

# **FOUNDATIONS**

*JOURNAL*

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# WHAT IS FOUNDATIONS ALL ABOUT?

***At New Community, we want to help every ONE experience the full life that God has for us. FOUNDATIONS is an initiative for every ONE who calls NewCo their church home to follow Jesus in a two-year sacrificial giving commitment.***

God is opening doors for us of ministry opportunities that are unprecedented. But to embrace these opportunities it will require that we each seek and depend on the Lord like never before. We will each need to examine what sacrifices we can make and come together to bring those before the Lord in order to make FOUNDATIONS a reality!

## LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

When we look back at all God has done with this New Community, we are amazed. We are humbled that we get to be a part of this story. And we are so grateful for all of you and the calling God has on your life to help every ONE experience the full life He has for us.

We know God is just getting started. The best is yet to come! And FOUNDATIONS is an initiative that will help us move forward together.

As we link arms over the next 24 months, we believe that God is going to do more in YOU and more in our community than any of us could ask, think, or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Our prayer for you is that as you follow Jesus, your sacrifices and steps of faith will lead to a stronger foundation, a deeper trust in God, and a fuller experience of His presence and purpose in your life.

We hope the following will be a helpful tool and resource for you as you ask God how He would have you participate in FOUNDATIONS.

We love you, and we love doing this together!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon & Hannah Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brandon & Hannah Baldwin

# The FOUNDATIONS Vision

## The PRIMARY Goal

### Everyone All In

We want every ONE who calls NewCo their church home to make a commitment and be “all in” with Foundations. It will be powerful to see what God will do as we each surrender to making the two-year sacrificial commitment He asks of us. Now is the time we come together and heighten the unity of our church around advancing this vision and mission.

## The GIVING Goal

### \$3,200,000

We are trusting God to move through us to invest \$3.2 million over these next two years to accomplish the vision He has given us. It is exciting to see how God will grow each of us spiritually in our walk with Him as we trust Him in making our two-year sacrificial giving commitment.

#### **Foundations of our church’s LEGACY - \$1,200,000**

We are called to follow Jesus and share His hope with every ONE around us. As we prepare for our future home, we must ensure that we establish a foundational culture of generosity to support our church's ongoing ministries both now and in the future. The first component of Foundations is to resource NewCo's ministry plan for the next two years. We are stewards of God's dream and vision for our church, and that dream is bigger than us.

#### **Foundations of our church’s FUTURE - \$2,000,000**

Luke 14 calls us to make thoughtful and careful preparations for the cost of what God sets in front of us. The next season for NewCo will require that we have a flex-use facility that better enables us to serve families, children, and even the marketplace in our community. The second component of Foundations is to lay a financial foundation for the acquisition and development of a permanent home for our church. We need to be prepared to move when God moves.

# Generosity Matters and Makes a Difference

Every day, we make financial decisions. Some decisions are small such as, ***“Should we make our coffee at home or splurge for a latte at Starbucks?”*** While other decisions are big, like, ***“Which house, which car, or which college should I choose?”*** And some decisions focus on the future, such as, ***“How much should we spend on Christmas, or which retirement fund should I choose?”*** Probably the most challenging decision we make with money is the decision to give. Giving creates tension...***“How much is enough?”... “How can I give more?”*** That’s why giving is such a big deal! Giving is not just a financial decision. It is a deeply spiritual decision. Giving is a tangible way we declare our trust in and commitment to God. We have put the following together to help you consider how God has blessed you and how He might invite you to take a new step of trusting Him during FOUNDATIONS.

**Why is giving to the church something that is important to God?**

**Why is giving to the church something that is important to you?**

**How does John 3:16 and 2 Corinthians 8:7 work together to form how we/you feel about giving to the church?**

## The INFLUENCE of Generosity

“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2

**1. Spiritually speaking, who has had the most influence on me to understand the value of generosity and following the example of Christ?**

**2. Is my value on the importance of living a generous life influencing others? If so, in what ways have I seen evidence of this? If not, what do I feel I need to do about this?**

**3. What is the most generous thing I've seen someone do? How has that changed me?**

**4. Who will be influenced by my commitment to this FOUNDATIONS initiative and what do I hope it will inspire in them?**

**5. In reflecting on these questions and in light of this FOUNDATIONS initiative, what things do I feel I need to do/change in terms of my generosity?**

# WAYS TO HELP YOU SEE HOW YOU CAN GIVE...MORE

The following are ideas, areas, and changes you could consider in making your FOUNDATIONS commitment.

