



Joshua Campaign:
**POSSESSING
THE LAND**

HIGHER LEVEL WORSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA

VISION

To Make Disciples for the Kingdom of God by Reaching All People.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



PASTOR TYRONE KING
FIRST LADY TAMMY KING

Dear Church Family

It is an exciting time in the life of our church as we are growing and God is doing great things. The vision God gave me for Higher Level has always been for our church to make disciples. The key to this is having a place to disciple them, and that is what the purchase of our building will allow us to continue to do.

The Bible says “Where there is no vision, the people perish...”(Proverbs 29:18) God gave us a vision for our church and it is time to make it a reality.

All the Higher Level Church family and partners have an opportunity to play a vital role in fulfilling the vision through our Joshua Campaign: Possessing the Land. This is our capital campaign where we are asking each family in our church, through prayer and seeking God’s will, to make a three-year financial commitment. Only God can tell you what to give and I believe He will do just that when you ask.

The capital funds raised will be used to support the continued GROWTH and direction of our church. Funds will:

- Provide the down payment to purchase and become owners of our church building.
- Provide equity to improve and expand our reach in the church outreach, youth ministry, and administration.
- Allow for future expansion of discipleship space.

Our church cannot accomplish growth without your help. This is a God-size task for our church and requires you to step out in faith and obedience. I know that we will meet this goal with God’s help. This is not just a capital campaign; it is a faith building campaign. The key idea is “not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.” Your gifts are an investment in fulfilling the vision of *making disciples while loving and leading people into a relationship with Christ.*

I challenge you to prayerfully consider what God would have you to give. This brochure makes clear God’s plans, so let us embrace the vision and take possession of the land. I love you all and may God bless you richly as you support the Joshua Campaign.

In His Service

Tyrone King
Senior Pastor



MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN TEAM LEAD

SHEILA BENEFIELD

Greetings Higher Level Worship
Family,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve as your Team Leader for the *Joshua Campaign: Possessing the Land*, as well as serving in the lead role for our Stewardship Committee.

As I accept these appointments along with faithful Committee members, I solicit your prayers and blessings in that God will anoint and guide every action and decision that is made, and keep us in remembrance of our mission to glorify Him and to be obedient servants, wholly submissive to the word of God and our leaders - Pastor Tyrone King and First Lady Tammy King - whom God has ordained and appointed to shepherd the flock of Higher Level Worship Baptist Church.

Your presence at Higher Level – as a member of the body, a faithful guest, or a spiritual partner - is not by accident. You were divinely appointed to this season of growth for Higher Level to serve as a spiritual conduit.

In 1 Kings 17:2-4, when God spoke to Elijah, He did not tell him to go to just any brook; He told him to go to a certain brook and there He would sustain him. This is the church that God has planted you in and it is the “brook” where God will sustain you. Elijah was obedient unto the Lord; he went to the Cherith Ravine, east of the Jordan. God directed the ravens to bring Elijah bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank of the brook. Just like Joshua, out of your obedience, your abundance will flow and God will supply your every need.

When our old church grew beyond its capacity, we knew our season had ended there and that the Lord had already made provisions for our next building and continued mission. Since taking possession at our church here on Rockbridge Road, we have consistently grown in membership and impact.

When God planted Higher Level in Lithonia, GA five (5) years ago, He knew back then that we would be where we are today, as His timing is perfect. He also knew you would be planted here as well.

Joshua said to the Israelites: "How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you?" Joshua 18:3(NIV)

Now Higher Level family and partners, the time has come to not just occupy the BUILDING, it's time to take possession of the LAND for which the Lord God has perfectly positioned us for.

Under the leadership of our great Pastor and First Lady, please join me and Committee members as a faithful partner, starting on March 26, 2017, as we embark on purchasing our building and fulfilling all the magnificent work that God has called unto us as a Body.

Pray fervently and allow God to lead you in your giving and your servant role(s) to this Campaign.

