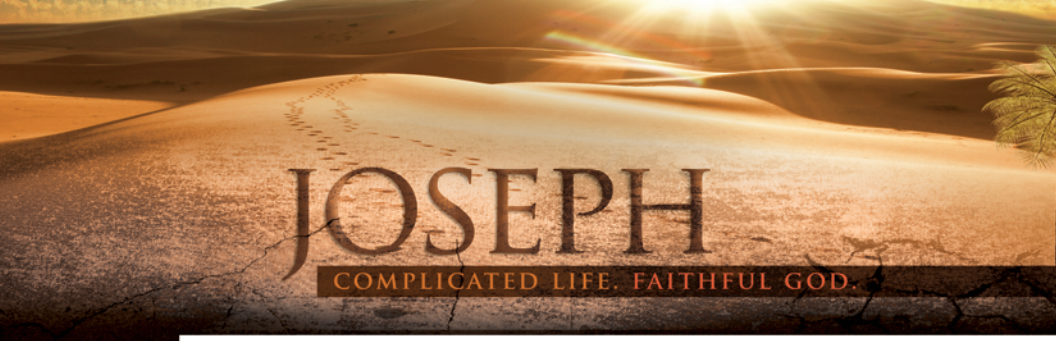


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How To Die

Genesis 49:33-50:10 & 50:22-26

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- Realize the blessings around you.
  Genesis 48:10-11 compared to Genesis 47:9

- Bless others

  - Materially: Godliness is passing things on, not storing them up.

  - Spiritually: Entrusting them to God's care

  - Prophetically: Speak into their future

- How you finish is more important than how you start.
  Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7; 2 Corinthians 8:11

When someone dies we:

Genesis 50:1-3 & 22-26

- Mourn

- Honor

- Imitate

GriefShare

The GriefShare Support group is for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This group meets the first and third Thursday of July at 6:30-8:30 pm in Rm 252. For more info please call the Pastoral Care Ministry at 713.957.6760.

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be a part of the *Story*

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S SUITE EXPANSION & RENOVATION

The ***Be A Part Of The Story*** capital campaign began in 2007 with the goal of raising $20 million to renovate the Worship Center, fund various capital improvement projects at Houston's First, support local and global missions endeavors, and retire our long-term pre-campaign debt. However, God moved in the hearts of our church family to pledge more than $25 million – 25% above our goal! We will continue to give 10% of all receipts to Missions related endeavors.

When the commitments came in, we began praying about how the Lord would lead us to use any funds beyond $20 million for His glory. It became evident that God was providing for our needs before we realized the challenges facing us.

Our Challenge

The Preschool Ministry has experienced over 35% growth since the capital campaign began over 2 and a half years ago.

Our Solution

To meet this challenge and provide adequate space for the Preschool and Children's Ministries, we are:

- Renovating the Preschool Suite on the 1st and 2nd levels (Rms 100-123 & 200-221), as well as portions of the 3rd level of the west wing (Rms 310-329)
- Constructing a 3-story expansion of the west wing immediately adjacent to the outdoor playground

Our Benefits

Renovation and expansion will provide:

- An additional 13,500 sq. ft. with expansions on 3 levels
- Room for an additional 216 preschoolers and 120 children per Bible study hour
- Increased security with fewer entry points and improved electronic check-in
- Two new age-appropriate indoor playgrounds for the Preschool Suite
- An additional Children's multipurpose room called The Loft (Rm 301/302) to complement The Clubhouse (Rm 303)

Our Route

This vision for making room for the youngest members of the Houston's First family depends upon:

- **Keeping our commitments**. Be faithful to fulfill the commitment God led you to make so that we receive the full $25.4 million pledged.
- **New commitments**. Members who have joined Houston's First since the campaign began are invited to be a part of the story by making a financial commitment.

Be on the Lookout!

In August, construction on campus will be very visible. In late July, all members will receive a packet with a construction timeline, renderings and an update on the ***Be A Part Of The Story*** campaign. Those who made commitments to the campaign will also receive a letter indicating their contributions as of June 30, 2010.

Visit HoustonsFirst.org/BeAPartOfTheStory for updates on the campaign, and see where we've already given over $1.5 million toward local, national and international mission endeavors.