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A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD

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Intro: IT WAS THE YEAR OF 1903 WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE GATHERED UNDER AN OLD-FASHIONED TABERNACLE AND HELD A MEETING IN THE EASTERN PART OF TOCCOA COUNTY. SOON AFTER THAT MEETING, REV. R. R. GAINES LED THE GROUP IN BUILDING A HOUSE OF GOD WHICH WOULD MEET THEIR NEEDS; THIS CHURCH BECAME THE "TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH."

BY THE 1930's THE CHURCH HAD BEEN SO BLESSED BY GOD THAT IT ADDED ON TO THE BUILDING TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE—AND A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD WAS BUILT. AGAIN GOD SMILED UPON THIS GROUP BECAUSE OF THEIR VISION AND IN THE EARLY 1940's BROTHER THOMAS LED THEM IN BUILDING ANOTHER WING TO KEEP UP WITH THE SOUL'S WHOM GOD SENT THIS WAY—AND A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD WAS BUILT.

THE YEAR OF 1951 WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR IT WAS THEN THAT THIS SAME CHURCH, REALIZING THE BLESSINGS THAT HAD ALREADY GONE AND THE MULTITUDE THAT WERE YET IN STORE, BUILT A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WOODROW PHELPS. GOD LIKED IT! HE SMILED UPON IT, AND MORE SOULS CAME INTO THE FOLD OF THIS CHURCH.

NOW AGAIN IS THIS CHURCH FACED WITH THE BLESSINGS OF GOD IN THE FORM OF MORE SOULS THAN IT CAN HOUSE. A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD YET NEEDS TO BE BUILT! MAY WE, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE YEARS GONE BY, BE BIG ENOUGH TO RISE AND MEET THE NEED. GOD GRANTS HIS BLESSINGS ONLY TO THAT CHURCH WHICH MAKES ROOM TO RECEIVE THEM.

HAGGAI WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE NEED OF A NEW AND LARGER HOUSE OF GOD. THERE UNFOLDS FROM HIS STORY TRUTHS THAT SHOULD INSPIRE US TO RISE AND MEET THE CHALLENGE OF GOD.

I. A Larger House of God is Needed --vs. 4 "and this house lie in waste."
1. Because the dreams of the past tell us so
   (1) Visions are lying in waste today
   (2) We cannot betray the dreams of those who have gone on before us!
2. Because the facts of the present convince us
   (1) 17 sq. ft. per Jr.—Adult (L.Jr. G. 15en—5 adult)
   (2) 14 sq. ft. per Jr. (22 en.—14 capacity)
   (3) 16 sq. ft. per Beg.
   (4) 17 sq. ft. per Nursery (16 en.—20 gad.)
3. Because the hope of the future compells us
   (1) When we listen to the voice of Satan --vs. 2 "The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built."
   (2) When we value our houses above God's House --vs. 4 "build—build— build—build—build—build"
   (3) When we become selfish with our money --vs. 5—6
   (4) When we are afraid to practice what we preach—FAITH: --vs. 9
II. A Larger House of God is Neglected vss. 2-6 & 9-1
1. When we listen to the voice of Satan
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III. A Larger House of God is Built vss. 7-8 & 12-15
1. When God commands it to be built
   (1) When God's people obey Him
   (2) When God's people are revived & stirred into building it
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   (1) God has various ways of commanding
     ONE IS TO CREATE THE NEED TO BUILD
   (2) When God's people are revived & stirred into building it
      (1) Visions are lying in waste today
      (2) We cannot betray the dreams of those who have gone on before us!
IV. A Larger House of God is Used vss. 2:4-9
1. Because of courageous builders --vs. 2—3,4
   (1) God will see to it that the laborers are rewarded.
   (2) Because the Spirit of God is leading
      (1) God has various ways of commanding;
      (2) When God's people obey Him
   (3) For the salvation of lost souls
   (4) For the glory and honor of God
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      (2) Because the Spirit of God is leading
      (3) For the salvation of lost souls
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A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD

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USED: Tab. Gainesville, 5/5/57;

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Jerold R. McBride
A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-15 & 2:3-9

Intro: On December 13, 1892 a loyal little band of devoted X'ns under adverse economic conditions organized Chickasha's first Baptist church & thus blazed the way for the Baptist cause in this community. Soon after this meeting the church purchased a lot on the corner of Fourth Street and Colorado Ave. where a small one-room frame church building was constructed a few months later. In the spring of 1893 Brother T. E. Covington was called as the church's first pastor.

By 1911 the church had been so blessed by God that the basement & part of the present building was erected—& a larger house of God was built. Again God smiled upon this group because of their vision & a 3-story educational wing was added to house the souls whom God sent this way—and a larger house of God was built.

