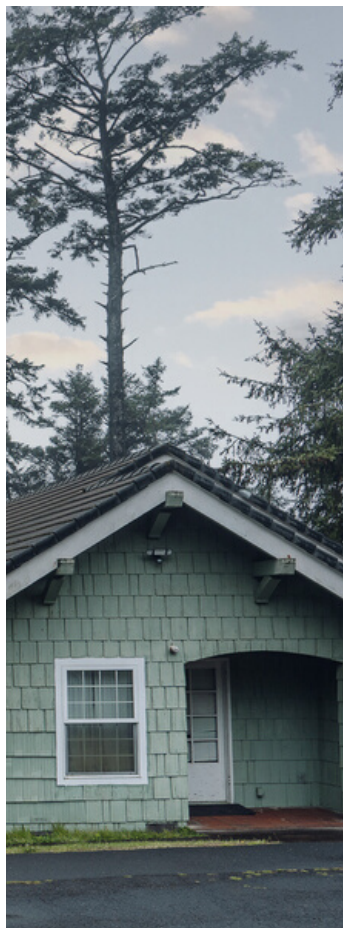




# IMPACT

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STEPPING OUT IN FAITH  
INVESTING FOR IMPACT



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## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

"You will be enriched in every way  
to be generous in every way, which  
through us will produce  
thanksgiving to God."



# Welcome to the Adventure of *IMPACT*

Every person wants to make an *IMPACT*. They want to make a difference, and they want their life to matter. That is also true of churches. A church that never seeks to make a difference is usually a declining congregation. *IMPACT* is to have influence, to create an effect on people. When we think of what happens at SeaKrest Lodge and on our NorthBlock, we often describe the *IMPACT* that is being made.

Both SeaKrest Lodge and NorthBlock have been great tools for our church to see lives transformed by Christ, to witness deep and abiding friendships, and to be a place where people meet God. Currently, on NorthBlock we are witnessing God's gracious *IMPACT* on our YAM (young adults). In addition, other groups like Boy Scouts use the facility. In both locations we envision people gathering together, developing deeper roots with each other and with God. We are praying for divine *IMPACT*.

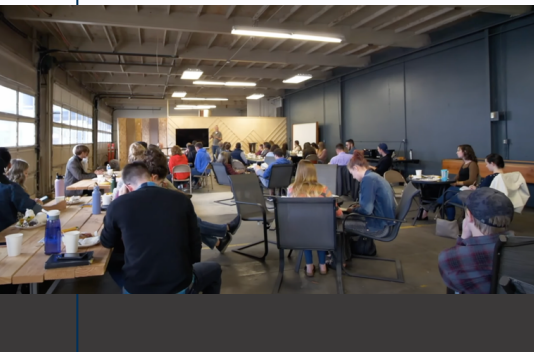
As you make your way through this booklet it will explain the scope of our project, you will be challenged to seek God's face in regard to your participation, and you will be called into a season of prayer where together we will ask God, "How can I be involved in *IMPACT*?" It is our prayer that during this season God will make a significant *IMPACT* on our faith. To God be the glory.

## The *IMPACT* team

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# WHY NORTHBLOCK?

Developing quality space to serve our church and our community.



To expand the *IMPACT*, we need to improve the tool.



## CURRENT USAGE:

- Young Adults Ministry
- Boy Scouts
- Men's Bible Studies
- Secure parking for church vans
- Church event parking
- Picnic in the Parking Lot

## UPCOMING PLANS:

- New interior layout and design
- Additional restrooms
- Church outreach - including recovery and support groups
- Group meeting space
- Community meeting space for downtown businesses and residents in downtown Salem
- Develop quality space to serve our church and our community



Throughout the years, God has used both NorthBlock and SeaKrest to make significant impact through the people in our church and community.





# WHY SEAKREST?

Seeking not only rest but spiritual growth and deep community.

SEAKREST



Since the purchase of the property in Newport, OR in 1967 for \$55,000, our retreat center, dubbed SeaKrest Lodge, has served our church and community far more than imagined. The lodge and the bunkhouse with the boys' and girls' dorms have been used by various ministries and community groups over the years as well as for other churches and family reunions.



→ If you have a story about God's work at NorthBlock or SeaKrest, or a special memory to share, we would love to hear it! Visit our website or scan this QR code to share your IMPACT stories.



# IMPACT

*Timeline*





**\$1.5**

**Million**  
6-month goal

Once you have prayed about what to give (*check out the prayer guide towards the back of this booklet*), fill out a pledge card.

