

FOLLOW

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Follow?

Follow is a Gospel-centered initiative that will call us to give generously to advance our mission together. You may have heard Rob and Lloyd say, “facilities facilitate mission.” Our efforts will enable us to pay the entirety of the building costs for both our Brentwood and Franklin Campus projects – debt-free! By doing so, we are leaning into the unique position currently in front of us and preparing for future opportunities into which God is calling us.

How do I participate in Follow?

The easiest way to participate in Follow is to scan the QR code below or visit fellowshipbiblechurch.org/follow, fill out the digital commitment card on that page, and follow the instructions to set up your recurring gift.



How do I decide how much to give?

We believe that as you participate in Follow, the Holy Spirit will guide you to know what gift is right for you. The point of Follow is not that we all give equal gifts, but that we all lean in with equal generosity. So, when you decide how much to give, think in terms of generosity, not just in terms of amount.

What if I don't have a lot to give?

It's not about the size of the gift as much as it is about the posture of your heart when giving. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Do I have to participate if I'm new to Fellowship Bible Church?

No one is required to participate, but we hope you will. Giving is a part of spiritual growth, and we want you to grow. Think of it like this: In the same way that someone gave generously so that we have facilities to meet in today, you can similarly experience the joy of creating a space for someone else.

Should I direct my regular giving to Follow when it begins?

No, the goal for Follow is to give above and beyond your regular giving. Take time to prayerfully consider what gift God is asking you to give.

How much money are we trying to raise?

Our goal is to raise \$15 million over the next 3 years, over and above our regular giving.



What happens if we don't reach our goal?

One of our core values is that we are Spirit-dependent. We know that none of what we are planning will be possible without God's Spirit going before us and making the way for us. We believe that God is calling us to undertake this project without going into debt. And so, if we are unable to reach our target goal of \$15 million over the next 3 years, we will revisit our plans and scale down or pause certain parts of the project as needed. We will be communicating updates frequently along the way.

Ultimately, we will follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads us, whether that plan ends up looking exactly as we envision it today or not.

What happens if we exceed our goal?

If by God's grace we exceed our goal of raising \$15 million, we will allocate the additional funds for some other significant facility elements that we would love to add but were not able to budget into the current campaign.

Are the Brentwood and Franklin Campus projects interconnected? Will a delay on one project affect the other?

The projects start with city approvals, but the Brentwood project will move forward more quickly than the Franklin project. They are not interconnected, and a delay on one project will not adversely affect the other.

What happens if we don't get the land for the future Franklin Campus?

We will keep praying and we will keep looking. We know what we are looking for and what we plan to build, and we trust that God will lead us to the right property in His timing.

What is the next step in the process for the future Franklin Campus?

The Franklin Municipal Planning Commission recently recommended approval of our Development Plan. That positive recommendation will now be passed on to the Board of Mayor and Alderman (BOMA) for three meetings between March and May, where the final decision will ultimately be made. BOMA's approval will allow us to close on the Franklin property, finish architectural design, submit a final Site Plan to the City of Franklin, and then break ground—hopefully in early 2025! All that is very exciting, but it doesn't happen apart from God's favor over the next couple of months.

What is the next step in the process for the Brentwood Campus project?

We have completed the Schematic Design phase of our plans and will kick off Design Development in February 2024. We will then develop an initial submittal for approval to the City of Brentwood in the first quarter of 2024.

We are excited about how everything is coming together and will be sharing more news with you soon!

