



THE
VICTORY
IS
WORTH THE
PRICE

“Not Equal Giving...Equal Sacrifice”

Abundant Life Fellowship

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Acts 26:19



Pastors Doug and Janice Bird

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Dear Church family,

As we proceed through our InJoy Stewardship Services Campaign, we want you to know that we are glad to be the pastors of this great church. When we think about God's goodness to us in the past, we are filled with gratitude. When we think about what God wants to do for us and through us, we are filled with anticipation.

We are grateful that we are entering a program that will open new doors of opportunity for our church. With the success of this program, our church can purchase property and build a 1200 seat auditorium.

Our campaign's prevailing theme is "Not Equal Giving...Equal Sacrifice." This theme challenges us to do the extraordinary; to give "over and above" sacrificially for the next three years. This theme reminds us that we can all have an equal part in the Lord's work.

This program provides all of us with a wonderful opportunity. It is the opportunity to know, in a new way, the blessings which come through giving. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." (Luke 6:38)

We earnestly believe that the members of Abundant Life Fellowship, are ready for the great challenge which this program offers. Let us enter into this great effort prayerfully and enthusiastically.

Love,

Pastor Doug and Janice Bird

OUR FATHER'S VISION

VISION: Where there is none, the people will surely perish, and God has cast His vision for all of us to cherish. He has given us our inheritance in the promised land, He's done His part, now it's up to us—are we ready to make the stand?

INCREASE of our facilities is a necessity and desire. A new sanctuary is needed for our Sunday services, and more room for our Worship Team and Choir. Royal Rangers, Missionettes, Gems and Singles, need a place...and let's not forget our Extreme Reality Youth who need to have more of their "own space."

SACRIFICE a measure above and beyond what you think you can do, and when you seek His will, He'll reveal what He wants from you. 'Cause when we each bear our portion and are in one accord, we'll sing praises of victory as we bring our offerings joyfully to the Lord.

IN FAITH we step out and stretch ourselves beyond what we know or see, for it is the visionary who pleases God, using their giftings through His ability. We are the people of the Lord, a chosen generation are we. Our faith is what moves mountains, giving God opportunity.

OBEDIENCE is just doing what God says...that's the bottom line. Knowing that what He says is always holy and divine. God promises us His blessing, if we serve Him every day. So listen to and heed His voice as you fast and pray.

NOW that the vision has been brought to us, it is time for every man, woman and child to make the commitment, as we go forward with the Master's plan. Stretching ourselves, not limiting God, taking that bold and mighty stand, and listening to our Father as He instructs us to "Possess the Land."

Inspired by the Holy Spirit

Directors of our Stewardship Campaign

Senior Pastors Doug and Janice Bird

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS

Dave and Bethanne Lovett ~ Mark and Audrey Gould

INJOY STEWARDSHIP SERVICES CONSULTANT

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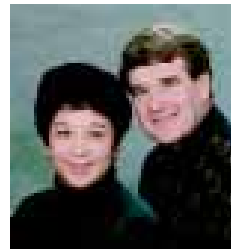


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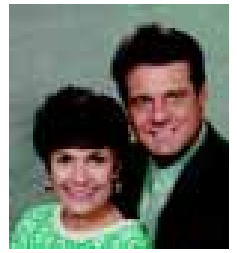


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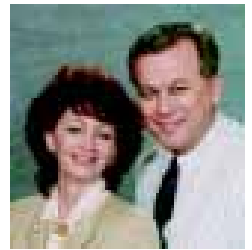


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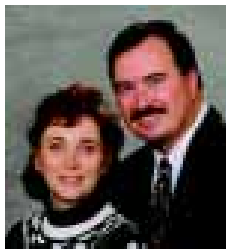


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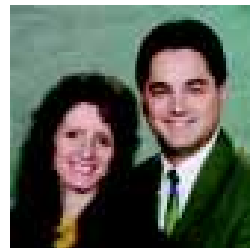


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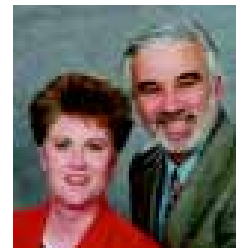


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Dave and
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Jeanette Barham



Tom and Cindy Olsen

FOLLOW-UP DIRECTORS



Scott and Lori Milligan

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Dennis and
Karen Brooks

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS



Dave and Bethanne Lovett



Mark and Audrey Gould

Dear Friends:

It takes more than just a building to make a church; it takes people who have fellowship with one another and, most importantly with God.