## **Make Lifestyle Changes during these 24 months**

King David declared, "I will not offer to God a sacrifice that costs me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24). He understood that the value of the gift presented to God is determined by its value to the giver. A gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the life of the giver. This is the spirit of lifestyle worship. If it is for my God, my gift must have meaning and value to me FOUNDATIONS.

## **Redirect Paid Expenses**

You may have current expenditures that will cease or you will pay off during FOUNDATIONS. Consider including that in your commitment.

## **Increase in Income**

You may receive an increase in salary or a bonus during FOUNDATIONS. Could God be calling you to include that in your FOUNDATIONS 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 FOUNDATIONS can be advantageous to both the donor and our church.

# WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR US TO REACH OUR GOAL OF \$3,200,000 OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS?

Certainly, it will take some substantial gifts, but it could also happen by each one of us making small changes in our lifestyles to sacrifice something that has value for something we value more, in this case the mission and vision of NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH. Here are just a few examples of how even small changes can add up to make a big difference in reaching our goal if we each consider every big and small sacrifice we can make.

## **Big and Little Sacrifices Can Help Us Reach Our Goal!**

Here are just a few examples of how even the smallest changes can add up to make a big difference in reaching our goal. Consider adding these into your commitment.

Activity	Average Cost	x24 Months	x250 Families
2 cups of coffee	\$12.00	\$288.00	\$57,600.00
1 large pizza	\$20.00	\$480.00	\$96,000.00
1 fast food meal for a family	\$28.00	\$672.00	\$134,000.00
Downgrade your TV Plan or Entertainment	\$35.00	\$840.00	\$168,000.00
Clip coupons or shave \$5/week for groceries	\$20.00	\$480.00	\$96,000.00

Total: \$552,000.00

# Generosity as your LEGACY

“I have never coveted anyone’s silver or gold or fine clothes. You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” When he (Paul) had finished speaking, he knelt and prayed with them. They all cried as they embraced and kissed him good-bye. They were sad most of all because he had said that they would never see him again.”

Acts 20:33-38

**1. In the passage, Paul is saying goodbye to the Ephesians elders. They both know they will never see each other again. In his final words, Paul is essentially urging them to live lives of radical generosity. Of all the messages and topics that could be his final one to them, why do you think he would choose generosity?**

**2. What am I intentionally doing right now to build a legacy of generosity in life and my family?**

**3. Am I giving financially in a way that still changes me, or has it become comfortable and routine? What can I do about this?**

**4. Am I ready to trust God to make a commitment such that He is going to have to show-up in order for me to honor it? Why or why not?**

**5. What am I beginning to feel that God wants me to commit to FOUNDATIONS?**

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# \$1,200,000

Foundations of our church's **FUTURE**

# \$2,000,000

Foundations of our church's **LEGACY**

## CALCULATE HERE

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **What I/We normally give in a year.**  
(Includes General Fund giving, Tithes, Offerings, etc.)  
 +  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **The amount I/We will now ADD annually**  
**to the line above for FOUNDATIONS.**  
 =  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **x 2 YEARS = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADD the value of any ONE-TIME CAPITAL**  
**GIFTS of Cash and/or Non-Cash Assets.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 =

# \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**My/Our TOTAL TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT**  
DECEMBER 2024 - DECEMBER 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

## TWO-YEAR FOUNDATIONS GIFT CHART

*As you pray and seek God's direction for how you should give, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool. Allow it to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity as we embark on this FOUNDATIONS initiative together.*

Gifts Needed	2-Year Gift Level	This gift Level corresponds to a			Gift Level Total
		Weekly gift of...	Monthly gift of...	Annual gift of...	
1	\$150,000	\$1,442	\$6,250	\$75,000	\$150,000
1	\$100,000	\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$100,000
4	\$75,000	\$721	\$3,125	\$37,000	\$300,000
11	\$50,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$25,000	\$550,000
22	\$35,000	\$337	\$1,458	\$17,500	\$770,000
24	\$20,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$480,000
26	\$15,000	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$390,000
30	\$10,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$300,000
32	\$5,000	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$160,000

