

INITIATIVE WORKBOOK

# ONE heart ONE vision

### Your Name

Write your name in the space above so everyone knows this is your "All In" Workbook.



# A Letter From Pastor Logan

#### Dear Church Family,

I must tell you, this journey of relocating our entire church campus to a new location is both terrifying and thrilling to me all at the same time. But here's what I know, **God is in this**. Other than God, there is no way to explain all that has led us up to this moment. I know with all my heart that God has a big plan for our church and I believe that He wants to accomplish this plan at 1308 W. MLK Jr. Blvd.

Some people may wonder, "Why are we leaving our current location in downtown Belton for another location?" There are many answers to that question but only one that makes a difference: we believe God wants us to, and because that is true, we believe that He is going to do something special as we continue our 170-year legacy into the future. In fact, I believe our new location will set us as a beacon on a hill providing us an opportunity to reach more people with the love of Jesus than we could ever imagine, all the while allowing us to do ministry more efficiently and effectively.

Our vision in this generosity initiative is bold! Rather than think in minimums, we want to ask God to do immeasurably more than we could dare ask or imagine through us. This will be a two-year generosity initiative, and based on

what we have saved already, we will need \$15M to fund this project. During this time, it will take around \$8M to continue doing all of the ministries we have in our budget during that same two-year period. Therefore, the total number we would like to challenge our congregation to give over the next two years is \$23M.

I pray this workbook will be a blessing as it challenges you to grow in faith and trust in your walk with Jesus. If you're married, I would strongly recommend setting aside time each day to discuss this together. Please know I am praying for you as we embark on this exciting journey together!

Yours in Christ, Logan Reynolds

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# KNOWING JESUS intimately

SERVING JESUS passionately

SHARING JESUS globally

### **All In: One Heart**

Summary

For over **170 years**, First Baptist Belton has been a church where we love one another and our community. Generations of believers have been "All In" to know Jesus intimately, serve Jesus passionately, and share Jesus globally. We stand together with one heart to be a living legacy and continue this vision for **another 170 years**. "All In" is a generosity initiative whereby we will resource the ministry plan of our church for the next two years so that we will be able to minister in new ways for even greater **Kingdom impact**. Now is the time for each of us to honor God through giving and be a part of making this vision a reality.

#### **OUR HEART**

In our discipleship pathway, we say, "We know you are following Jesus when you are connecting, growing, serving, and multiplying." This gets to the **HEART** of how we want people to continue to grow spiritually and how we make ministry happen. Making ministry happen both to those in our church and those we're reaching outside of our church walls has to be our priority. This first component of "All In" is to resource the ministry plan of First Baptist Belton for 2024 and 2025 so that we can keep the main thing the main thing!

### **OUR VISION**

Ensuring that our physical presence in the community is able to reflect the **ministry focus** of our body, relocating our campus is a bold **VISION** with bold opportunities for our church. In the long history of our church, we have adapted to an ever-emerging and changing culture in order to help people find and grow in Christ. Our new campus will be a center from which we will minister in new and more effective ways for a greater Kingdom impact. Our sacrificial commitments will also offset the cost of our relocation to our new ministry center.

## What are our "All In" Goals?

### **PRIMARY GOAL**

### **100% Participation**

We want every person who calls First Baptist Belton their church home to be a part of this "All In" Initiative. We can do this, but the most important part is that we each ask God what he would have us do and then do this together. Now is the time for each of us to give to honor God and be a part of making this vision a reality. It's time for each of us to be "ALL IN!"

#### **GIVING GOAL**



\$23,000,000

We are trusting Him to move through His people to invest \$23 million over these next two years to accomplish the vision He has given us.

OUR HEART - \$8,000,000 OUR VISION - \$15,000,000

## **Consider These Types of Givers**

### **Scriptures**

- · 2 Samuel 24:18-25
- 1 Chronicles 29:10-18
- Proverbs 3:9
- · Proverbs 11:24
- Malachi 3:8-10
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Luke 21:1-4
- Acts 4:34-37
- Acts 20:35
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

#### **Initial Giver**



I'm making my <u>first gift</u> on my giving journey with my church and/or with the Lord.

### **Prioritizing Giver**



Regardless of how much, my giving is going to be the <u>first financial thing</u> I do before anything else.

### **Cheerful Giver**



It is <u>a joy to give</u> because I love the Lord, plus I can feel and see the difference that my giving makes in me.

# Place a checkmark on each box that best describes your giving.

### **Proportional Giver**



I give proportionately in relation to how much money comes into my household.

### **Surrendered Giver**



Rather than how I live determining how much I give; how much I give will determine how I live.

### **Sacrificial Giver**



I am willing to give up things I love to advance the Kingdom work of the One I love more.

### **Planning Giver**



I have <u>made plans</u> to give to the Kingdom work once I move from this side of Heaven to the other.

## **Generosity Opportunities**

The following are ideas, areas, and changes for consideration as you make your "All In" commitment.