The year of 1939 was of great importance for it was then that this same church, realizing the blessings which had already come & the multitudes which were yet in store, built a larger house of God under the leadership of Dr. W. A. Criswell. Some of the brethren feared that the young pastor in his zeal had overstepped himself & that the tab. would never be half filled. But God liked it! He smiled upon it & more souls were saved as the tab. was filled to overflowing.

In Oct. of 1944 the church voted to approve the recommendation of the future planning committee to purchase the old blacksmith shop north of the church & to redecorate the entire plant. Further substantial growth in S.S. was made possible by the conversion of the tab. into ed. space in 1949.

In response to the challenge of lost souls & because of keen spiritual insight the church purchased 3 houses on 3rd street in March of 1956. Three years later, on March 1, 1959, ground-breaking services were conducted for the 1st of 3 new units designed to replace the old church plant. God blessed the applied faith of His people by granting an increase of over 110 average attendance in S.S. during the 1st year's occupancy.

Now again this church is faced with the need to continue to provide for a better & more effective house of God. May we, in the spirit of the years gone by, be big enough to rise & meet the need. God grants His blessings only to the church which prepares to receive them.

Haggai was confronted with the need of a better & larger house of God. There unfolds from His story truths which should inspire us to rise and meet the challenge of the day.
I. A Larger House of God is Needed

---vs. 4 "and this house lie in waste"

1. Because the dreams of the past tell us so
   (1) Visions are lying in waste today
   (2) We cannot betray the dreams of those who have gone on
      ---Note: Not a one wanted ch. to remain just as it was

2. Because the facts of the present convince us
   ---ILLUS: Haggai could see the souls not reached etc.
   (1) Number of lost exceed past years
   (2) Drawing power of attractive buildings
   (3) The testimony of a church building
      ---ILLUS: Buddhist Shrine - Baptist Church
   (4) The cost of standing still
      ---ILLUS: "Can't afford not to build!" ---"Can we afford to continue to spend $10,000 each year for maint. & utility loss?" "Do we have that kind of wealth?"
      "We will pay for a new building whether we build it or not—In 20 years (allowing for no increase in cost) we will have spent $200,000 on maint. & util. loss & have only an old bldg. to show for it."

3. Because the hope of the future compels us
   ---ILLUS: Haggai could see that if God were to be able to use Is. in the future and to bless her, Is. needed to build a house of God worthy of Him.
   ---ILLUS: Better & more comfortable homes - "No virtue in hurting in church!" Bell man - 1955 pop. been
   ---ILLUS: Wyatt's in Gainesville - Bldg. than business.

II. A Larger House of God is Neglected

---vs. 2-6 & vs. 11

1. When we listen to the voice of Satan
   ---vs. 2b (READ)

2. When we value our houses above God's House
   ---vs. 4
   ---ILLUS: Auto - Tractor - Air Con. - Insur. - T.V. - Trip

3. When we become selfish with our money
   ---vs. 5-6

4. When we are afraid to practice what we preach—FAITH!
   ---vs. 9a
   ---ILLUS: Earl Miles Mgr. Texize, Industry & new ch. & sch

III. A Larger House of God is Built

---vs. 7-3 & 12-15

1. When God commands it be built
   ---vs. 7-3
   ---ILLUS: God has various ways of commanding. One is to create the need. To awaken us to cond. of present plant (like he did Haggai—they had a place but...) to withhold from us, since we withhold from him vs. 11 (READ).
(I. Larger House of God is Built)

2. When God's people obey Him
   —vs. 12
3. When God's people are revived & stirred into building it.
   —vs. 14

IV. A Larger House of God is Used (Ca. 5)
   —vs. 2:3-9
   —HENCE: The house of God was built by Haggai just for
     the sake of building nor for his glory—but to be used
     for God.
1. Because of courageous builders
   —vs. 3-4
   —HENCE: God will see to it that the laborers are rewarded
2. Because the Spirit of God is leading
   —vs. 5
3. For the salvation of lost souls
   —vs. 7a
   —HENCE: Is had done her part, now God would do his part.
   After first year of being in new bldg. S.S. increase
4. For the glory & honor of God
   —vs. 7b-9

God: OF ALL GENERATIONS IN THIS GREAT CHURCH'S HISTORY OURS
   HAS THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO STEP FORTH AND BUILD A
   HOUSE OF GOD WHICH WILL WE A MONUMENT TO OUR FAITH EVEN AS
   THIS PRESENT HOUSE HAS BEEN A MONUMENT TO THE FAITH OF OUR
   FOREFATHERS, FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