Through this fellowship, we are launching out in faith with our "Victory Is Worth The Price" stewardship campaign, believing that our church is going to achieve a higher level of giving, through spiritual growth.

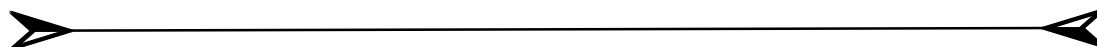
The prevailing theme of our stewardship campaign, "Not Equal Giving...Equal Sacrifice," is a great challenge to all of us. As we all give sacrificially, not only will our financial goals be met, but we will experience spiritual growth by prayerfully seeking and doing God's will.

The commitments we make during this campaign will be very important to the future of Abundant Life Fellowship. Together, under God's leadership and direction, we will achieve an exciting victory for our Lord, giving Him all the praise and glory for it.

Co-laboring in His Love,

Dave and Bethanne Lovett
Campaign Directors

Mark and Audrey Gould
Campaign Directors

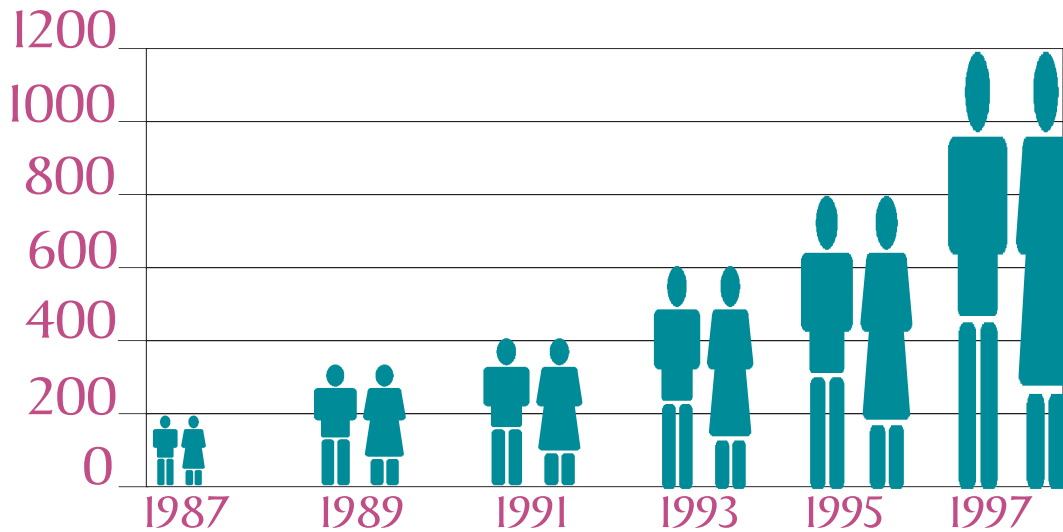


MINISTRIES OF ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

- Abundant Life School of Ministry
- Men's Fellowship
- Ladies Joy Fellowship
- Ladies Bible Study
- Gems (Mature Saints)
- Singles Fellowship
- Leadership
- Home Fellowship Dinners
- Bible Home Fellowships
- Prayer Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Bondage Breakers
- Missions Outreach
- Lord's Gym Outreach Sports Center and Espresso Bar
- Solid Rock Bookstore
- Extreme Reality Youth
- "Impact 180" College Age
- Yogi Bear Sunday School
- Children's Church
- Nursery~Toddlers~Preschool
- Royal Rangers/Missionettes
- Bus Ministry
- Parenting Classes
- Intern Programs
- Television Ministry

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP

Growth Analysis



Present Sanctuary Capacity: 505

Average Sunday Attendance:	January 1996	800
	January 1997	950
	January 1998	1200



Growth Potential:	* New commitments for 1997	2086
	New Visitors for 1997	1250

*(A large number of the new commitments came through "The Glory and the Fire" and other outreaches where we did not have visitors fill out cards)

An average Decadal Growth Rate (DGR) is 100%
Excellent Growth Rates are from 300-500%
ALF's current DGR is over 900% !!!