Serving Faithfully,

Sheila Benefield,
Campaign Team Lead

PURPOSE: *Loving and Leading People into a Relationship with Christ*

We're a Church in the Community *for the Community*



For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink Matthew 25:35

HLWBC Community Summer Meals Program

To combat hunger during the summer months, when kids are out of school, we provide FREE healthy meals to children up to age 18. The Program is open to all children. No enrollment or cost.

Community Food Bank

Partner with Joseph's Storehouse to distribute emergency food and hygiene items to individuals and families in need. The food pantry serves the community-at-large and has given away nearly 58,000 lbs. of food since partnering with HLWBC.

I needed clothes and you clothed me. Matthew 25:36

Clothing Boutique

Provides new and gently used seasonal clothing (and shoes) for men, women, teens, children, and infants. Clothing items are donated by HLWBC supporters and other partnering churches. Clothing is also made available to other non-profit organizations desiring to meet a need. To date we have served 10,044 people.



I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:35

After-School & Dance Program

Partner with The O.N.E. Dance Academy to minister to the educational and physical needs of children (18 months) to adults through homework support, dance, and the performing arts.

Sponsoring Other Church Plants

Provides an interim place for other church plants to worship as they transition to a more permanent space.

*“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, **when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, YOU WERE DOING IT TO ME!**’* Matthew 25:40

OUTREACH IMPACT

Prayer and Praise (Wednesdays)

Bi-monthly (every other month) outreach that focuses on individual, corporate, and community prayer. Free community dinner provided prior to service

BIG Day of Service - A time devoted to providing service (minor home repairs, yard work, cleaning, etc.) to others in the community and taking our ministry outside the four walls of the church building. The goal is to bring glory to God as we reach others for Christ through acts of kindness and the Gospel presentation.

Community Impact Day - Annual community outreach event held in the summer. Provides activities and games for children and adults, music, access to on-site service providers, information on community resources, prayer, and presentation of the Gospel.

Vacation Bible School-A week long, annual outreach event designed to connect with children and families in our community who do not normally attend church (Christians and non-Christians). We aim to share the Gospel message in creative ways that tells others the truths about our Lord Jesus Christ. VBS kicks-off late June.

Back-2-School Bash-Annual outreach event held one to two weeks prior to the beginning of the DeKalb County school year. Provides games and activities for children, music, prayer, presentation of the Gospel, and backpacks and school supplies (first come, first serve basis.)

Envision Event Center (EEC) – The EEC is an affordable alternative for meetings and special events. Our doors are open to individuals, small businesses, entrepreneurs, schools, and other non-profits to host their church service or event, workshop/meeting, stage play, school program, or funeral/ memorial services. A nominal fee may apply.

MINISTRIES

- Adult and Youth (up to ages 18) Services
- LifeGroups, Sunday Impact/School
- Men of Valor (Men's Ministry)
- Women of Worship (Women's Ministry)
- L.O.V.E. (Marriage Ministry)
- Arts (Dance, Mime, Drama, Music, Choir)
- Reflections (Youth Ministry)
- Care (Visitations, Prayer, Counseling, Benevolence)
- Mobile Communion (serve Communion to the elderly and disabled in the community)

MINISTRY CONNECTIONS... *On Mission*

Higher Level has been two things from its inception: mission minded and a church in the community for the community to support and meet needs.

Listed below are ways in which Higher Level has been *on mission* for God in supporting other ministries, the community, and missionaries around the world.

LEADERTREKS - A student leadership development ministry stayed on our campus for nearly four months and brought over 100 youth from across the country to be *on mission* in the Stone Mountain area. The students served alongside Higher Level's youth in reaching others for Christ. Together we shared the Gospel through backyard Bible clubs on our campus, in DeShong Park, and at the Mountain Vista Apartment Homes. We renovated homes to improve living conditions for families in the Pennybrook, Subdivision, and made repairs to Higher Level's property. All supplies were donated by LeaderTreks.

LITHONIA MIDDLE SCHOOL- Provided volunteers for school events, sponsored breakfast and lunch for over 100 staff and teachers for Teachers' Appreciation Day. Provided support to students and families in need.

CITY OF LITHONIA - Partnered to host youth movie night. Donated funds and labor to repair bikes for the Lithonia Police Department's bicycle patrol. Prayed for the Mayor and city government.