THE SAME VOICE OF GOD WHICH PRODS THE CHRISTIAN ON TO
DO BIG THINGS FOR GOD, PRODS YOU TO ACCEPT X AS YOUR OWN
SAVIOUR TODAY. THE ONLY REASON BH, BLS. ARE BUILT, SERMONS
ARE PREACHED, SONGS ARE SUNG IS THAT LOST FRIENDS LIKE YOU
MIGHT COME TO KNOW JESUS X AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD & SAVDUR.
A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD

USED: First Chickasha, 10/15/61 (xxx+)

Jerold R. McBride
A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-10

Intro: ON THE FIRST TRAIN THAT CAME TO PONCA CITY WAS MR. J. K. BROWN, AN OUTSTANDING BAPTIST LAYMAN. ON SEPT. 3, 1899, HE GATHERED 11 OTHER BAPTISTS TOGETHER IN A SCHOOL BUILDING ON 6TH STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING A BAPTIST CHURCH IN PONCA CITY.


BY 1921 THE CHURCH HAD BEEN SO BLESSED BY GOD THAT THE OLD ENLARGED FACILITIES PROVED TO BE INADEQUATE--AND A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD WAS BUILT. ON JULY 6, 1924, THE FIRST SERVICES WERE HELD IN THE LARGER & FINER BUILDING WITH REV. T. M. HUNTER AS PASTOR.

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JANUARY 24, 1949 THE 1924 CHURCH PLANT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE, LEAVING THE CHURCH WITH NO FACILITIES WHATSOEVER. BUT THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH & SACRIFICE WHICH HAD INSPIRED THE GENERATIONS BEFORE TO BUILD WAS FOUND TO LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE. OUT OF ASHES ROSE EVEN A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD.

GOD BLESSED THE APPLIED FAITH OF HIS PEOPLE BY GRANTING AN INCREASE OF OVER 790 IN S.S. ENROLLMENT SINCE THE FIRST SUNDAY THIS PLANT WAS USED.

NOW AGAIN THIS CHURCH IS FACED WITH THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD. MAY WE, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE YEARS GONE BY, BE BIG ENOUGH TO RISE & MEET THE NEED! GOD GRANTS HIS BLESSINGS ONLY TO THE CHURCH WHICH PREPARES TO RECEIVE THEM.

HAGGAI WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE NEED OF A BETTER & LARGER HOUSE OF GOD. THERE UNFOLDS FROM HISTORY TRUTHS WHICH SHOULD INSPIRE US TO RISE AND MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE DAY.

I. A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD IS NEEDED
--vs. 4 "and this house lie waste"

1. Because the dreams of the past tell us so

(1) Visions are lying in waste today
--ILLUS: On July 4, 1956 ch. passed the resolution:
"We will make every effort to start construction on a new ed. bldg. during 1960."

(2) We cannot betray the dreams of those who have gone on
--ILLUS: Not one of the charter 11 members of this church had little enough faith to think that they were building the building that would end all bldgs.
2. Because the facts of the present convince us

--- ILLUSTRATION: Haggai could see the souls not reached etc.
(1) Number of lost exceed past years
--- ILLUSTRATION: More lost in P.C. today than in 1932 when 377 souls were baptized.
(2) Drawing power of attractive buildings
--- ILLUSTRATION: Your finding an eating place on trip, i.e. 300 youth & old plant
(3) The testimony of a church building
--- ILLUSTRATION: Buddhist Shrine - Baptist Church What kind of a testimony is born by our present crowded facilities & inadequate annexes? How well do they speak of our faith in God, our concern for the lost, & our willingness to sacrifice? adults in air-conditioned facilities & youth in hot annexes!
(4) The cost of standing still
--- ILLUSTRATION: "can't afford not to build!" The high cost of souls unreachd, etc. The high cost of decline & stagnation i.e. 1957 reached saturation point with 1,023 average in S.S. attt. Decline since then to 928 in 1964. People don't crawl over each other at home & they will not do it long at church!
--- ILLUSTRATION: During the same 8 year period in which our church membership increased 208 our S.S. attt. decreased 95' (1957-1964)

3. Because the hope of the future compells us

--- ILLUSTRATION: Haggai could see that if God were to be able to use Is. in the future and to bless her, Is. needed to build a house of God worthy of Him.
--- ILLUSTRATION: Better & more comfortable homes - "No virtue in hurting in church!" P. C. a town of continued growth. In next 2 years over 200 additional families......
--- ILLUSTRATION: Wyatt's in Gainesville - Bldg. then business.

II. A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD IS NEGLECTED
--- vss. 2-6 & 9-11
1. When we listen to the voice of Satan
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   -- ILLUS: 7 years prior & 7 years after present larger bldg. but. 7 years prior – 27 in S.S. enrol (1943-1949); 7 years after + 748 in S.S. enrol (1949-1955). What clearer command does a church need!