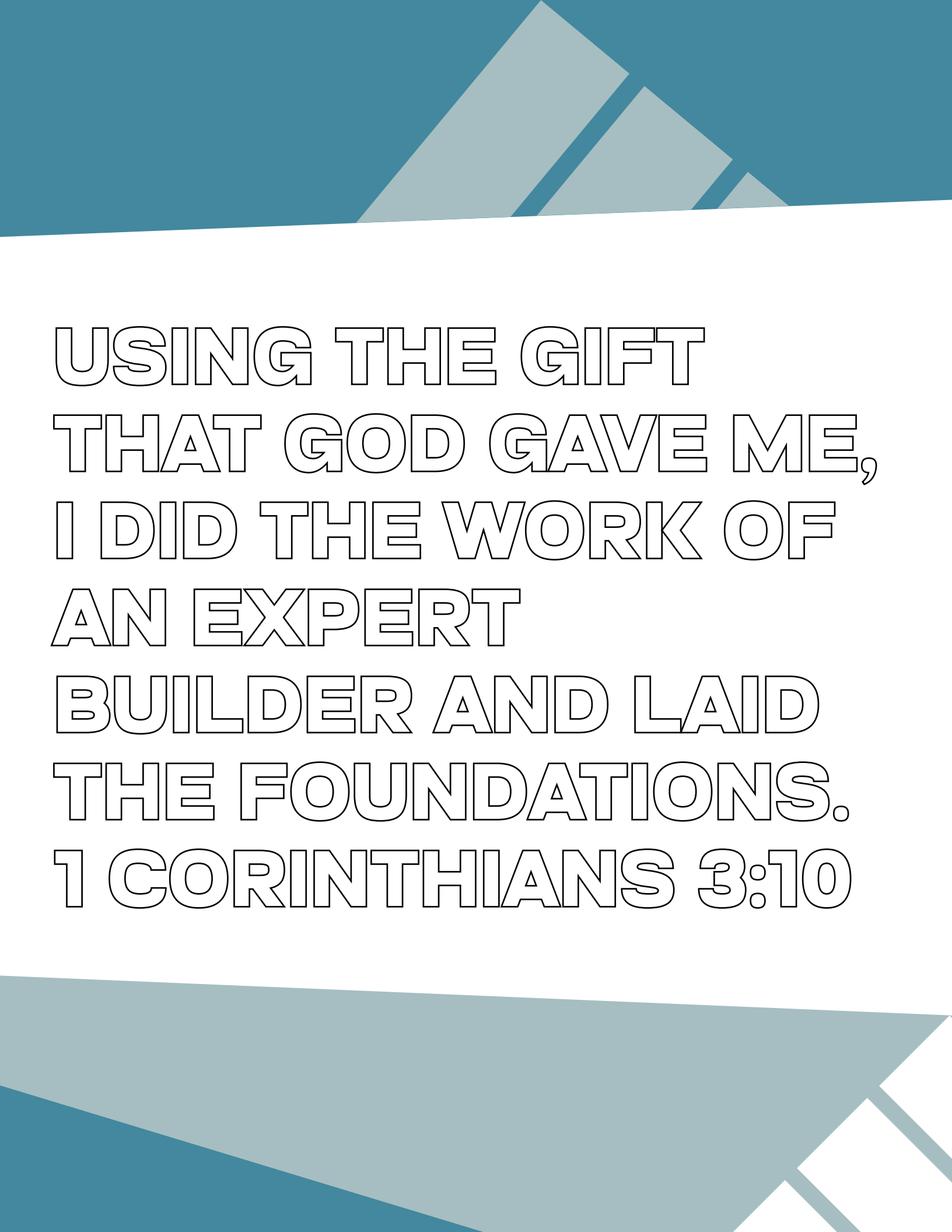












USING THE GIFT  
THAT GOD GAVE ME,  
I DID THE WORK OF  
AN EXPERT  
BUILDER AND LAID  
THE FOUNDATIONS.  
1 CORINTHIANS 3:10