SISTERSONMISSION - Partnered with Higher Level to do missions work in Lithonia and Stone Mountain communities. Served the communities through prayer walking, sharing the Gospel, surveying needs, and backyard Bible clubs and block parties. Served at Higher Level to help with repairs and landscaping to create a welcoming environment.

LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF STONE MOUNTAIN, WYNBROOK AND PINERIDGE - Provided breakfast for staff and teachers as we began to establish our presence in the Stone Mountain communities.

VANTAGE POINTE CHURCH – Provide monthly financial support, ministry counseling, and training for this church plant.

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH - Shared our building space to help church planter (Pastor Alan Shaw) get started and have a place to worship, minister, and disciple his congregation.

SIMON'S BRANCH – Provide ministry and financial support to Missionary Tammy Phillips to start schools that offer Bible training for pastors, lay leaders, and Christian counselors in Jamaica.

FREDERICK AND ANTOINETTE KEARNEY – Support church-member Debra Townes as she serves these missionaries in Tema, Ghana. We have a mission trip scheduled for July 2017.

MISSION LOVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MLCDC) A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, founded in 2013 as an extension of HLWBC, to provide programs and services that address the needs of individuals, families, and communities (e.g., substance prevention, community health education, life skills, GED preparation, college preparation and SAT workshops, mentoring, housing referrals, artistic expression, homework assistance and tutoring.)

OVERVIEW OF THE LAND

JOSHUA CAMPAIGN: POSSESSING THE LAND is a 3-year campaign for our members and supporters to invest in the lives of others as we carry out our vision of *making disciples for the Kingdom of God by reaching all people*.

The Campaign allows us to expand our reach and impact in the Stone Mountain/DeKalb County area by owning the property at 6788 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA. The property is currently owned by the Stone Mountain Baptist New Work Foundation.



HLWBC Church Building, Rockbridge Road - 2014-Present

- 13,000 sq ft. building on approximately six acres with potential for building expansion.
- Spacious 250-seat sanctuary for congregational growth.
- Six classrooms with upstairs area for future expansion of classrooms, food pantry, and clothing closet.
- Youth wing with area for future daycare and playground.

HIGHER LEVEL'S BEGINNINGS

- Founded September 2011. Pastor King shared his vision with 11 people in a meeting room of Peace Baptist Church (our sending church.) These 11 people embraced the vision and became part of a core group of 13 members meeting house-to-house in Stone Mountain and Conyers, GA.
- We modeled the Book of Acts 2 church and broke bread from home-to-home having Koinonia. Through prayer and God's leading, a door was opened for us to occupy a church building in Lithonia, GA.
- On December 11, 2011, we held our pre-launch Sunday worship service. On January, 8 2012, we officially launched our first worship service. God blessed and we were overflowing with those who came. Pastor King's sermon was *To God be the Glory*.
- God blessed our ministry in Lithonia as we faithfully met needs and served the community. We grew in our 70-seat sanctuary and found ourselves at capacity. We started a second service and, because of our faithfulness, God moved yet again in 2014. He opened another door for us to grow in capacity and impact at 6788 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA.
- We were blessed to have 95% of members who embraced the vision relocate with their Higher Level family. God has continued to bless us and is moving again. He is calling Higher Level to take possession of the land.



HLWBC First Church Home
7302 Conyers Street, Lithonia, GA



HLWBC First Pulpit



Higher Level's First Worship Service
To God be the Glory!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is the major purpose of the Joshua Campaign: Possessing the Land?

To provide the resources for us to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of those in our church and our community.

How much money do we need to raise?

\$235,500

How will the Campaign work?

Each person is asked to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment for the next three years. The commitment is for an amount above the tithe that you offer.

Can I change my commitment once it's made?

Absolutely. You may increase or decrease your commitment at any time. Contact the Finance Office at finance@higherlevelworship.org or 678-585-1884.

How can I learn more about the campaign?

You're invited to attend our I Love My Church Family Banquet on April 29, 2017, at Higher Level Worship Baptist Church, 6788 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. We will discuss the Campaign in detail.

