

# A Note From Pastor Criner

Abigail and I are so thankful for you and to be part of what God is doing at First Baptist Church of Rockwall. For 173 years, God has moved through this church in powerful ways—people putting their faith in Jesus, proclaiming that faith through baptism, sharing that faith through missions, evangelism, and service. God has truly blessed us at First Rockwall.

But He is not done. Therefore, we are not done.

Psalms 100:5 tells us “For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

We believe that God's faithfulness in the past 173 years is a blessing meant to be shared and extend far beyond this generation. By renewing our mission, we are paving the way for the next 173 years. Our dark world needs the bright light of Jesus like never before. There is no greater cause on the planet than the cause of Jesus Christ. This is our moment to link arms together, to renew our commitment to ministry and missions, for the sake of the whole world. Let's push forward and gain ground for the Kingdom of God that will extend for generations and beyond.

Abigail and I are excited to invite you to join us as we follow the Spirit and move forward together.

Let's do this, church!

## Key Dates

- **Worship and Vision Nights**  
January 25 & February 1
- **Re/New Sermon Series**  
Begins February 22
- **Advanced Commitment Night**  
March 8
- **Commitment Sunday**  
March 29



# RE/NEW

From Generation to Generation

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**Psalms 100:5**

## Primary Goal: **100% Engagement**

WE WANT EVERY SINGLE PERSON TO TAKE HIS OR HER NEXT STEP IN DISCIPLESHIP AND GROW IN GENEROSITY.

### THE MISSION IS CLEAR:

The church of Jesus Christ is the only cause with an eternal purpose and the power to change lives right now. We have the privilege of being the hands and feet of Jesus in Rockwall and beyond.

### THE NEED IS URGENT:

Our community is growing, and so is the opportunity to reach more people with the hope of Christ. To fulfill this calling, we must position ourselves—in heart, mind, and action—to be fully equipped for the work God is placing before us.

### UNITY IS ESSENTIAL:

We are praying for all-in engagement from those who call First Baptist Church of Rockwall home. This is not a season of spectating, but a call for everyone to participate. When we come together in unity, generous in spirit and committed to God's purposes, we advance His kingdom.

**OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS FOR 100 PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE TO HAVE A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH GOD AS IT RELATES TO THEIR GENEROSITY.**

## Secondary Goal: **Renew The Church**

**\$25 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 2 YEARS**  
(APRIL 2026 - APRIL 2028)

## Renew Our Mission

### DECLARE, DISCIPLE, DEPLOY | \$12 MILLION

A two-year operating budget of \$9.5 million renews our commitment to each and every ministry serving kids, students, and adults.

As we renew our promise to advance the gospel to the ends of the earth, we will invest \$2.5 million in this next season into the cooperative program, plus our local community and global partners.

## Renew Our Reach

### EVERY LIFE MATTERS TO JESUS | \$13 MILLION

Creating new adult education space and expanding our parking will renew and revitalize our campus, making room for growth and transformation.

# Next Steps

# 1

## Pray Continually

Pray that God will work in the hearts of the people of First Rockwall and that we will listen and obey.

# 2

## Commit Fully

Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement by putting your "yes" on the table and encouraging others to do the same.

# 3

## Give Generously

Live and give in a way that stretches you and takes your faith to a whole new level.

# 4

## Celebrate Loudly

God will do amazing things in your life during this season, and we want you to share enthusiastically with those around you.