

# SACRAMENTO CENTRAL

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

MAINTAINING THE  
OPERATION JOASH  
MOMENTUM!

“You shall be called  
repairers of the  
breach.”



“NOT EQUAL  
GIVING,  
BUT EQUAL  
SACRIFICE”

YEAR 2





Nothing keeps something going like momentum. I recently read the following delightful little story:

"It was in the 1800's [the century the steam-powered locomotive was introduced], and an old man was standing at the new railway station watching as the steam engine was starting to shoot puffs of steam up and into the air. He muttered under his breath to his companion, 'They'll never get it started. They'll never get it started.'

"Then the whistle blew and the powerful engine began to turn its wheels. The seemingly immovable monstrosity started to edge forward little by little until it picked up further speed, and before long the only evidence of its existence were the billowing puffs of smoke that could be faintly seen in the distance. It was at that point that the old man turned once again to his companion and said, 'They'll never get it stopped. They'll never get it stopped.' "

The power of momentum!

That's why a train travelling 55 mph on a

railroad track can crash through a 5-foot thick steel-reinforced concrete wall without stopping. That same train, starting from a stationary position, won't be able to go through an inch-thick block in front of the driving wheel.

Someone wrote, "It is never the size of your problem that is the problem. It's a lack of momentum. Without momentum, even a tiny obstacle can prevent you from moving forward. With momentum, you'll navigate through problems and barely even notice them."

Momentum is also vital to the success of any audacious plan that God's people undertake. The servant of the Lord has said, "The time has come when a new impetus must be given to the work [of God]." – ST, May 26, 1890

Operation Joash, Sacramento Central's daring initiative to build and restore God's spiritual and physical house, was launched a year ago. Incredible gains have been made over the last 12-months toward our prayer goals. God has been blessing, and His people have been responding. What has been achieved thus far?

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# year2GOALS

As “repairer[s] of the breach” (Isa. 58:12), the plan is to continue the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to build up God’s spiritual house, and restore our physical premises to its original condition during Year Two of Operation Joash.

Here are our prayer goals for year two (May, 2018 to April, 2019):

## Building God’s Spiritual House

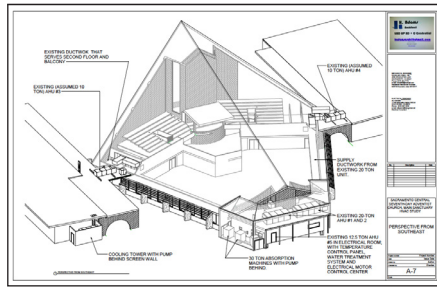
- Increase truth-filled literature distribution throughout Sacramento
- Run 2nd annual free dental/vision clinic
- Conduct a 2-week prophecy seminar
- 25 precious souls baptized/POF
- Develop existing 18 L.I.F.E. groups
- Open 10 more L.I.F.E. groups across Sacramento

While there are extensive repairs to be done on the premises that will require dedicated financing by the church, these initiatives will also need your generous support. Our Evangelism Fund will need a little TLC during this time. 😊

## Restoring God’s Physical House



- 1 Replace courtyard fountain with added landscaping. To be completed by the end of June 2018



Installation of sanctuary HVAC system, which will include replacing all 5 AHUs, strengthening & repairing roof around units, and the removal of existing absorption machines & cooling tower. To be completed no later than the end of October 2018.



- 3 Renovate & restore the Kindergarten and Cradle Roll classrooms. To be completed by the end of January 2019.



- 4 Renovate & restore the Junior Classroom. To be completed by April 2019.

Without having officially entered Year Two of Operation Joash God has blessed us with a \$30,000 head start and a \$250,000 reduction on the cost of the sanctuary HVAC system. Isn't God good!

“And you shall be called the repairer of the breach.”  
(Isaiah 58:12)



# CENTRAL'S 130<sup>th</sup> birthday GIFTS



Operation Joash involves a vigorous 5-year evangelistic program and an equally robust building program, which, when completed, will give Sacramento Central that solid platform to continue to operate a highly successful ministry from (see Operation Joash: Ready For Launch brochure for more information).

God showered His gifts on Sacramento Central during the first year of Operation Joash (May, 2017 to April 2018). Our 130th birthday prayer list was ambitious, but it was no match for God's generosity. Here's how God blessed:



## Requests

- 20 precious souls baptized/POF
- Launch small groups initiative
- Launch free annual community dental/vision clinic
- \$270,000 raised for building projects
- Repair classroom/breezeway roof
- Receive & decide on sanctuary HVAC bids
- Primary Sabbath School classroom renovation

## Answers to Prayer

- 21 precious souls baptized/POF
- 18 groups started
- 200+ people served during 1st clinic
- Total raised!
- 5-year guarantee, no leak repair done
- 3 bids reviewed, 1 plan accepted, \$250,000 saved
- Completed!

