

But what does it look like for FBC to love as Christ commanded?

As we pray and dream about the future of Shelton First Baptist Church (FBC), the recurring idea that comes to mind and causes our hearts to skip with excitement is the image of a multigenerational church exploding with an influx of young families meeting Jesus and growing in the grace of God. Think of that – young families coming in droves, joining our family, and perhaps joining God’s family for the first time at FBC.

That is love in action.

Certainly it would take a lot to make this vision a reality. We believe that one important facet will be the building/renovation phase of our Church. Where people – young, old, married, single, believers, and non-believers – can come together in a safe, clean and inviting place that makes them feel loved.

Reaching

How Can I Help?

On Saturday evening October 29, 2016, at the All-Family Dinner at FBC, you will have the opportunity to hear our plans in detail. At that time you will receive a “Commitment Card.” This commitment card should be above your normal tithes and offerings. It represents an investment in the future of our Church to love and grow our family. It is an investment from one generation to the next.

We are asking you to pray about what God would have you give over a period of 3 years and then indicate your commitment on the *Families Reaching Families* commitment card.

Please begin praying now about what God would have you do to “love” our Church and our community, and to grow His kingdom here in Mason County.

Key dates to remember:

Saturdays, October 1 & 8, Tuesday, Oct. 4
All Church Renovation Design Sessions

Saturday, October 29
Kick-Off “All Church Dinner”
Pledge cards distributed at dinner

Sunday, October 30 - November 13
Pledge cards distributed weekly

Sunday, November 13
Pledge Sunday (turn in your pledge card)

Sunday, November 13
Children’s Giving (presented at first service)

Sunday, November 20
Campaign Pledge Announcement Day

The goal is for everyone to be involved in some way, so that we are all working together to move toward the vision of Families Reaching Families. God will be glorified as we love Him, one another, and our community!

Investing in tomorrow’s Church today



It’s All About Love

When we hear the name of Jesus, many things come to mind. The most common thought is “love.” There are many places throughout the Bible where Christ calls us to love.

Here is what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” [b] 31

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.” [c]
There is no commandment greater than these.”
Mark 12:28-31*



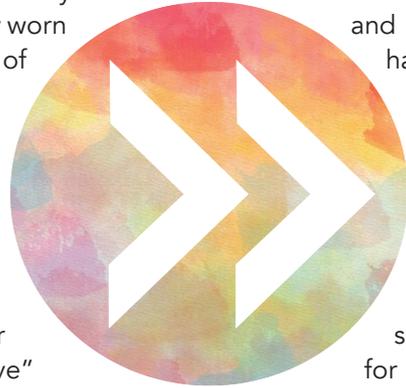
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Where Do We Begin?

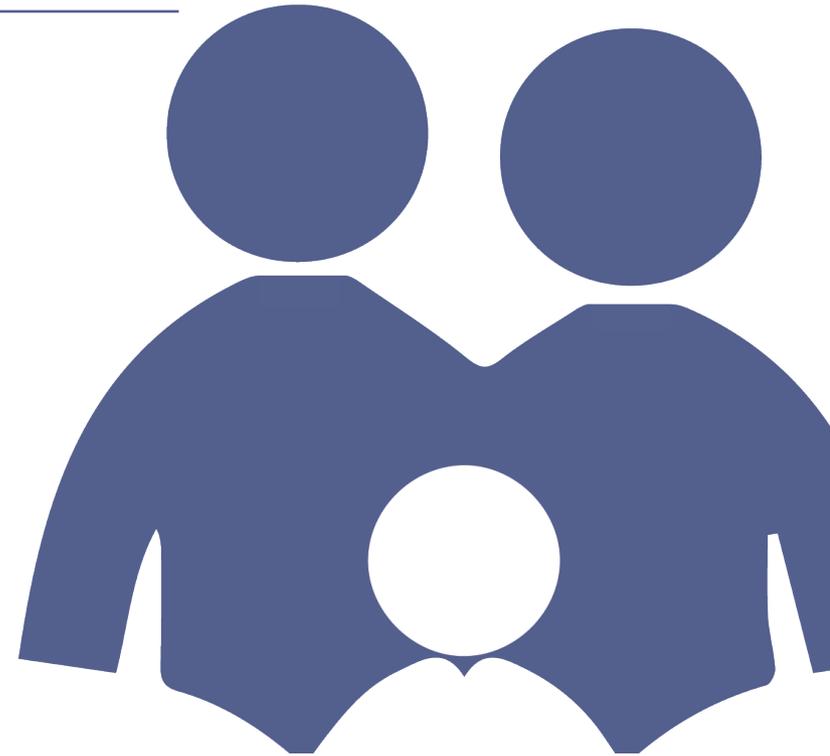
Our foundation to show “love” begins within the walls of FBC. In our campaign – *Families Reaching Families* – we will need to raise money to upgrade our well-used and unmistakably worn facilities to better attract and serve families of all sizes. With planned improvements, FBC will be the most utilized church facility in Mason County. *Families Reaching Families* is about love.

With this unique role in our community comes unique opportunities, and unique responsibilities to show God’s love. Our church has needed some physical “love” (or TLC) for a while. This new season of “*Families Reaching Families*” will be focused on The 3 C’s: +Connection +Communication +Community.



Moving Forward!

The future is exciting, as we all decide how we can contribute to this vision. It will take resources – time, talent and treasure – to make it happen. For FBC to be known as a place of love, warmth, and family, we need to begin to live out what Christ called us to do – *to love one another*. Let’s follow Christ and see what He has in store for us as we move forward through prayer, giving, fasting, obedience, and love. *Families Reaching Families – is Christ’s love in action.*



Connection

CONNECTION – Connecting our families with others in the community.

Look at our facility as your arms reaching out and saying – “Come let us love you.” This will be done by improving the building’s exterior appearance (completed), enhancing the entry experience, upgrading the interior décor, remodeling restrooms, and adding important security features.



Communication

COMMUNICATION – Enhancing our ability to effectively communicate the Word of God.

Another expression of love is seen in communicating the most important news in the most effective ways to the families of our community. This will be done through extensive technology upgrades, improved building signage, and powerful enhancements to our worship experience.



Community

COMMUNITY – Increasing our influence for Jesus in our city.

FBC is a long-standing centerpiece of the Shelton community. We will work to restore our relationships with the community through improvements that will better support our current families, as well as the greater community. We will do this by creating fresh outreach initiatives, adding a much needed elevator, improving and enhancing areas to better support children and growing families, and considering options and changes to the Family Center that can “love” not only new people, but our own families.