2. When God's people obey Him
   -- vs. 12

3. When God's people are revived & stirred into building it.
   -- vs. 14

IV. A LARGER HOUSE OF GOD IS USED

1. Because of courageous builders
   -- ILLUS: God will see to it that the laborers are rewarded as a capt, vis., div. leader, giver etc. in this present program you are a builder who makes possible a larger house of God & consequently its use for God. Must be courageous...

2. Because the Spirit of God is leading
   -- vs. 15
   -- ILLUS: Sp. of God leading in the past years in this Church's life. In my life, involved in bldg. program in former church, but now see it was God's Will etc.

3. For the salvation of lost souls
   -- vs. 9a
   -- ILLUS: Is. had done her part, now God would do his part. After first full year of being in new bldg. S.S. enrol. increase 353
   -- ILLUS: Does God use material bldgs for spiritual purposes? Let's see. 7 years prior to construction of this building, the church showed a net gain of only + 10 in ch. membership. 7 years after built showed a net gain of + 416 -- or a 4,160% increase!

4. For the glory & honor of God
   -- vs. 9b

CON:
OF ALL GENERATIONS IN THIS GREAT CHURCH'S HISTORY OURS HAS GREATEST OPPORTUNITY TO STEP FORTH AND BUILD A HOUSE OF GOD WHICH WILL BE A MONUMENT TO OUR FAITH EVEN AS BUILDING
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USED: F.B.C. Power City 5/9/65 (XXX+++);
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Scripture: Haggai 1:1-15 and 2:3-9

Introduction:
It was the year of 1903 when a small group of people gathered under an old-fashioned tabernacle and held a meeting in the eastern part of Central Cooke County. Soon after that meeting, Rev. R. R. Gaines led the group in building a house of God which would meet their needs; this church became the "Tabernacle Baptist Church."

By the 1930's the church had been so blessed by God that it added on to the building to provide more space—and "A Larger House of God" was built! Again God smiled upon this group because of their vision and faith and in the early 1940's Brother Thomas led them in building another wing to keep up with the souls whom God sent this way—and "A Larger House of God" was built!

The year of 1951 was of great importance for it was then that this same church, realizing the blessings that had already come and the multitude that were yet in store, built "A Larger House of God" under the leadership of Woodrow Phelps. GOD LIKED IT! HE SMILED UPON IT, and more souls came into the fold of this church.

Now again is this church faced with the blessings of God in the form of more souls than it can house. "A Larger House of God" yet needs to be built! May we, in the spirit of the years gone by, be big enough to rise and meet the need. God grants His blessings only to that church which makes room to receive them.
Haggai was confronted with the need of a new and "Larger House of God." There unfolds from his story truths that should inspire us to rise and meet this challenge of God.

I. A Larger House of God is Needed
--vs. 4 "and this house lie in waste."
1. Because the dreams of the past tell us so
   (1) Your own past dreams lie in waste
   (2) The dreams of our dead loved ones lie in waste
       --we cannot betray their dreams!
2. Because the facts of the present convince us
   (1) It takes 7 sq. feet per Jr.-Adult
       Illus: Lo Jr. Girls' room will seat 5; yet 15 are enrolled!
   (2) It takes 14 sq. feet per Primary
       Illus: Primaries have room for 14; yet 22 are enrolled!
   (3) It takes 17 sq. feet per Nursery
       Illus: Room for 10; yet 16 enrolled!
3. Because the hope of the future compells us

II. A Larger House of God is Neglected
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3. For the salvation of lost souls vs. 7a
4. For the glory and honor of God vss. 7b-9

Conclusion:
Fellow church-member, the dreams of the past, the facts of the present, and the hopes of the future stand before us as indisputable evidence that the needs are a real reality! The over-crowded condition of our building, the inability of most of our class-rooms to take care of their present enrollment, and the multitude of souls whom we are allowing to go unreached for Jesus confronts us with the fact that even TODAY a larger house of God is being neglected!

But thank God, like the devoted souls of Haggai's day so we too can join hearts and hands and see that a larger house of God is built. Once this has been done, God will see that it is used for His glory. He has never failed to bless when we have built in the past ---HE SHALL NOT FAIL US IN THE FUTURE!

THE NEED IS GREAT! --BUT HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITH?

MEN ARE SINCERELY LOST! --BUT HOW SINCERE IS YOUR CONCERN FOR THEIR ETERNITY?
A sermon delivered to the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Gainesville, Texas on May the fifth of nineteen-hundred and fifty-seven

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