

RAISE THE BANNER



LET'S NOT JUST
MOVE IN.
LET'S MOVE IN
LOUD.



Dear Church Family,

It's time to **RAISE THE BANNER**.

In the Bible, a banner is more than fabric on a pole. It's a signal, raised high so everyone knows where to look, and can orient their lives by it. It's a rallying point, where an army gathers in the middle of the fight. And it's a miraculous sign, the mark of something only God could have done. Isaiah even told us who the banner really is: JESUS! "...the heir to David's throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him..." (Is. 11:10 NLT).

Move-in day will be three things all at once. A signal 80,000 cars a day can't miss. A rallying point for a church family that's been fighting toward this for years. And a miracle we'll walk into on day one... and never forget.

Raise the Banner is about how we move in: fully furnished, staffed up for what God is doing next, loud enough for a whole city to hear, with every next-generation space built first. We don't just want to move in. We want to move in LOUD, with the banner raised HIGH.

We are asking you to read through these pages carefully, pray, and ask God what part He is calling you to play. And then, together, let's raise the banner! His name is Jesus!

Building God's Kingdom,

Pastors Zak & Amber

IT ALL STARTED IN A VALLEY

It's in Exodus 17 where Israel is attacked at Rephidim, and Joshua leads the fight in the valley. But the battle is decided on the hill, where Moses holds up the staff of God. As long as his hands are raised, Israel prevails. When his arms give out, Aaron and Hur hold them up, one on each side, steady until sundown.

Israel wins, and Moses builds an altar and names it Yahweh Nissi, or, the Lord Is My Banner. The thing he built and the name he raised were one. That name wasn't a theme layered over the story. It came straight out of the battle. And what comes next for our church takes its name from that hill.

This is the Raise the Banner Project.

“And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner...”

—Exodus 17:15, ESV



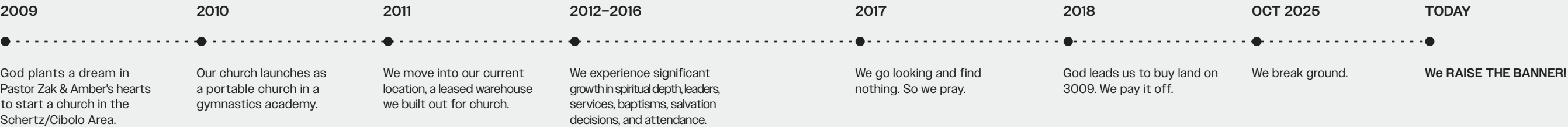
WE KNOW THE VALLEY

In 2017, we went looking for a building and found nothing. So we prayed, and in 2018, God allowed us to buy land on a road where 80,000 cars pass every day, and we paid it off.

Then came the part nobody planned: a pandemic, construction costs that nearly doubled, a groundbreaking that finally came in October 2025, and a five-month hold-up right after it. All of it while worshiping in a space we meant to lease for seven years, now going on fifteen.

If you found our church in the last few years, you walked in mid-story. This project is where you pick up the banner with us.

Timeline



A BANNER IS THREE THINGS

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Move-in day will be three things all at once.

01 Signal

Raised high so everyone knows where to look, and can orient their lives by it. Move-in day will be a signal that 80,000 cars a day can't miss.

02 Rallying Point

Where an army gathers in the middle of the fight. Move-in day will be a rallying point for a church family that's been fighting toward this for years.

03 Miraculous Sign

The mark of something only God could have done. Move-in day will be a miracle we'll walk into on day one... and never forget.



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—Isaiah 11:10 NLT

THIS IS ABOUT HOW WE MOVE IN LOUD.

We broke ground, and we're raising the walls. Raise the Banner is about how we move in when those walls are up. Because we don't just want to move in. We want to move in LOUD, with the banner raised HIGH.

Moving in loud means four things.

01 Fully Furnished

A new building opens as a shell unless somebody makes it a home. This is everything that makes ours ready on day one: furnished, finished, and prepared for every person God sends through the doors.

02 Staffed Up

More seats mean more people. More people need more shepherds. We're building the team before we need it. Staffed up for what God is doing next.

