

Dear Friend,

Since our inception, Bannockburn Baptist Church has treasured the spiritual bond that links one generation to the next. The Legacy Garden Project is intended to serve as an ongoing picture of our unique vision.

## **THE TWO OBJECTIVES OF THE LEGACY GARDEN PROJECT:**

1. To inspire giving that will pay off our current financial debts, freeing up future funds to extend the eternal Kingdom work of Bannockburn. We are blessed to enjoy a wonderful facility, and our debt load has been healthy and handled responsibly. However, I am convinced that it is time to free up those funds for the exciting ministry in the days ahead.
2. To construct a visual reminder of our call to honor the generations that came before us, and to reach future generations with the Gospel. This Legacy Garden will be a beautiful marker in the days ahead of the sacrificial giving we witnessed during this emphasis.

## **YOUR ROLE IN THE MIRACLE!**

For forty days following the announcement of the Legacy Garden, many of you joined me in prayer for this very special endeavor – asking God to specifically reveal to each of us what our role might be in this miracle. Now we begin the process of seeing those prayers answered! You'll note in this packet a number of items about the days ahead – including a schedule, some prayerful goals, and the details about the Biblical process we will follow. I trust that many of you will “answer the call” when you are asked to participate in the campaign as a volunteer. It will take many of us to accomplish all that the Lord has set before us. I can't wait to see what God has in store!

Blessings,  
Pastor Ryan Rush

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# LEGACY GARDEN

ARTIST RENDERINGS



The Legacy Garden will serve as a perpetual reminder of our unique vision in the years ahead.



The memorial wall will contain the names of the project participants and others that we honor.



This will be an inviting place for children to play, for baptisms, reflection and conversation in the days ahead.

# 4 THINGS

I AM CONVINCED ARE TRUE

By Ryan Rush

## 1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A RICH SPIRITUAL HERITAGE.

Bannockburn Baptist Church has always been a church that has taught – and lived – the truth of God's Word. Couple that with the strong foundation of prayer that characterized our spiritual roots, and we are truly blessed! We have the privilege of carrying that legacy to the next generation, and the spring of 2010 will be an intentional opportunity to reaffirm those deep commitments.

***“Just as you excel in everything else - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness, and in love – see that you also excel in the grace of giving.” - 2 Cor 8:7***

## 2. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

To whom much is given, much is required – and we have been given much! It is apparent that God would not have given us so many gifted people, and the resources with which He has blessed us, unless He had something very special in mind.

Could it be that He has raised up the people of Bannockburn for such a time as this? Just as we look back with gratitude at the blessings of previous generations, future years at Bannockburn will be impacted by our choices now. We have an opportunity to leave a lasting memorial of God's grace.

***“What we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation.” - Psalm 78:3-4***

## 3. WE LIVE IN AN AMAZING – AND PIVOTAL – TIME IN HISTORY.

I preached earlier this year on the prospects of Christ's soon coming. And while we cannot know whether the Lord will return in three years or three centuries, we see all of the evidence for the potential of a tremendous harvest of souls in our generation! Bannockburn's part in this season of worldwide ministry will largely be determined by our willingness to give – both of ourselves and of our resources.

We are praying that the Legacy Garden Project will not only serve to create a profound visual reminder of the generational values of our church vision, but also will serve to help us address the remaining funds owed on the Abington Center. This would free up hundreds of thousands of future dollars for the ministry opportunities that lie ahead!

## 4. GIVING AND FELLOWSHIP HAVE ALWAYS GROWN TOGETHER.

When God is working among His people, giving and fellowship always grow simultaneously. Did you know that, since our “Time to Build” campaign to prepare for the construction of the Abington Center, God has added over 1,000 people to our membership? I'm praying that we will meet new friends this spring, each of us will connect with other members, and that each member will develop a greater sense of his or her spiritual gifting and place in the Body – whether you have been here for two weeks or thirty years, you play a vital role at Bannockburn.

***“Encourage one another and build each other up...” 1 Thess. 5:11***

# SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

## FOR GIVING

### GOD'S WAY TO ESTABLISH A LEGACY OF GIVING

1 CHRONICLES 29:1-22

The greatest amount ever raised in a single offering in history was the offering given to build the Temple in Jerusalem. God's people **gave over \$400,000,000 in a single day** to build a house of worship! Amazingly, David was giving toward a project God had told him he would not build – his offerings were given completely with LEGACY in mind! At Bannockburn, we are following the **same pattern** described in 1 Chronicles 29 for our own offering.

**1. THE LEADER SET THE EXAMPLE IN GIVING.** First, God told King David to publicly announce that he would personally take part in the project. *"David said to the whole assembly...the task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man, but for the Lord God. I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, OVER AND ABOVE everything I have provided: 110 tons on gold and 260 tons of silver... Now, who else is willing to give to the Lord?"* (verses 1-5)

Our family is praying, along with every other family in the church, about what part we might play in this legacy project.