Pledge cards are included in this booklet, available in the lobby, or can be downloaded and completed online at:

[www.fbcsalem.org/impact](http://www.fbcsalem.org/impact)



**\$500,000 already committed**

**Scan this QR code to read  
more about IMPACT and  
submit your IMPACT stories**



# PERSONAL STUDY

The goal of this guide is to help you understand God's heart for your finances and determine what your role is in this journey our church is taking. In this guide you will learn:

1. Answers to common questions about money and financial campaigns
2. God's goals for your finances
3. How to determine what God is asking you to give

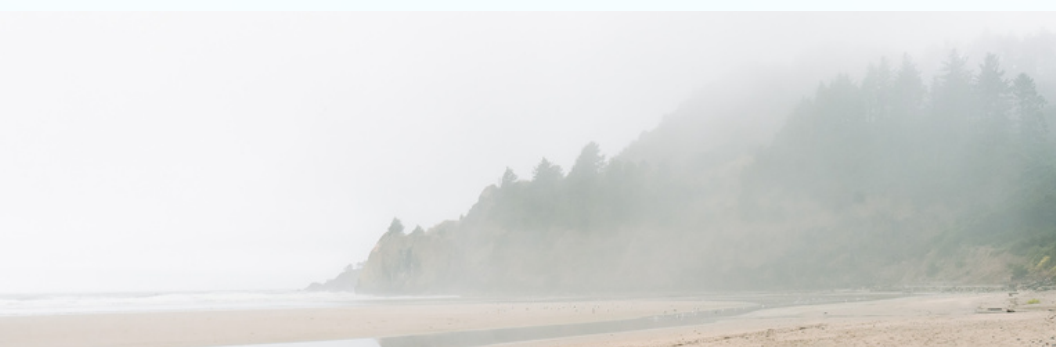
## QUESTIONS

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**What's the difference between my tithe and giving to IMPACT?**

Your tithe is your regular practice of giving back to God what is already His. Tithing is about resetting sovereignty in your heart. Its primary goal is not about collecting money or funding the church. It's about who controls your heart. As scripture says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*IMPACT* is different in that it is a specific need on top of regular giving. The goal is to increase our ministry abilities at two locations, Northblock and SeaKrest. This cannot be achieved with regular giving. We are trusting God for more funds so we can reach more people.







## 2

### **I never go to either location, so why should I give?**

For the same reason any parent invests in their kids' activities or education. We invest in them because we love them and desire good futures for them. We believe this church is a family. And our family has needs that may not directly affect us, but have huge implications indirectly. Investing in these two locations will bless thousands of people in the years to come. Your gift will help families grow together, encourage new people to attend the church, and help new ministries get started.

## 3

### **I'm in a really bad financial situation. Should I still give?**

We believe your tithe is the first thing you should do with your money to unlock the blessing of God, but *IMPACT* is on top of regular giving. Now while your giving is between you and the Lord, we believe it would be wise to get financially healthy before you give to something extra like *IMPACT*.

## 4

### **Am I being disobedient if I don't give to IMPACT?**

We don't believe this is a right or wrong issue. 2 Cor 9:6 says, "6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Every believer in the SFB family needs to seek God's leading as to what they give. We truly believe God longs to shower you with financial blessing according to your generosity. This is not health and wealth gospel; it is a principle we see in scripture. Give according to how much God has blessed you.

# BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

## LUKE 16:13

### **God wants to trust you with kingdom treasures.**

Luke 16:10-12 says, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

Worldly wealth is a test. The goal of money is to see if God can trust you with more valuable things. To mishandle it is to reject God's greater plans for you. Handle temporal things well and God will trust you with eternal things.

*IMPACT* is a chance to prepare our hearts for what God will ask us to do in Salem. God is clearly placing more people downtown and we want to be able to reach them. If we are to be ready for this influx of new people, we need a heart to reach them and the space to meet with them.

## LUKE 16:13

### **God wants you to submit to Him, not mammon.**

Luke 16:13 says, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Money is not evil or good. It always follows a spirit: that of God or mammon. Mammon as Paul de Jong puts it is "unsundered increase." It is money that corrupts. Giving is how we deal a death-blow to the spirit of mammon in us. You will use money, or it will use you.

*IMPACT* allows us time to examine if money is mastering us or not. This may be a scary time for you and your family, but it is a healthy and good thing to repent of any bad habits and trust God for new blessings. There is never a bad time to adopt God-centered financial habits.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

**God wants to bless you as you use money to serve and bless people.**

2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

God blesses us, we bless people. It's a cycle of generosity that begins with our obedience. Why do blessings come? Because God wants you to have what you need to do good work. And He promises that He can bless every area of your life ABUNDANTLY, but He asks that we first give to meet the needs of people.

We are asking for more from you. We know that this will undoubtedly cause some tension and stress, but we unapologetically want more of God. We want to reach more people and we want more blessings.

## PROVERBS 13:22

**God wants money to have generational IMPACT.**

Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children." We want to build a building that generations after us will enjoy. Think about the building we are meeting in now. It was built by people that were thinking about you!!

**IMPACT** is our commitment to love Salem years after we are gone. So please join us as you feel led, as we lean into God's vision for Salem and the surrounding area.



# HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT TO GIVE

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First, there is not a one-size-fits-all way to determine this. Here are some practical tips to help you figure out what God would have you give.