03 Loud Enough for a City

Loud has never just meant volume. It means a move-in our whole community hears about, a launch worthy of what God has done, and a light nobody can hide. Greater visibility brings greater opportunity: *more people meeting Jesus*.

04 Next-Generation Spaces First

Every next-generation space gets built first. We want to hand our kids and students a starting line as far forward as we can set it, and a church that was thinking about them before they ever arrived.





“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

—Matthew 20:28, ESV

WHAT WE SEE

A vision God gives is never meant to stay with one person. It’s meant to become a “WE.” So here’s what WE see.

Thousands of names, faces, and stories coming through these doors, people who don’t go to church anywhere finding a home here. Kids running into a building built on purpose for them. Students who are bombarded with lies from the enemy all week, hearing truth and hearing that Someone believes in them. Marriages one signature from divorce, rebuilt instead. A city that points at our church and says, “I’m grateful they’re here.” Even the people who’ll never walk through our doors.

This is bigger than us!

SACRIFICE IS THE PATHWAY

Jesus said it Himself. The pathway to greatness runs through sacrifice. Not around it, through it. The cross looked like loss in the moment, but today we call it glory.

Moses knew sacrifice too. His wasn’t the fight in the valley. That was Joshua’s job. Moses’ sacrifice was holding his arms up long after he wanted to let them down.

Our church knows sacrifice too. We gave sacrificially to find the land. We gave sacrificially to buy it. We gave sacrificially to break ground. Every step of this journey has been carried by people who decided the sacrifice was worth it.

Sacrifice isn’t the price of the vision. It’s the pathway to it.

THE GOAL

BE AARON AND HUR

Our goal isn't a dollar amount. Our goal is 100% of our church family participating, sacrificially. Every one of us on our knees first, through prayer and fasting, and then answering with a First and Best Gift and a two-year commitment.

Nobody's asking you to give out of what's left over. We're asking you to ask God a braver question: *What do You want me to do?*

Somewhere in this church, somebody's arms are getting tired. They're holding up a family, a ministry, a next step, and they don't know how much longer they can hold on. And somewhere out on 3009, somebody is driving past our land every day with no idea a church family is already fighting for them in prayer. No idea their marriage will get rebuilt here. No idea there's a building going up on purpose for their kids.

When you climb the hill, you become their Aaron. You become their Hur. For the family in the next row, and for the thousands who haven't walked in yet.

**So don't watch the fight.
Climb the hill. Hold somebody's
arms up!**

This is Only the Beginning

Phase One builds everything we need right now and focuses on our next-generation spaces first. This is a sign of how much we love the next generations. And Phase Two isn't a someday conversation. The way God is growing our church, it will be a "soon conversation." Moving into our building is chapter one. The story is generations long!

HOW WE ANSWER



01 Pray & Fast

Before anybody gives anything, we get on our knees. Ask God to speak, and fast with us as a church family. His answer comes first.



03 Answer Together

On November 7-8, we'll bring our answers together: a First and Best Gift and a two-year commitment. Every family, every answer, 100% of us.



02 Ask the Braver Question

Not "What can I spare?" but "What do You want me to do?" Sit with God until you have an answer.



Key Dates

November 7-8:
Commitment and First and Best Gift Weekend

October 19-November 8:
21 Days of Prayer. Get the Prayer Guide online at raisethebanner.church.

Attend a PIE meeting to learn more about Raise the Banner. RSVP at raisethebanner.church.

WAYS TO GIVE

However God leads your family to answer, here's how to give.

➔ Online

Give online at
raisethebanner.church.

➔ By Mail

17460 IH 35 N,
Ste. 430 #307,
Schertz, Texas 78154

➔ In Service

Commitment cards and giving envelopes are available at every service.

➔ Other Gifts

For stock, business, or other non-cash gifts, contact the office. (210) 679-1001 or info@raisethebanner.church.



FOR ONE NAME. THE NAME OF JESUS.

When the battle was over, Moses didn't name the altar after the victory, the army, or himself. He named it after the One who won it.

We get to do the same thing. For the next generations. For marriages rebuilt, for addicts set free, and for thousands of people we haven't met yet.

From generation to generation, our Church exists to build God's Kingdom, one life at a time.

So let's raise the banner, together.
For one name. The name of Jesus.



“YAHWEH NISSI”

THE LORD IS MY BANNER