A standard Church Growth Rule of Thumb is that a church starts losing possible members as soon as the church has reached 80% of its capacity. We have been running at 90-100% capacity for nearly two years. The question we must ask, is how many more people could have been reached if we had a larger building?

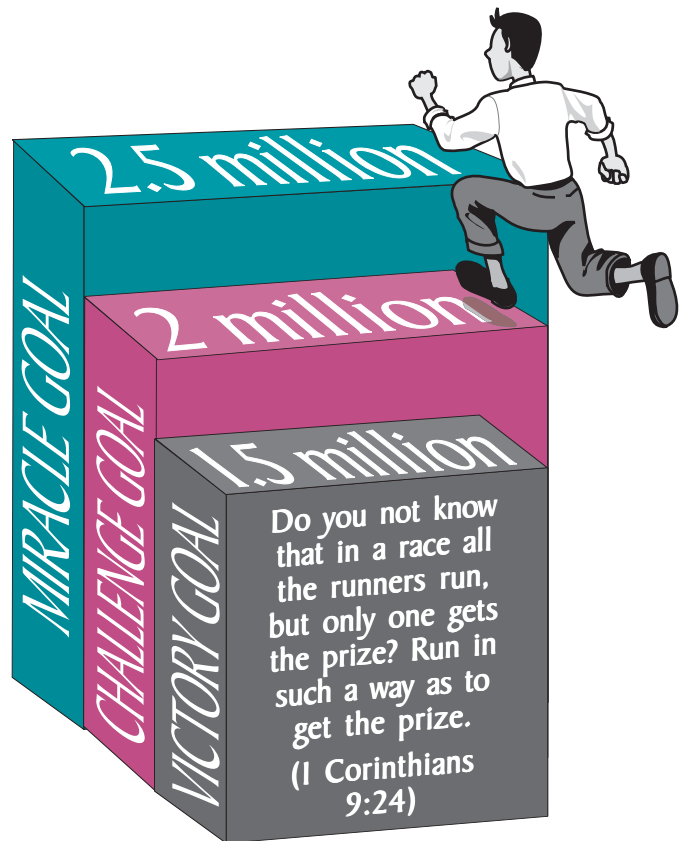
God challenges us to reach more people for Him. Now, we must rise to meet the challenge with His help.

HOW GREAT IS OUR VISION?

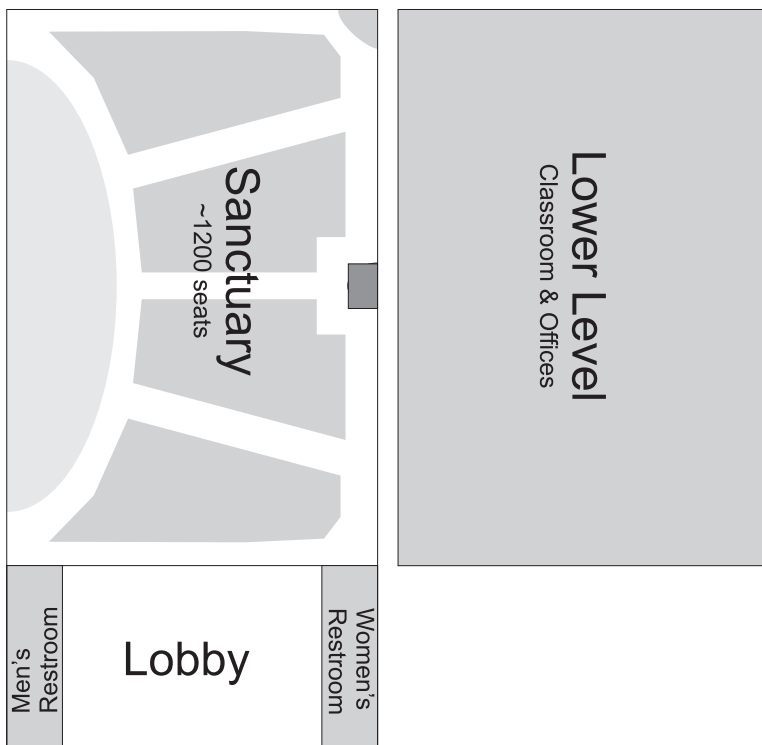
Our **MIRACLE GOAL** will require genuine sacrifice on the part of everyone. ➤

