

Canyon Bible Church
5th-Sunday Building Fund Contribution Drive

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

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At the October business meeting it was decided that CBC should try in earnest to encourage continuous growth in the Building Fund. This fund is designated to collect monies to purchase a facility for CBC. As of the end of August 2013, the Building Fund had a balance of \$6,500 from a previously given designated gift. To encourage the continuing growth of the fund, CBC is budgeting 10% of the General Fund Income towards the fund. The Building Fund balance is shown on the monthly reporting shown in the Sunday bulletin.

At the October business meeting it was suggested, and subsequently approved, to designate that on the last Sunday in the months containing five Sundays, CBC take-up an extra offering to collect gifts designated specifically for the Building Fund. The hope is to publicize that Canyon Bible Church has a Building Fund and to encourage giving with the goal of obtaining a dedicated facility for CBC.

It so happens that December 2013 is the first month with five Sundays since that proposal was adopted. Next Sunday, December 29th, is a fifth Sunday. That December 29th is the last Sunday of the year is also providential because if anyone was planning on additional year-end gift giving, this provides an opportunity to help build the Building Fund by making a special contribution.

The Building Fund contributions will be collected along with the regular offering. Be sure to indicate on your contribution the gifts that are designated for the Building Fund. This way Cheryl, as Treasurer, will be able to differentiate between normal tithe contributions and the Building Fund contributions. You can either place your Building Fund contribution in an envelope marked as such, or you may indicate in the memo field of your check that the amount is for the Building Fund (just put "Building Fund" in the check memo field).

Please remember that the Building Fund giving should be gifts above and beyond your tithing, as the tithe goes into the storehouse for supporting Christ's entire Church, not just one particular aspect.

We are constantly looking for a suitable facility for Canyon Bible Church and by growing the Building Fund we hope to have the financial resources to be able to consider any facility that the Lord may bring our way. If you see a property that you think may be a possibility, please bring this opportunity to the attention of Pastors Bill and Rick.

By the way, if you are interested in leading the Building Fund drive and/or overseeing the investigations of possible property opportunities, please let me know. We need someone to communicate the status of the Building Fund to the congregation on a regular basis, to encourage everyone's involvement in supporting the Building Fund, to publicize the "5th-Sunday" Contribution Drive in advance of each 5th-Sunday, and possibly to help review any potential properties.

May the Lord guide your hearts as you consider contributing to the Building Fund.

Blessings,
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