**2. NEXT, EACH HOUSEHOLD GAVE SACRIFICIALLY.** *"Then the leaders of the families...gave willingly. They gave toward the work on the temple: gold...silver...bronze...iron...and any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple. The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord."* (verses 6-9)

We've prepared instructions for every head of household to hold a **family conference** to decide what God wants them to give in cash and commitment.

**3. THEY HELD A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.** *"David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying... 'Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have only given you what comes from your hand...So they all praised the Lord...'"* (verses 10-20)

We will celebrate a special **"LEGACY SUNDAY"** on May 16.

# CALENDAR

## LEGACY GARDEN PROJECT 2010 CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

- Monday, February 8 through Friday, March 19: Begin the project with **Forty Days of Prayer**
- Sunday, March 21: First Sunday of **Three Weeks of Easter**  
Members may pick up vision packets
- Saturday, March 27: Prayer Vigil 4:00AM – 8:00AM in the Abington Center
- Sunday, April 11: Begin Four-Week Community Series  
Push Neighborhood Gatherings
- Monday, April 26 through Saturday, May 2 Neighborhood Gatherings  
**Goal: Every Member Connecting**
- Sunday, May 9 through Saturday, May 15 7 days of 24 hr/day prayer on campus leading up to May 16 – members volunteer for one-two hour slots.
- Sunday, May 16 **LEGACY SUNDAY!**  
All commitments turned in, and special offering received.
- Sunday, May 30 **VICTORY SUNDAY!**  
We announce giving totals to the church after the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

## OUR LEGACY GARDEN PROJECT GOALS

- **IF WE RAISE \$750,000 ...**

We will cut our building debt in half, and help our general fund to focus on new ministry projects.

- **IF WE RAISE \$1,500,000 ...**

We will be able to pay for the Abington Center and focus future gifts on new ministry endeavors!

- **IF WE RAISE \$2,250,000 ...**

We will be able make the repairs and improvements that are needed on our facilities after three-plus decades of use.

**THE LEGACY GARDEN COMMITMENT DAY:  
SUNDAY, MAY 16**

## 4 ESSENTIALS NEEDED TO REACH OUR GOALS:

### 1. WE MUST INVOLVE EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN OUR CHURCH.

It will take all of us working, praying, and committing together. The challenge is too great for only a few to carry.

### 2. WE MUST EACH BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE.

Nothing great is ever done without sacrifice. Your church needs your commitment now, like never before.

### 3. WE MUST BE CREATIVE in finding ways that each of us can give more than we initially think possible.

### 4. WE MUST BELIEVE IT CAN BE DONE!

Jesus said, "According to your faith it will be done!"

## LEGACY GARDEN PROJECT

GIVING PROFILE NEEDED TO RAISE \$1,500,000

QUANTITY OF GIFT	TOTAL AMOUNT AT THIS LEVEL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
1 gifts at 250,000	250,000	250,000
2 gifts at 100,000	200,000	450,000
<i>Three gifts equal 30% of the goal.</i>		
5 gifts at 50,000	250,000	700,000
6 gifts at 25,000	150,000	850,000
<i>Eleven gifts equal 27% of the goal.</i>		
20 gifts at 10,000	200,000	1,050,000
50 gifts at 5,000	250,000	1,300,000
100 gifts at 1,000	100,000	1,400,000
300 gifts less than 1,000	100,000	1,500,000
<i>Four-hundred-seventy gifts equal 43% of the goal.</i>		

## HOW WILL WE GUARD AGAINST “PRIDEFUL GIVING” AS WE PLACE NAMES ON THE “LEGACY WALL” OF THE GARDEN?

In Scripture, believers often celebrated their giving together in fellowship. It was a natural thing to rejoice with one another. When the miracle offering was received by David in 1 Chronicles 29, God used the testimonies of those who gave not only to bless others in their midst, but also to bless countless others in the generations that followed.

Our desire is that the people of Bannockburn will leave a lasting legacy to future generations. Names will be shared (without any indication of amount given) as an encouragement to continue the heritage of giving at BBC. Each individual should examine his or her own heart to ensure that pride is not the motive. If it is, anyone will have the freedom to offer an anonymous gift.

## WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS FOR PLACING A NAME ON THE WALL?

Legacy markers may be placed in one of the following three formats:

1. *“In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_”*
2. *“In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_”*
3. *“Given By \_\_\_\_\_”*

## WILL THE GARDEN CONSTRUCTION TAKE FUNDS AWAY FROM FORGIVING THE DEBT?

The Legacy Garden is intended to inspire giving during this project, and to remind future generations of the spirit in which the gifts were given. The cost for its simple design will be a very small portion of the money raised, but will be a powerful tool in helping us visualize the miracle. In fact, visual markers such as there are intended to multiply gifts – not subtract from them.

## WHAT ABOUT CHILD SAFETY ONCE THE LEGACY GARDEN IS FINISHED?

The garden has been intentionally designed to be child-friendly and safe. In fact, we can envision children climbing all over it in the years to come! The water portion will be closed off so that children can touch the water, but they cannot get in the water. The children of Bannockburn may be the biggest winners of all in this project!