



Sweetwater Baptist Church  
North Augusta, SC  
"Reveal God's Plan" Newsletter  
Issue #1



**Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater Baptist Church:**

These are truly exciting times at the Sweetwater Baptist Church. As you know, we launched "*Reveal God's Plan*" on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. **Mrs. Shannon Bohanan**, our Emphasis Director, did an outstanding job of presenting the RGP Brochure to our church congregation.

These next three months are going to be an intense time of **seeking God**. We are to seek the **PERSON** (Psalm 105:4), **PRESENCE** (Psalm 63:1), and the **PLAN OF GOD** (Jeremiah 29:11). **Martyn Lloyd-Jones**, who was a great British physician and pastor, once said, "**Man is at his greatest and highest when upon his knees he comes face to face with God.**"

As I mentioned in my sermon on January 10<sup>th</sup>, I am praying for three things to take place in the life of Sweetwater as we seek God's Person, Presence, and Plan. First of all, I am praying for a **GREAT REVIVAL**. I am asking God to bless our church with a spiritual renewal. Seeking God is a vital ingredient of genuine revival. Second Chronicles 7:14 declares, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I am also praying for **GREAT RESOURCES**. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what we need in order to move forward with the construction of our new facility. I am praying He will open up the windows of Heaven and bless us with great financial resources. Philippians 4:19 reminds us, "But God shall supply all your need according to his riches and glory by Christ Jesus." Finally, I am praying for **GREAT REJOICING**. The theme of "*Reveal God's Plan*" is "**Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Joy!**" King David appealed to the Jews to bring resources for the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Bible says that when they finished the collection, "Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly." (ESV)

I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do in the days ahead. Our future is bright because God is in control!

**Thank you for the joy and privilege of serving you!**

With a Pastor's Love,  
**Brother Paul**  
Philippians 1:3



**PRAY FOR YOU DIRECTIONS TEAM!**  
**Emphasis Director – Shannon Bohanan**  
**Leadership Encouragement Director – John Dickenson**  
**Spiritual Focus Director – Alice Edwards**  
**Celebration Event Directors – Keith and Rhonda Ebetino**  
**Communications Director – Sandy Nail**  
**History Director – Clarice Simmons**  
**Office Support Directors – Lynn Burdette and Mary Mullis**  
**Follow Through Director – Jim Reece**  
**Pastor – Dr. Paul Noe**



### HOW REVEAL GOD'S PLAN WORKS . . .

**We Begin With Prayer** – Reveal God's Plan is a campaign stewardship emphasis designed to help our church grow spiritually as well as raise money for our building needs. Prayer is essential to guide us as we discern God's will for our church and our individual lives. We encourage every church family to begin now to pray for our church and community, the Reveal God's Plan emphasis, and for God's will to be clearly known as we consider the future.

**We Ask Every Member to Be Involved** – Every church member will be asked to consider how they can participate in giving towards this project. This will be a *personal* and *confidential* commitment that you will make.

\*We will ask that gifts to the campaign be over and above your regular church budget giving.

\*You will be asked to give over a 3-year period. This allows the potential for everyone to make a meaningful contribution.

\*Everyone will be asked to prayerfully give what God has revealed to their personal situation. There is NO suggested or required gift amount.

\*A commitment to give is **NOT** a binding pledge. If circumstances change over the 3-year period, you may be able to give more or less.

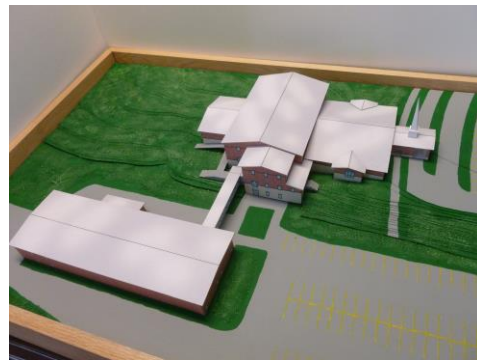
\*Your commitment will remain completely confidential. No one, except our financial secretary, will see your faith commitment card.

\*No one will come to your house asking or begging you to give.

\*The phrase, **"Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Joy!"** will be our theme. Our focus will not be on the amount of individual gifts, but the amount of joy that we gain from the privilege of giving.

\*On Sunday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, each person and family will be asked to turn in a confidential Faith Commitment Card to help us determine a collective commitment total. This commitment is simply a promise made in faith that God will help you keep. It is a commitment made under the leadership of the Holy Spirit as a result of you having sought God's will through prayer.

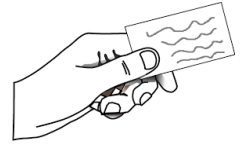
**THANK YOU David Harley and Associates for the beautiful model of our future facility!!**



**Pray for Commitment Sunday!!**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Please, pray about what the Lord would have you to give to the future facility over a three year period!!**



**Sweetwater's Campaign Goal for the Next Three Years!**

**Faith Goal - \$2,000,000**

**Challenge Goal - \$2,500,000**

**WHAT REGULAR, SYSTEMATIC GIVING WILL ACCOMPLISH!!**

A Weekly Gift of . . .	Yields 3-Year Total
\$10	\$1,560
\$50	\$7,800
\$100	\$15,600
\$200	\$31,200

*No Gift is Too Big or Too Small!!*

Faith Commitments are over a three year period.

Individuals and families are free to give more or less as circumstances change.

**PRAYER COTTAGES!!**

**The Prayer Cottages for the "Reveal God's Plan" Emphasis will be during the weeks of February 7 and February 14. Please, consult upcoming bulletins and NETMAS for times and locations!!**



**"STEPS TO DETERMINING GOD'S WILL"**

1. Spend time in prayer daily.
2. Be sure to give yourself time.
3. Call your family together for a family conversation.
4. Read the following Bible truths and instructions in your family conversation.  
Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 11:24-25, Matthew 6:9-10, Luke 6:38, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
5. Make a commitment together as a family unit.  
"Lord, please strengthen our faith as we make this financial commitment. We acknowledge You have given us everything we have. We know that apart from You, there would be nothing to give. As we stand on the promises of Your Word, please allow us to know Your joy through our lives. Amen!"

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 31 – Prayer Cottage Training – 3:30 PM – Room A210

February 7 – 20 – Cottage Prayer Meetings – Times and Places to be announced

February 14 – Children’s Meeting with Pastor Paul and Shannon Bohanan – 9:45 AM – FLC

February 28 – “Reveal God’s Plan” Sunday School Church-wide Sunday School Lesson

March 6 – Special Challenge from Dr. Bob Reccord – 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

March 13 – Commitment Sunday and Celebration Event

### “FACTS ABOUT THE FUTURE FACILITY”

(Each “*Reveal God’s Plan*” will include several facts about the new facility.)

1. Senior Adult Sunday School Classrooms will be near the sanctuary – Seniors will be able to walk directly into the Sanctuary from their classes.
2. There will be new, spacious restroom facilities conveniently located near the classrooms and Sanctuary.
3. A new, well lit parking lot with designated parking for our Senior Adults will be constructed directly in front of the new facility.



### SCENES FROM THE LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST ON JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>!!



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BAPTIST CHURCH