Our **CHALLENGE GOAL** will require genuine sacrifice by most of our people. ➤

Our **VICTORY GOAL** is what our church should be able to do when compared to other churches of similar size and circumstance with similar projects. ➤



Projected floor plan for our future sanctuary



Typical Gift Schedule

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year Total
\$ 10	\$ 43	\$ 520	\$ 1,560
12	50	600	1,800
15	65	780	2,340
20	87	1,040	3,120
25	100	1,200	3,600
25	108	1,300	3,900
30	130	1,560	4,680
35	150	1,800	5,400
40	173	2,080	6,240
46	200	2,400	7,200
50	217	2,600	7,800
60	280	3,120	9,360
75	325	3,900	11,700
100	433	5,200	15,600
150	650	7,800	23,400
200	887	10,400	31,200
300	1,300	15,600	46,800
500	2,167	26,000	78,000
1,000	4,333	52,000	156,000



In the Beginning...

From evening services held in this house...
The roots started small but, oh how they have grown!



...then, in 1987, on to Berkely Avenue, Roseville CA



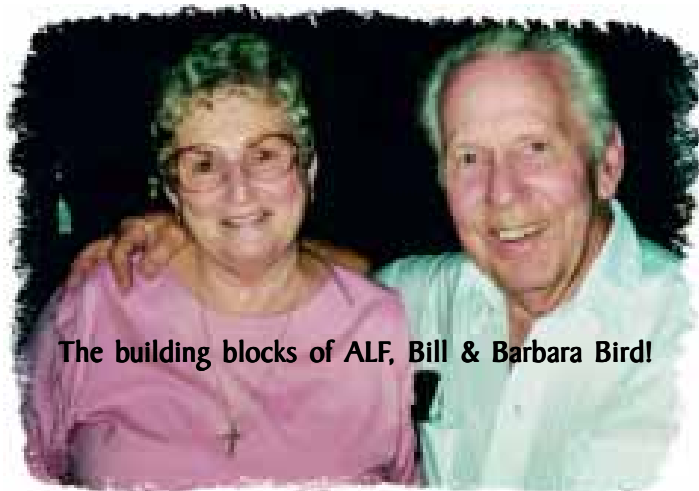
On to the bowling ally, our present location



Our first service...God be glorified, praised and worshipped!!



A page in the future...Pastor Joshua Bird!

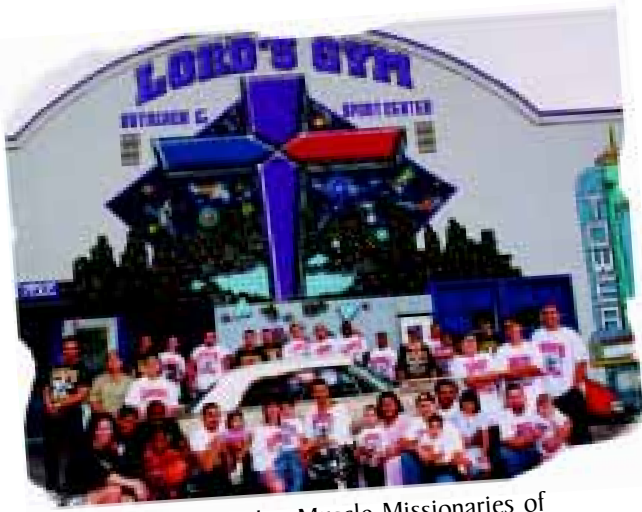


The building blocks of ALF, Bill & Barbara Bird!