### **Make Lifestyle Changes**

King David declared, "I will not offer to God a sacrifice that costs me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24). David understood that genuine sacrifice is costly. To offer the Lord burnt offerings that cost nothing and were not sacrificial was not worshipful and fit for his Lord. This is the spirit of worshipful giving. As God's people, we present ourselves to God as faithful worshippers by practicing radical and sacrificial generosity that is to our Lord.

### **Redirect Paid Expenses**

You may have current expenditures that will cease or you will pay off during "All In." Prayerfully consider this in your commitment.

### **Increase in Income**

You may receive an increase in salary or a bonus during "All In." Could God be calling you to include that in your "All In" commitment during these 24 months?

### Give from your 98%

For the average household, only 2% of their net worth is cash which means 98% is in other assets. In many cases, those assets have achieved tremendous unrealized gains in value over the years. If these assets were sold, some portion of the gain would be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets avoid the occurrence of capital gain tax. Giving appreciated assets like stocks, investment securities, real estate, art, jewelry, coin collections, and other valuable assets to "All In" can be advantageous to both the donor and our church.

# Every sacrifice, both large and small, MATTERS!

# What will it take for us to reach our goal of \$23,000,000 over the next two years?

Here are just a few examples of how even the smallest changes can add up to making a big difference in reaching our goals! Prayerfully consider these when making your commitment.

Activity	Average Cost	x24 Months	x500 Families
2 cups of coffee	\$ 8.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 96,000.00
1 large pizza	\$ 20.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 240,000.00
1 fast food meal for a family	\$ 28.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 336,000.00
Downgrade your TV plan or entertainment	\$ 35.00	\$840.00	\$ 420,000.00
Clip coupons or shave \$5/week for groceries	\$ 20.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 240,000.00
		Total	\$1,332,000.00

## One Mission, One Fund

# What is a "One Fund" and why is it Important?

It's possible that you've been a part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular giving. We've found that "over and above" giving is potentially confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving." So, we aren't doing that through this initiative. Instead, "All In" will be a "One Fund" initiative, meaning ALL of our giving goes toward ALL areas of "All In" over the next two years. It's all one mission, so it's all one budget.

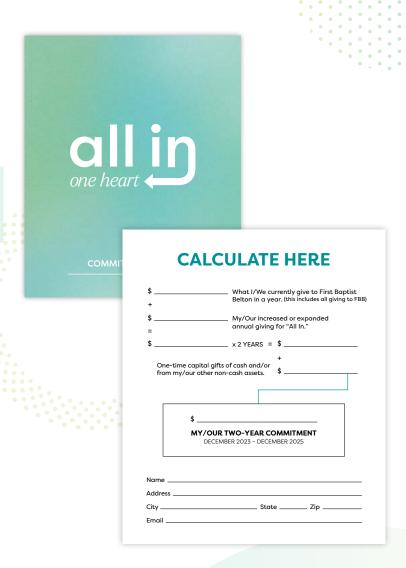
Through a "One Fund" initiative, we will more successfully invite everyone to increase their level of generosity. One mission, one fund, for everyone! Shown on the next page is an example of your commitment card and how you will calculate your one fund "All In" commitment.

Use this commitment card to help you prayerfully consider what level of generosity God is calling you to during "All In." On **Commitment Sunday**, everyone will submit their commitments during morning worship.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Commitment Sunday: Nov. 12, 2023

## **Commitment Cards**



# WEEK 1 notes



## All In: Week 1

### Surrender

Sermon Notes	Sunday October 15, 2023

### **Personal Reflection Questions**

### Read Acts 1:8; Acts 28:11-31

1.	Jim Elliot wrote, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot
	keep to gain that which he cannot lose." How does this quote
	challenge you personally to think about your own Christian
	journey?

2. According to Acts 1:8, what is Jesus' "all-in" vision for His church?

3. What would it look like here at First Baptist Belton if we accept the challenge to be all in with carrying out the vision of Jesus?

4. By Acts 28:31, the vision of Jesus in 1:8 has already been fulfilled in part. Yet, Acts 28:31 also leaves us with anticipation as well. What does Acts 28:31 anticipate for the future New Testament church?

### **TAKE ACTION**

What steps can you take to be ALL IN in your participation with us in Jesus' vision to bring the Gospel to the world?

# WEEK 2 notes



## All In: Week 2

Trust

Sermon Notes	Sunday October 22, 2023
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### **Personal Reflection Questions**

### Read Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 14:22-33

1.	Trusting God requires us to surrender every part of our lives
	to Him. Have you considered what it would look like for you
	to surrender every part of your life to God? What are some
	things that currently prevent you from trusting in Him?

2. If you had been one of the disciples when the boat was about to sink in the storm, what would you have done?

3. When the storm starts raging, what do the disciples forget? Why is Jesus able to sleep in the storm? What do the disciples learn when Jesus speaks?

