



October 27, 2009

Dear friends,

It has been said that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. I recently shared a message where I described the blueprint for the Old Testament tabernacle, and the budget that God prescribed for raising funds. The mission of the tabernacle was to be a place of connection for the Lord and His people. It kind of became the First Church of Israel, and the faithful givers inside the church funded its mission.

God has given a clear blueprint for the mission of His church today: to be a life-giving church where disciples are made. God wants His church to be a place of connection where worship, evangelism, learning, and loving others take place. Hillcrest believes in this mission, and I believe God has many years of ministry in mind for Hillcrest. And just as the Old Testament had a blueprint and a budget for ministry, we do as well, and we all play an important part.

Through faithfulness of givers, lives are being transformed as people discover God and grown in their walk with Him. Children find a place of encouragement through our Pioneer Clubs, youth are taught the importance of God’s word, families find a place of value on Friday nights during our Hilltop Hoops, many discover God through our corporate time of worship, and missionaries from around the world are financially supported to make an international impact.

**Pledge Sunday**

I am extending a personal word of encouragement to all who find a place of connection here at Hillcrest to prayerfully consider your 2010 giving. I want to invite all of you to come worship on **November 22** for our service of “Thanks and Giving.” Please bring your completed pledge cards on November 22, and we will offer them to Lord together as a family.

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**PLEDGE FOR 2010 – Commitment Card**

Step 1: I/We REALLY do want to follow Jesus and affirm/reaffirm a commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Step 2: I/We celebrate God’s love, and will follow God’s giving example by committing to contribute

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the next twelve months.

This is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week.

Step 3: In celebrating God’s love in an ongoing life of giving, I/we have planned my/our estate in accord with Christian values.

I/We would like to speak with someone about planning my/our estate or further organizing finances in order to become more generous toward God’s work.

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Name(s)

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