front to be with the other kids during the children's sermon. In the middle of the mini-sermon 6-year old Eric blurted out, "How much longer do we have to stay up here?!" The pastor endured the disruption and embarrassment his nephew caused and finished the children's sermon.

Eric was not at all impressed with what he had seen so far and it became even more apparent when the offering plate was passed. He watched with great interest as people put money in the plate and passed it across the aisle. When the plate finally got to him, he looked up at his aunt and said, in a very audible voice, "You mean we got to pay for this?"

We've probably all been there! Many people cannot understand why anyone would want to sacrificially give to something they cannot see. We serve a giving God who has called us to give. Generosity and financial faithfulness is a hallmark of a maturing believer. One of the reasons we struggle with it is because we fail to realize that...***Giving is a matter of the heart and not our bank account!***

We wrongly assume that our ability to give is tied to how much money we have. Good givers are those who have a lot to give, right? Good givers are those people who can write checks with lots of numbers! That's the way it works, isn't it? No. Great givers are not necessarily the ones who write the largest check. Great givers, according to the Bible are those who:

### **Give willingly and joyfully**

2 Corinthians 8.2-3 tells us that from the abundance of their joy came an overflow of giving. They gave of their own accord and they begged for the opportunity to give.

### **Give generously and sacrificially**

We always seem to struggle over, not so much the how or attitude of a giver, but what to give. But from God's perspective, the how and the how much go together. They are both part of giving.

I hope, pray, and trust that you are seeking the will of God for your life. You are a member of a church at Woodland Hills that...

- Believes we are living in the last days and time is short
- Loves lost people and wants to minister to them where they are
- Trying to win and disciples as many people as possible
- Believes there is only ONE way to salvation...through Jesus

When we **pray** as if everything depends on God, then **sacrificially give** as if everything depends on us, this new Preschool/ Children's Building will become a reality!

## CHEST OF JOASH OFFERING

The Chest of Joash special offering is based on 2 Chronicles 24. Joash was 7 years old when he began to reign as King. The Bible says "he did what was right in the sight of God." He made a chest and asked people to sacrificially give for the work of God. That's exactly what the CHEST OF JOASH Sunday is all about. It's Sunday, May 21 at Woodland Hills. We will all walk in front of the Chest and place our special offering in the chest. Pray about what God wants you to give for this special offering. We must have \$500,000 in hand before we start building...this can go a long way to getting that done if we ALL do our part! Not equal gifts...but equal sacrifice.



*"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;"*

II Corinthians 9:6-12