# "All In" Prayer Guide Overview Pastor Clarence E. Stowers, Jr. Ephesians 3:14–21

## The Legend of the Phoenix

The Phoenix (*known as a fire bird in Egyptian Mythology*) obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor. It represents transformation, death, and rebirth in its fire. The Phoenix is the ultimate symbol of strength and renewal. Everything that's old must die, but, out of its ashes, it's reborn.

#### What Happened?

#### Time to Build 2006

- In 2006-2007, we launched "Time to Build".
- We were landlocked, purchased adjacent properties, with the goal of expanding.
- Consequently, The Great Recession hit, tanking the economy.

## Out of the Ashes, We Rise!

Progress is the way of life.
Stand in one place too long and the world passes you by.

#### Reclaim Leadership Development

- Implement monthly leadership training.
- I've got to get back in the business of making disciples and from a pool of disciples, pick & appoint leaders.

#### Relaunch Diggin Deeper Online Bible Study

- Prayer and Bible Study help people grow spiritually.
- This will balance our community groups since we'll be able to offer "live" and "online" options.

#### Going Places with God 31-Day Prayer/Devotional

## 31-Day Devotional Guide for Churches Considering Relocation

Relocation is a big decision for a congregation. As they used to say in weddings, it is not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly, but soberly and discreetly. This step should be taken only when it is clearly the best strategy, at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

• **Going Places with God** was authored/compiled by Derek Gentle, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tallassee, Alabama.

- In this book, he shares what was learned as that church first studied, then decided to relocate, and finally built a new facility at a new location.
- Far from recommending relocation for everyone, he provides devotionals to help a congregation discover God's specific will for them.

#### **Sell Existing Property**

• Our facilities are old and outdated. Currently, we don't have the resources to renovate.

#### Prayerfully Appoint a Relocation Team

- Character
- Competence
- Chemistry

#### Find a Temporary Facility

• In addition to selling our current facilities, we will prayerful seek a modern, cost efficient facility that meets our current needs, while allowing us to grow.

## "All In" Church-wide Campaign

- We're launching a church-wide initiative called, "All In".
- The goal is to get 300-400 people committed to giving an extra \$21/week.
- On the low end, if 300 people commit to the plan, we'll net \$327,704 per year, which is \$27,308/month.
- On the high end, if we can get 400 people to commit to the plan, we'll net \$436,800/year, which is \$36,400/month.

#### First Fruit Sunday - Feb. 2, 2020

- When we announce our church-wide campaign" All In", we'll ask everyone for a 1st Fruit Gift of \$180.00.
- Since we're using 12 months, the \$180.00 is given first **Sunday on Feb. 2nd.**
- The \$21.00 weekly starts March 1st.

# My Prayer

Thank You, Lord, that You have a plan for our church. Thank You that You are in the process of making that plan clear to us as a congregation.