



Pastor Denny Wright

## Doing It 'On Purpose'

Are you praying that God will bless your purposes or that you will be aligned with God's purposes? The apostle Paul said: **"So I run with purpose in every step."** 1 Corinthians 9:26a NLT

You can see in this newsletter a sample **Faith Giving Vision** card.

1. **"Faith"** – Your intent to give over the next three years is a step of faith. You have prayed to be aligned with God's purpose for what He wants you to do. By faith you will seek to do it.
2. **"Giving"** – Your estimate of giving over the next three years over-and-above your usual tithes will require sacrifice. Receiving a gift is a blessing, but giving a gift is a greater blessing!
3. **"Vision"** – As a result of seeking God's will, you are trusting God to guide you with a vision of what He desires. We don't know the future but He does. Trust God's vision.

A **'Faith Giving Vision'** card is your intent, estimate, and prayer-soaked vision of giving to **Partners in Purpose**. Depending on circumstances that come your way, you may choose to change the amount. You can give more or less. It is between you and God.

Please come **October 25, Commitment Sunday**, ready to record your **"Faith Giving Vision."**

Pray. Be informed. Participate.

Bro. Denny

## Testimonies From Our Members



**Pam & Pastor Jim Raney**

We are glad to share our "Faith Giving Vision" story with you because we are so excited about the "Partners in Purpose" campaign and the new Outreach Center. We are not only excited about the new building we will all enjoy, but also about the things that will happen in this new building and the things that will happen to us as we see God bless our steps of faith. We are excited about new people who will come our way - some drawn to faith for the first time and others who want to come and serve with us.

In the meetings and discussions that have brought us to this point, I have often thought of the very first building campaign that I (Pam) can remember. I was about 7 years old when First Baptist Church, Sharon, Tennessee, voted to build a new education building. I was about 12 when we moved into a new worship center, financed by selling bonds to church members. My daddy was very involved in that.

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**Spencer, Bill Phillips, Sienna & Darlene Phillips**

A few years ago our church was asked to donate toward building a small playground on our property. While it seemed an unusual thing for a “retired community church” to build since it would probably only get used by the occasional grandchild and maybe VBS and AWANA kids, but Bill and I felt led to give.

Fast forward about six years. This August our son Joshua and his family were visiting from Texas, when we decided to take three and one-half year old Sienna and her 18 month old brother, Spencer, to the playground. As you can see from the picture, we ALL had a good time.

But something even sweeter happened. Bill and I reaped the blessings of our prior sowing. We enjoyed the laughter of our grands as they swung, slid down the slide, and most of all, had such fun filling trucks and tubs with rocks. Their mom and dad were laughing as they took pictures of them having fun with MeMe and Grandpa Bill. Three generations were benefitting from something our church provided. What a wonderful return on our donation!

It is the same with our Outreach Center. I don't know if God will allow such tangible blessings as He did from the playground, but I trust Him to bless others with our offerings long after we are gone.

I hope to see Villagers walking on an indoor track when it's too hot or cold or rainy to walk outside. I see them reading encouraging scriptures hanging on the walls and picking up their pace as they walk to the beat of a Christian song playing. I see women attending a Bible study that focuses on healthy eating and exercising with foundational scriptures that confirm God's good plan. I want to see a Christmas luncheon with enough room to seat every lady who wants to attend and not have to cut off selling tickets at 200 since that's all we can accommodate now. I want to see Girls, Games, and Goodies grow even more. We have not advertised in The Voice for the past three years because we don't have room for more.

One morning a few weeks ago I was reading in 2 Corinthians 4 when I came to verse 18 which read, “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” God spoke to my heart and I wrote in my Bible by that verse, “The world says I've got to see it to believe it, but according to God, I'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IT TO SEE IT. I am so thankful to God for allowing me to “Believe It!” *Darlene*

**Faith Giving Vision Cards will be distributed in Morning Service on October 25**

Card Front

## Partners in Purpose

Faith Giving Vision Card



**NOT EQUAL GIVING,  
BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE**

“And God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3 Year Total
\$500	\$2167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$200	\$866.67	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$100	\$433.33	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$50	\$216.67	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$25	\$108.33	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$10	\$43.33	\$520	\$1,560
\$5	\$21.67	\$260	\$780
\$1	\$4.33	\$52	\$156



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Looking back, I am certain there were no wealthy people in that church, so every bond purchased was an act of faith and a sacrifice.

Those were memorable, significant events in my life. I can still remember the great joy we all felt as we moved into each new building. Even though as a child I had no money to contribute, I can remember thinking that God's house should be the biggest, nicest house in town - we still feel that way. Our church family felt so unified and blessed.

I didn't know then that a few years later I would be married in that nice new building to someone I had known since first grade. Neither did I know that that church would soon call him to be the music and youth director. After a couple of years, that church sent us off to seminary to train for full-time service.

Not that many were called to full-time service as minister or missionaries, but many were called to full-time Christian service in their professions - doctors, nurses, teachers, electricians, businessmen, carpenters - from those buildings.

And from those buildings, because we were part of the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, we had an important part in supporting missionaries throughout the United States and around the world - thousands of them, more than any other denomination.

We were able to reach people in our community and around the world with those buildings used to worship God and serve as a base of operations.

We've been involved in other building programs through the years. We have observed that improving and expanding the church facilities not only provide a place from which to serve, but also make a very positive statement to the community: these folks are really serious about their commitment to the Lord and His work, and they will willingly sacrifice financially to do so.

In considering what amount we could contribute to this current building program, we recalled many financial commitments we have made in the past - houses, cars, cable tv, cell phones, internet plans, credit cards, never-ending orthodontist and dentist payments, college expenses for us and our children, and on and on. God has helped us fulfill every one of them, so we know we can trust Him to help us be generous in "Partners in Purpose."

In fact, we feel like that great philosopher from the great state of Tennessee, Minnie Pearl, and "We're just so proud to be here!" at this time in the life of Balboa Baptist Church.

*Pam & Pastor Jim Raney*

I/We want to support "Partners in Purpose". **Card Back**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

"For you walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7



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I/We want to be part of what God is doing in and through Balboa Baptist Church by giving sacrificially.

Total 36-month Planned-Giving Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, We plan to give accordingly:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 156 Weeks

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 36 Months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually for 3 Years

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ "I/We are not able to estimate our giving at this time but will pray consistently and give as God enables."

This is a statement of intention and may be revised if necessary.

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**Dr. Polly Brown**

In one of his first comments about the plans for the new building Pastor Denny spoke briefly about financing it. He said something like this: Balboa people currently give this much. If each of us gave 25% more for three years, the result would be this amount. If each of us gave 50% more for three years, it would amount to this much. And he continued to comment about how the building could be funded with certain increases in our giving. I'm not certain that is exactly what he said but it was something like that. (I would have listened better if I had known I would be asked to write this testimony!) What I do remember for certain about that evening is that I thought to myself that in addition to my regular giving I could probably give to the building fund an amount equaling half of my normal monthly giving. Of course, it was just a thought at the time. But now that the time has come to "step up and say so," that's the commitment I'm willing to make.

*Polly Brown*

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