



*"...and we will not neglect the house of God." Neh. 10:39*

## **"Lighting The Vision" is the title for our Spiritual Journey**

**Q:** *What exactly is this Lighting The Vision?*

**A:** Our Lighting the Vision is simply a means by which we, as a church body, can use our God given resources to help fulfill the vision of The Open Door Church. The purpose is two fold. It will help us grow as Christians as we experience another dimension of the faithfulness of God. It will also bind us together as a church family as we step out in faith to serve and share the risen Christ. In the process of learning these important spiritual lessons, we hope to receive enough financial commitments to be able to renovate our auditorium lighting without incurring any debt.

**Q:** *Exactly how much money are we trying to raise while on this journey?*

**A:** Our financial objective is to receive commitments that will be given on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual basis over a one-year giving period. The full amount needed for the upgrade of our auditorium lighting is approximately three hundred thousand dollars.

**Q:** *How long will it be before we need to decide how much to give?*

**A:** On Sunday, March 30, 2008, The Open Door Church will host a commitment day. On this day, the church family will be asked to make their commitment. We would suggest that you and your family start praying now, asking God how He wants to use you in this campaign.

**Q:** *What kind of financial commitment will I be asked to make toward the upgrade project?*

**A:** This is between you and God. What would He have you do with your resources to invest in this project? This is a one-year commitment that can be paid out in any way God leads you weekly, monthly, annually or a one-time offering.

**Q:** *Is my commitment in addition to my regular giving?*

**A:** Yes, the commitment you make is supposed to be over and above your regular tithe offering and missions offering.

**Q:** *When do commitments start?*

**A:** We begin giving toward our commitments on Sunday March 30, 2008 with our commitment offering.

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**“EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS”**

**Q:** *Will I have the opportunity to revise my commitment?*

**A:** Yes, you may revise your commitment, either up or down, at any time during the one-year giving period.

**Q:** *Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?*

**A:** No, nor will your individual commitment be announced.

**Q:** *How do we make gifts?*

**A:** Your initial gift or commitment will be made at our Commitment offering on Sunday, March 30, 2008, in whatever form you like.

**Q:** *When will I sign my commitment card?*

**A:** At the celebration event, March 30, 2008.

**Q:** *Where will commitments be made?*

**A:** Most commitment decisions will be made in your own home after prayerful consideration. No one will meet with you specifically to receive your commitment; you will be asked to formally and confidentially present your commitment at the celebration event by completing a confidential commitment card.

**Q:** *Can we make a family commitment?*

**A:** Yes

**Q:** *Can I give towards my commitment once a year - or every three months?*

**A:** Yes; however, most of us find it easier to keep up week-by-week, or at least monthly.

**Q:** *Will my commitment constitute a permanent investment?*

**A:** Yes. Take the example of George W. Brown, a wealthy Canadian philanthropist, who gave large sums to Baptist causes. After he lost considerable wealth during the depression years, he was viewing a building that he helped construct. Someone said, “Aren’t you sorry you gave all that money away?” He answered, “No, because all I kept for myself is lost, and only that which I gave away has been preserved.” And so it may be in our lives. When the gaudy, tinsel things of life are gone, that which we have invested in Christ’s cause will continue to flourish and bear fruit.

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