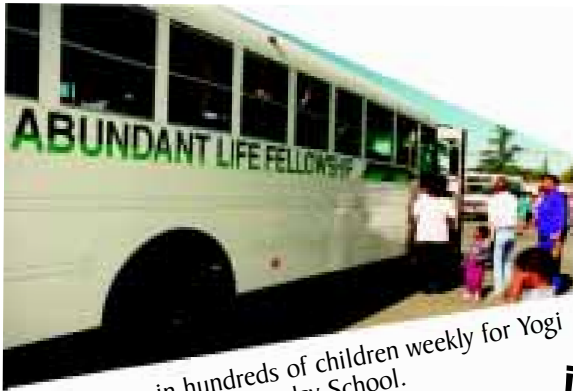


And behold...
It was very good!!

Pastor Doug, Janice, Clancy, Rachel and Tiffany



The Mighty Muscle Missionaries of the Lord's Gym defending the faith!



Buses bring in hundreds of children weekly for Yogi Bear Sunday School.



Jesus shows a white supremacist there are no color lines as he and Terry, a muscle missionary, embrace forgiveness.



At Fashion Share outreach, visitors dined before going on a shopping spree. Then, 25 women accepted Jesus.



During "Summer Slam 97" outreach, Frankie's mom Carol, lays it all down at the altar to lift Jesus up...



A Channel 40 newscaster interviewed Pastor Doug at the Lord's Gym. If the portions of the conversation about Jesus were edited, there would be nothing left!



ALF's production of "The Glory and the Fire," showed visitors both heaven and hell. More than 1,000 committed their life to Jesus.



HOW CAN I IMPLEMENT THE MASTER'S PLAN?

VISION

In order to be a "hilarious giver" in this campaign, you must have confidence and faith in the vision of Abundant Life Fellowship. Once you have taken ownership of the vision and believe wholeheartedly that God will use you and this body to make a difference in the world, God will instill a desire within you to contribute to His awesome plan! Remember, without vision, the people perish.

PRAYER

You will hear God's voice as you seek His will in prayer. This campaign calls for a personal decision to be made that is solely between you and the Lord. Each one of us should spend time truly asking God what He would have us sacrifice, whether as an individual or as a family. Husbands and wives should discuss this matter and seek God's guidance together. Families may want to set a time of prayer and come to a group decision. We know that prayer is the key to the success of this campaign. We must press on in prayer until we obtain the peace of God in our decision.

OBEDIENCE

Once God speaks His will, it is up to you to obey. God will speak to each one of us a pledge that stretches our faith and causes us to rely on Him for provision. Prayer, coupled with Godly wisdom, will bring you to the crossroads of decision.

COMMITMENT

Your commitment to this endeavor will strengthen our body as we all unite around the principles of sacrifice. Naturally, if unforeseen circumstances arise in your personal life, you may increase or decrease your giving. We believe, however, that through this sacrifice, only blessing and abundance will arise from obedience to the call of God. At the All-Church Banquet, a commitment card will be available to inform the church of your commitment. If you are unable to attend the banquet, a campaign member will be happy to supply you with a commitment card. If you know of anyone who wishes to make a commitment and has not received a card, please call the church after the night of the banquet for more information.



CAN ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP MEASURE UP?

"And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it; And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made, and they spake unto Moses saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make." And Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp saying, "Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it and too much. - (Exodus 36:2-7)



John Muncy



Pastors David & Joan Hood who mentored our Pastor.

Friends
of
the
Ministry



Donnie Moore of Radical Reality

...Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled.

(Luke 14:23)



Sean Smith



Pastor Dave Baker

Abundant Life Fellowship's

Vision

The vision of Abundant Life Fellowship is to build a strong body of spirit-filled believers that will shake this community and this world with the reality of Jesus Christ.

Our leadership enthusiastically promotes contagious soul-winning on every level of ministry — children, youth and adults.

We create an atmosphere that inspires leadership development, empowering and supporting the dreams and visions of ministry within the hearts of the people.

Our services allow the presence of God to flow through dynamic praise and worship, the operation of the gifts of the Spirit, and the practical, inspired teaching and preaching of the Word in such a way that lives are changed, the lost are won, and the needs of people are met.

Our church works in unity with other local churches in city-wide crusades, youth outreaches and children's activities which are designed to win the lost and positively impact our community.