

Vintage21 Churchwide Meeting Week One: January 16, 2007

2 eye-opening realities

- 1) 107 people per day : simply the rate of growth in the Triangle
- 2) Options dealing with Growth
 - a. Forget growth! Let's stay at 500—Forgetting the Great Commission
 - b. Stay at 209 Oberlin –Easier for whole –add a 4th service & 5th service – If this happens will see Staff & Leaders Burn-out
 - c. Live sacrificially

Punch line — \$250,000

Is this about...???

- 1) Growing Large church, looking important, testosterone???
- 2) Or is it the greatest thing we can ever do

We want this to be Jesus thing, I don't want:

- 7 weeks of tithing on Sunday –
- Home Group meetings full of outsiders telling you to give
- this to consume us on every level for the next year

If speaking about money is uncomfortable...

1. No guilt trip
2. Absolutely not legalism

Jesus makes unequivocal & absolutely clear statements about money:

"...You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24b

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34

Does the state of your income & expenditures stand in support or conflict to Luke 12:34?

Greatest command "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matt. 6:37

Where is your heart? Are you loving God with your heart?

Child Analogy : The older a child gets, the more money you spend on that child

As we grow – More resources

- Church Plant
- Social Justice
- Counseling
- Missionalty
- World Mission
- Taking care of our folks

Beautiful Expression of the Kingdom of God –But we are only a Toddler

Where we are financially:

- We have been Responsible
- Never in 4 years have we called an emergency financial meeting
- No debt
- Generous

Stewardship is the proper management of life to enhance the Kingdom of God

- 1) Talents
- 2) Time
- 3) Money

Matthew 6:20

Example of good stewards in Scripture

- 1) Nehemiah and the wall-builders
- 2) Macedonian Church in II Corinthians 8
- 3) Church in Smyrna in Revelation 2

Notice the 2 commonalities in these passages

- 1)
- 2)

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What we need to upfit:

- HVAC & Insulation
- Bathrooms
- Back Wall
- Carpet
- Stage
- Chairs
- Sound Equipment
- Children's rooms
- Lobby/Art Gallery
- Offices

Average rent in Raleigh -- \$20-\$28 per square foot

-Need 15,000 sq. ft.

-Lowest going rate of \$20 per sq – yearly lease rate would be \$300,000 – divided by 12 months, monthly rate would be \$25,000

-Add standard upfits to any space – between \$50,000 \$100,000 – Meeting space

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-Price per square foot \$6

-Multiply by 15,400 square feet – \$92,400

-Divided by 12 months, monthly rate would be \$7,700

Even if other buildings had no cost in upfitting the difference in rates makes it worth it

Let's add the \$250,000 to a monthly rent rate to see if worth doing the work

-\$250,000 divided by 5 years = \$50,000 per year

-Divided by 12 months gives us \$4166

Average building in downtown \$25,000 montly

1505 Capital Blvd (with \$250,000 upfit) \$11,866 monthly

Savings \$25,666 – \$11,866 = monthly saving of \$13,800

Total savings over 5 years = \$828,000

The only way this will happen – We Must Be Exceedingly Sacrificial

How my wife and I are going to do it –

Dip into Savings account that doesn't exist

Mortgage –built up a month we don't have to pay

Tax return –Easy to forecast what going to get ...give that

How will you do it?

- Tax Return
- Selling stuff – like cars
- Changing Lifestyle
- Sell Stocks

Consider Parents & Friends: Some of our parents, some of our friends...could finance this whole construction without Blinking –Many of your folks are thrilled that you have found a Christ-centered church and would give to make it continue