## PRAY

There is no substitute for daily time with God. Here is a sample prayer to help you get started:

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the ways You have blessed me. Thank You for my job, my family, and friends, my unique talents, and my sphere of influence. Thank you for my church and the vision you have given the leadership here. It is about that vision that I seek guidance.

Would You help me to determine how much to give to *IMPACT*. I long to see your kingdom expand into Salem and to be a part of what You are doing here. Help me hold my finances with an open hand. It is Your money and I am its temporary manager. What would You have me do with it?

Pray each day at a specified time.

You can also use the prayer guide that will be provided specifically for *IMPACT*.



## DO THIS AS A FAMILY

If you have children, sit your kids down and talk about the goals of the church. Invite them into the family's financial story. Walk them through how God has blessed you already and what you hope He will do in the future.

If you are married, set a goal with your spouse to pick a number by a certain date but don't tell each other until that time. Commit to pray and see how God brings unity to your marriage as you each seek Him.

If you are single, this is your opportunity to build financial habits that will bless your future family. Think about them as you plan out this decision. What do you want your legacy to be?

## REMEMBER HOW GOD HAS BLESSED YOU

List every financial blessing in the past few years. This will build your confidence in God's ability to provide for you. Examples are promotions, new jobs, financial gifts, help received, disasters avoided, etc.

## LOOK FOR A NUMBER THAT STRETCHES YOUR FAITH

Our expectations reveal what we think God is capable of. Don't give out of what you already have. Give what you think God is calling you to do in faith. Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Believe that God is good and lavish and ready to move in powerful ways. Let this be a test of faith, not a monetary transaction.

# PRAYER

## Seeking God

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Throughout the *IMPACT* timeline, we will be having dedicated prayer times for this new chapter. We encourage you to join prayer nights, participate in a prayer walk, or dedicate time to pray over *IMPACT* with your small group or Bible study.

### PRAYER NIGHTS

Mondays at 6:45pm

Located in the Glass House  
at NorthBlock

- 10/10/2022
- 10/17/2022
- 10/24/2022
- 10/31/2022
- 11/7/2022
- 11/14/2022



# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

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## **READ: Philippians 1:27**

*Pray that our church would grow in unity as this generation continues to build upon the faith of previous generations, working together towards a common goal.*

## **READ: Philippians 4:6-7**

*Pray that our church would grow in faith as we follow the Spirit's leading in how to give, rather than what's comfortable.*

## **READ: Ephesians 6:12**

*Pray against spiritual attack during this time of growth and improvement at SFB.*

## **READ: 1 Corinthians 1:10**

*Pray against any spirit of dissension amongst the body during this important time in the life of our church.*

# PRAY FOR FINANCIAL WISDOM

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## **READ: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

*Pray that each person in our church would hear clearly from God how they should give.*

## **READ: Matthew 6:19-21**

*Pray that our church, with hearts of obedience, would freely give back to God the gifts that he has given to us.*

## **READ: Ephesians 3:20-21**

*Pray that God provides above our expectations and uses our gifts in ways that we can't imagine to serve and IMPACT the people of our city.*

## **READ: Ephesians 4:15-16**

*Pray that through participation in giving and these projects, young people would see themselves as an important part of the body of Christ and the body of SFB.*

## **READ: Luke 6:38**

*Pray that God would bless our church's pledges by providing means to meet them that we may not even see at this time.*

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# PRAY FOR OUR PROJECTS

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## **READ: Psalm 127:1**

*Pray that God's hand would be over these projects and we would have vision from Him as we steward what He has provided us.*

## **READ: Acts 2:46-47**

*Pray that God would give our church and these projects favor within the city, including with city officials.*


## **READ: 1 Chronicles 29:11**

*Pray that God in his sovereignty would reveal any unforeseen challenges in these projects and bring them to early resolution.*

## **READ: Revelation 4:11**

*Pray that God, as the creator and sustainer of all things, would provide safety for all those working on the projects.*

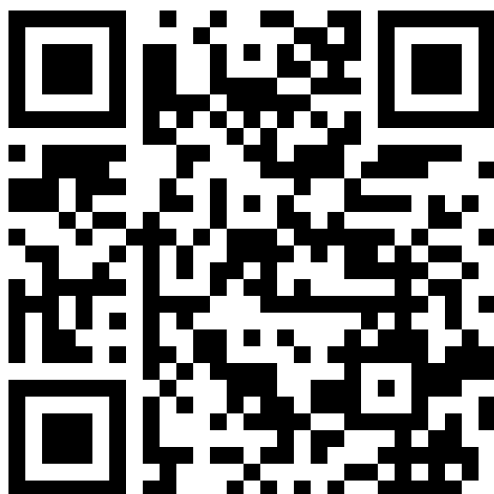
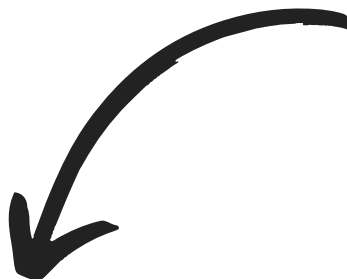
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