What a way to commemorate our 130th birthday! Would it be too much to ask God to do more for His people after He has already done so much?

# MAINTAINING the MOMENTUM

Under the inspiring leadership of King Joash, extensive repairs to the ancient temple were vigorously initiated and were eventually completed. The Bible records that the workers had momentum when they made those repairs and as a result the job was completed: "So the workmen labored, and the work was completed by them; they restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it." (2 Chron. 24:13)

It's never a good idea to lose momentum. It's hard to start after you've stopped. Those who have begun an exercise routine know that when they were on a roll and then stopped found it incredibly difficult to start again.

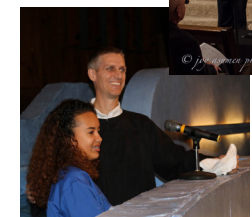
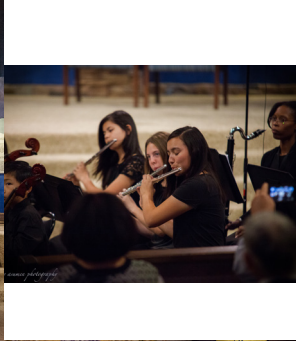
When Nehemiah rallied the inhabitants of Jerusalem to rebuild the city walls that had been down for over 160 years, he understood the power of momentum. In spite of opposition and difficulty, he inspired everyone to continue the work until it was accomplished. With God's help and a little momentum, they built the wall in just 52 days!

God has done great things for us during Year One of Operation Joash (and we are certainly glad for this). Is there any reason to doubt that He will not continue to help us in this worthwhile endeavor?



"Parking lot leaking pipe repair completed to get ready for parking lot resurface."

*"So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6)*




## MILESTONE GOAL MET. JOB WELL DONE!

*"God has done great things for us, and we are glad."*







# DON'T SUCCUMB TO GIVING PARALYSIS

**T**here is still much to do in short time, and that's why your continued commitment to God's work at Sacramento Central is still needed.

Apart from replacing the sanctuary HVAC system, we still also need to:

- Resurface the classroom/ breezeway roof (as opposed to the recent repair performed)
- Renovate 5 more Sabbath School classrooms
- Resurface parking lot/driveway
- Resurface courtyard
- Repair/replace tree wells
- Renovate change rooms
- Save for the eventual retiling of the sanctuary roof

The Bible shares this wonderful promise: "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." (Proverbs 11:25) Interestingly, the more one tends to withhold, the greater the chances that what was dreaded will happen. "There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty." (Proverbs 11:24) Now is not the time to succumb to giving paralysis. Now, more than at any other time, the furthering and finishing of God's work demands we open our hearts to His cause.

## UPDATED 5-YEAR FUNDING GOAL

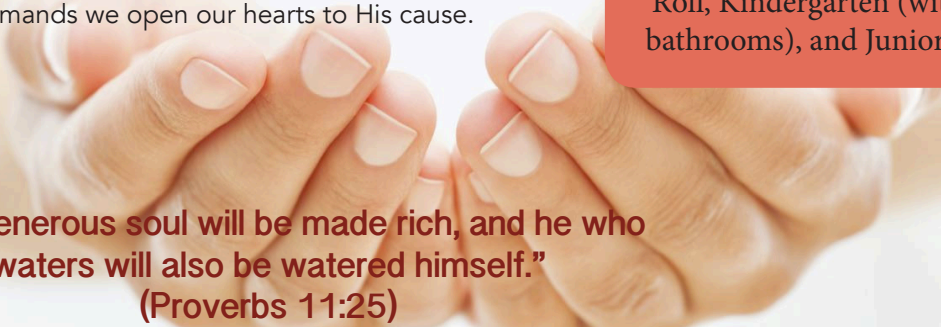
**\$1,000,000** – 5-year total goal  
**270,000** – total raised in Year One  
**730,000** – NEW total needed

## YEAR TWO GOAL

**\$165,000**

(\$30,000 already raised!)

This amount will be needed to replace the courtyard fountain and add landscaping, and renovate the Cradle Roll, Kindergarten (with adjoining bathrooms), and Junior classrooms.



