THE STAR

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From the Desk of Dr. Thomas Beavers | Senior Pastor & Lead Elder

RE: SHOOT FOR THE STARS SUNDAY — DECEMBER 6, 2026

Dear STAR Church Family,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I am grateful for all God has accomplished through THE STAR Church and for your faithfulness to our mission: **"To Know Christ and Make Him Known to the World."** As we reflect on this year, we can clearly see the evidence of God's grace, provision, and favor. None of what we have accomplished would be possible without your prayers, service, generosity, and continued commitment to the work God has entrusted to this church.

On **Sunday, December 6, 2026**, all three locations—**Birmingham, Sylacauga, and Forestdale**—will unite for our annual **SHOOT FOR THE STARS SUNDAY!** Every member is invited to give a sacrificial seed offering above and beyond regular tithes, according to his or her level of faith. This will be a special time for us to worship together, celebrate what God has done, and believe Him for even greater opportunities to serve and reach people in the coming year.

LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY!

In 2026, your giving helped us invest:

- **$10,000+** in the City of Birmingham Back-to-School Giveaway through financial support and volunteers.
- **$10,000+** in citywide organizations serving individuals and families.
- **$160,000+** in the Birmingham Sanctuary Renovation and Easter Outreach.

That is more than **$180,000 invested in these three areas alone!**

These investments represent more than financial contributions. They represent families being served, students being encouraged, communities being strengthened, worship being enhanced, and people being introduced to the love of Jesus Christ. Every gift helps us reach people, strengthen families, serve communities, and advance God's Kingdom. **We are not simply giving to a church; we are giving through the church to make a difference in the world!**

PREPARING OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Many may ask, "How can I give above and beyond my tithes while managing my financial responsibilities?"

God is not asking us to sacrifice our needs; He is asking us to consider sacrificing our wants.

Philippians 4:19 reminds us, "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Therefore, I am calling our church family to participate in a **FINANCIAL FAST DURING NOVEMBER 2026.** This fast is an opportunity to become more intentional about our spending and to redirect resources toward Kingdom purposes. Reduce or eliminate unnecessary spending—such as eating out, specialty coffees, online shopping, entertainment, personal habits, and other nonessential purchases—and save those resources to give on **December 6**, above and beyond your regular tithes.

This is not about guilt, pressure, or comparing ourselves with anyone else. It is about prayerfully asking God what He would have each of us do and responding with faith and obedience. The goal is not for everyone to give the same amount, but for everyone to give according to what God places in their hearts.

EQUAL SACRIFICE DOES NOT REQUIRE EQUAL GIFTS!

As you prepare, involve your family in the process. Talk together about what you can sacrifice, pray together for God's direction, and trust Him together for the opportunity to participate. When we unite in faith across all three locations, our collective generosity can make an even greater impact than any one person could make alone.

WHAT I AM ASKING EVERY MEMBER TO DO

1. PRAY. Ask God what you should give above and beyond your regular tithes. Seek His direction with an open heart and allow your offering to be an expression of worship, gratitude, and faith.

2. BELIEVE. Trust God to provide the resources and opportunities to fulfill your commitment. As you make intentional choices during the November financial fast, believe that God will honor your faith and guide your stewardship.

3. OBEY. Give generously and joyfully. As 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver." Our giving should flow from love for God, gratitude for His blessings, and a desire to see His work continue throughout our communities and around the world.

4. BUSINESS OWNERS, INCLUDE YOUR BUSINESSES. Prayerfully consider what your business can contribute above and beyond your personal or household giving. If God has blessed you with a business, invite Him into this decision and ask how your company can participate in advancing the mission of THE STAR Church.

WE ARE BELIEVING GOD FOR GREATER!

SHOOT FOR THE STARS SUNDAY is about more than raising money. It is about raising our faith, strengthening our commitment to God's work, and positioning THE STAR Church for greater Kingdom impact.

There are more people to reach, more families to encourage, more children and young people to invest in, more communities to serve, and more opportunities to make Christ known. As we continue to walk together in unity, generosity, and obedience, I believe God will use THE STAR Church in even greater ways.

I am not asking you to give what you do not have. I am asking you to prayerfully consider what you can sacrifice, trust God for His provision, and joyfully give what He places in your hands. Whether your gift is large or small, what matters most is the faith, love, and obedience behind it. God sees the heart of every giver, and He can use every seed surrendered to Him for His glory.

Thank you for trusting God, believing in the mission, and investing in lives that will be changed through your generosity. Thank you for standing with this church and for helping us continue the work of knowing Christ and making Him known to the world. I am grateful for each of you, and I am excited about what God will accomplish as we unite for this special Sunday.

LET'S FAST FINANCIALLY IN NOVEMBER! LET'S GIVE SACRIFICIALLY ON DECEMBER 6!
LET'S CONTINUE MAKING CHRIST KNOWN TO THE WORLD!

Together, **LET'S SHOOT FOR THE STARS!**

With love, gratitude, and great expectation,

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