When will my giving begin?

Some people have already started their contributions, but the official Campaign kick-off is March 26, 2017.

Can I give assets other than cash?

Yes. There are, at times, tremendous tax advantages in contributing assets other than cash. Please contact the harvest leader, Noble Benefield, at 678-585-1884 or finance@higherlevelworship.org for further information.

Will I be asked to commit publicly?

No. Additionally, your commitment will be kept private.

When, where, and how do I make my commitment?

We are expecting that most commitments will be made at the Banquet on April 29. However, you may make your commitment in advance by completing the Faith Commitment Card available in the lobby. Place your commitment card in the specially marked sealed envelope and drop in the offering basket or hand to an usher.

What is Harvest Sunday?

Harvest Sunday will be held on May 7, 2017. This is a time when the entire church family will be given the opportunity to make their first offering to the 156-week cycle of giving. It is important that the offering be what God has spoken unto your heart. Make it a matter of prayer as to what your special gift will be that day.

How do I submit my offering?

You may submit your offering in-person, on-line, via text or the APP, or through automatic deductions through your employer or bank. Please see Ways to Offer Your Financial Gifts on the next page for detailed information.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

You may contact Sheila Benefield, campaign leader, at 678-585-1884 or info@higherlevelworship.org.

TYPICAL PAYMENTS YOU CAN MAKE OVER A 156-WEEK PERIOD

*AMOUNTS ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER

Weekly	Semi-Monthly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year
100.00	217.00	433.00	5,200	15,600
90.00	195.00	390.00	4,680	14,040
80.00	173.00	347.00	4,160	12,480
75.00	163.00	325.00	3,900	11,700
70.00	152.00	303.00	3,640	10,920
60.00	130.00	260.00	3,120	9,360
50.00	108.00	217.00	2,600	7,800
40.00	87.00	173.00	2,080	6,240
30.00	65.00	130.00	1,560	4,680
25.00	54.00	108.00	1,300	3,900
20.00	43.00	87.00	1,040	3,120
15.00	33.00	65.00	780	2,340
10.00	22.00	43.00	520	1,560
9.00	20.00	39.00	468	1,404
8.00	17.00	35.00	416	1248

Ways to Offer Your Financial Gifts

- **In-person** with cash, check, or money order. Designate Building Fund and place in the offering basket*.
- **Mail** check or money order to the church (note Building Fund in the memo section of the check.*) Mail to: HLWBC, Attention: Finance Office, 6788 Rockbridge Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087
- **On-line.** www.higherlevelworship.org. Select Give from upper right-hand corner and follow onscreen prompts.
- **APP:** Download APP (Text APP to 678-515-9969). Tap GIVE and follow the onscreen prompts. You can schedule the amount and frequency of your gifts.
- **Payroll and/or Bank Deductions.** Contact the finance team at finance@higherlevelworship.org or 678-585-1884 for the instructions. You will set up your automatic deductions through your employer or bank.

*Make check or money order payable to Higher Level Worship Baptist Church.

JOSHUA CAMPAIGN: POSSESSING THE LAND LEADERSHIP TEAM

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MICHELLE CARRINGTON
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MINISTER LESLIE TURNER
SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

SONJI LEE
PROMOTIONS

ELDER NOBLE BENEFIELD
ADVANCE HARVEST TEAM LEADER

TAMMY KING
HARVEST TEAM LEADER

MICHELLE ALLEN
BANQUET HOSTESS
FELLOWSHIP

BUILDING *the* LEGACY

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

Pray earnestly for...

- An open mind to seek God's will
- A willing heart to listen and obey God's leadership
- A generous and sacrificial spirit

Pray specifically for...

- God's guidance in how much you should give
- Faith to be obedient to God's guidance
- Strength to persevere in your commitment

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

Pray for the people in the Church...

- In determining an amount to give
- In continuing to be obedient to God's will

Pray for the Church leaders for...

- Guidance in decision making
- Unity in decision making
- Support from the congregation in decision making

Pray for the glory of God to manifest...

- In the commitment of the Church
- In the spirit of the Church

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