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waters will also be watered himself."  
(Proverbs 11:25)**

# Not Equal Giving, but Equal Sacrifice

The strength of any fundraising endeavor is planned and systematic giving. To provide the best opportunity for the greatest participation and the achievement of a maximum goal, an annual, 52-week plan of giving has been adopted. You will again be asked to establish your own schedule of giving weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. **Please see inserted "Pledge Card".**

Our request for planned giving has one fundamental principle: Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice. Decisions concerning the amount of the gift rest solely with you and/or your family.

What should you give? There's just one answer – a generous, sacrificial gift...as much as your income will allow...an amount sufficient to represent your gift of appreciation to God as you express your thanks for all He has given you. Only you, your family, and God can make the right decision.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your continued gift toward **Operation Joash**. With God's help we will finish the work He has laid out before us.

*"The spirit of Christian liberality will strengthen as it is exercised, and will not need to be unhealthfully stimulated [demanded from another]. All who possess this spirit, the spirit of Christ, will with cheerful alacrity [enthusiasm] press their gifts into the Lord's treasury. Inspired by love for Christ and for the souls for whom He has died, they feel an intense earnestness to act their part with fidelity." (The Review and Herald, May 16, 1893).*



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## Operation Joash – Maintaining Momentum

Dear Church Family,

The Board of Trustees would like to take a moment and thank you from the bottom of our collective heart for the enthusiastic response you gave to the first year of Operation Joash. Over \$270,000 was raised for the building portion of the program, and some inspiring evangelistic endeavors were undertaken. Without a doubt can we say, "God has done great things for us, and we are glad." (Psalm 126: 3)

We are now entering upon our second year of a Biblically proven program that will continue to open new doors of opportunity and blessing for our church. With the success of this program, our church will continue to move forward with its campus restoration project and greater opportunities for soul winning.

This campaign continues that great thought: "Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice." This thought challenges us to do the extraordinary for the remaining few years. This thought indicates to us that we can all have an equally significant part in the Lord's work.

This campaign provides all of us a wonderful challenge. We will continue to experience, in fresh ways, the blessings that come through giving. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." (Luke 6:38)

Let us maintain the momentum of this great effort, for we are fulfilling the words, "And you shall be called repairers of the breach."

Together in His service,

*The Board of Trustees*

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**Q. Why is our church involved in Operation Joash?**

**A.** The ultimate goal is to allow Sacramento Central to continue to be a viable agency in the hand of God for the building up of His kingdom and for the hastening of the return of Jesus. Working together will allow us to discover and act upon God's will in our lives regarding material things. We will grow spiritually, both individually and as a church family, by applying God's methods for managing resources.

**Q. How much are we trying to raise for Operation Joash?**

**A.** We raised \$270,000 in Year One (praise the Lord). Our prayer goal for Year Two is \$165,000. Our 5-year goal is \$1 million.

**Q. How does the giving program work?**

**A.** You will be asked to commit a sacrificial pledge again for Year Two of the project. We anticipate that this will be above and beyond normal giving to Central.

**Q. Will we be asked to pledge publicly?**

**A.** No. Pledges are to be made at home. A pledge card has been included in this brochure for your convenience. You are asked to return your pledge card within the next two-weeks in the self-addressed envelope provided. You can mail it to the church, drop it in the church mail slot, or bring it to the sanctuary hostess desk.

**Q. When will my pledge contributions begin?**

**A.** As soon as you have determined what your gift will be. To stay on course, we hope everyone will have commenced his or her giving plan before the end of May 2018.

**Q. How do we make our contributions to Operation Joash?**

**A.** You can put your gifts in the church tithe envelope under Operation Joash, or donate through our website – [www.saccentral.org](http://www.saccentral.org) (click on the "donate" tab on the top of the page – credit card and recurring payment options are available).

**Q. Can I change my pledge later on?**

**A.** Yes. Some will be blessed so that they can increase their pledge. Unforeseen circumstances might force some to lower their pledge.

**Q. If I should fall behind on my pledge will the church make efforts to make me pay?**

**A.** No. The purpose of the pledge card is so that the church can have an indication of approximately how much we can expect so that we will be able to know how and when to proceed with the various projects.

**Q. Can I give assets other than cash?**

**A.** Yes. There are tremendous tax advantages in giving assets other than cash. Those might be stocks, bonds, property, or other holdings.

**Q. How can I become better acquainted with Operation Joash?**

**A.** Please visit our website – [www.saccentral.org/operation-joash/](http://www.saccentral.org/operation-joash/) where you will find everything Operation Joash.