4.	The question for us is not "Will I go through storms in my
	life?"; the question is "Will I be all in through my faith and
	trust Jesus in the storm?"

5. Later in the gospel accounts we again find the disciples in a boat in a life-threatening storm. In this account, recorded in Matthew 14:22-23, Jesus is walking on water toward them in the middle of the storm. What do you think was going on in their minds when they saw him walking on water?

6. What was Peter's response when he saw Jesus? Imagine him shimmying out on the edge of the boat and then stepping out on the water - how was he able to be all in and take this first step? What had Peter learned since his encounter on the boat recorded in Mark 4?

### **TAKE ACTION**

What would it look like for you, and us as a church to take an "all in" step toward Jesus right now? What must happen in our hearts for us to be willing to step out into the water?

# WEEK 3 notes



## All In: Week 3

Generosity

Sermon Notes	Sunday October 29, 2023

### **Personal Reflection Questions**

#### Read John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. Giving sacrificially can be a great challenge, but it can also be liberating when we realize that we are only stewards of God's resources. What are some areas in your life that you need God's help to change so that you can learn to live generously?

2. John 3:16 is probably the most famous verse in the Bible. What basic truth lies at the heart of John 3:16 regarding generosity?

3. 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 expands on this theme of generosity. In 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Paul tells us about the generosity of the Macedonian church. What do you learn about the Macedonians from their giving? What amazed Paul about their giving?

4.	What principles of generosity do you observe in 2 Corinthians 8:1–15?
5.	Why is it significant that the Macedonians gave both "according to" and "beyond" their ability?
6.	What, according to verse 9, is the ultimate motivation for generosity?
	TAKE ACTION
	How does God's ultimate gift of His Son compel you to live generously? What can you do to live out this truth?

# WEEK 4 notes



## All In: Week 4

Sacrifice

	Sunday
Sermon Notes	Sunday November 5, 2023

## **Personal Reflection Questions**

### Read Genesis 22:1-12

1.	In verse 1, the Bible says God was testing Abraham. What about him was being tested?
2.	What do you learn about Abraham's faith in this passage?
3.	Why does God ask Abraham to sacrific Isaac?
4.	Given Abraham and Sarah's experience with barrenness and God's earlier promises to them, why would this command come as a shock?

5. What circumstance, person, or thing are you having the most difficulty sacrificing to God's care?

### **TAKE ACTION**

Does the cost of following Christ ever not seem worth the sacrifice to you? What are some ways that can help you keep the example of Christ central to your thinking as you sacrificially worship God?

# WEEK 5 notes



## All In: Week 5

### Commitment

Sermon Notes	Sunday November 12, 2023

### **Personal Reflection Questions**

#### Read Joshua 24:1-28

1. Joshua 24: 1-13 recounts the history of God's faithfulness to his people upon entering the promised land. How had God been faithful in particular ways to his people during this period? As you look back on your life, how has God also been faithful to you?

2. As God speaks in verses 5–7, He summarizes nearly the entire Book of Exodus in three verses. Choose a fact from these verses and explain why God was highlighting that.

3. Why is Joshua 24: 13 such an appropriate closing verse for this first section of Joshua 24? What can we learn from verse 13 about being all in, given the good things we enjoy in our lives?

4.	Joshua instructed the people to "fear the Lord and worship Him in sincerity and truth." Give examples of gods in your life that get in the way of you being fully committed and all in with God.
5.	Why does God require absolute commitment, not just a hasty or arbitrary one?
6.	As you see Joshua and the people of Israel respond in Joshua 24, how do you feel personally called to respond to the Lord as the "All In: One Heart" sermon series draws to a close?

### **TAKE ACTION**

The covenant renewal ceremony in Joshua 24 signified that this day was a day of new beginnings. Staying true takes much more than words and passion — it requires us to be all in and faithfully run the race marked out for us with perseverance (Hebrews 12:1–2). What disciplines will you build into your life during this two-year "All In" initiative so that you will remain faithful?

# WEEK 6 notes



# All In: Week 6 Unity

Sermon Notes	Sunday November 19, 2023

## **Personal Reflection Questions**

Read Romans 12:1–21		
1.	The book of Romans, including Romans 12, is written not to one individual Christian but to the church at Rome. This call to sacrifice we read in verse 1 is a call to all of us together, not to us as individuals. Why is unity crucial in sacrificial worship?	
2.	What is significant about verses 4 and 5?	
3.	What are the benefits of working together in unity?	
4.	Romans 12: 9-13 lists many practical examples of what a life lived as a spiritual act of worship should look like in the body of Christ. How do these build or destroy unity in the body of	

Christ?

5. How does God want you to contribute to the unity of First Baptist Belton? What do you need to change in order to be an agent of unity?

### **TAKE ACTION**

How does each of us being unified and committed to the mission of First Baptist Belton help our church be "All In"?

