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Dearest church family,

Thank you for celebrating 25 years of ministry to the Ozarks at Living Word Church! Church is not one individual or a few families, but church is each and every one doing their part. We are so grateful for our church family. We are grateful to those who serve, those who pray, and those who support the vision with their finances. Together, we are making a difference in the Ozarks and in the world.

We want to take this opportunity to share with you how far we have come with the mortgage. The original mortgage (that includes the 8 acres of land, the church building, and the school building) was \$947,500.00. When our church building was built, everyone was on board to have our "own" building where we would have the ability to reach out and meet the needs of all the ministries within the church. We also raised over \$100,000.00 cash during the building process to purchase all the sound equipment, lighting, chairs and other things that weren't included in the mortgage.

We are thrilled to say that the church mortgage is now down to \$546,044.67. The last appraisal was done was in 2018 and at that time the church property was appraised for \$1,295,000! With the recent increase in property values, we believe it would be much higher than that today. The current payoff date is in November 2033, but we are believing to conquer that debt much sooner. God has so many people for us to reach and so many lives to be trained with the Word of God.

By God's grace and through people's faithful generosity, we have never missed a mortgage payment. Our monthly payment is \$5,413.97, but this year we have been paying \$5,600 (\$186 extra on principal). Back in 2016, we gave the church family the opportunity to make monthly pledges to help us with the monthly

mortgage payment. Even though those pledges were supposed to be for a two-year time frame, we have about 13 families that still continue to give those pledges each month. It has been a huge help in meeting the monthly mortgage payment. We would like to give the church family the opportunity to renew their pledge or to make a new one this fall. Your help is genuinely appreciated. I believe God sees what you are doing for His House, and He will take care of meeting the needs in your house!

This year, the Holy Spirit spoke to us to begin to put action to our faith to pay off the mortgage. We are going to begin the **Principal Payoff Program**. *Our first goal is to at least pay off \$25,000 this year to celebrate 25 years... but we aren't limiting God to just that!* **Will you join with us in putting action to our faith?** There are now special blue envelopes that will only be for gifts directly to the Principal Payoff Program. Gifts that come in these envelopes (or designated on Pushpay) will be made as an extra payment each month directly to the principal of the church mortgage. Each of us will have the opportunity to begin sowing toward reducing the principal on the church mortgage. The Word of God promises that God will provide seed for the sower, and if you are a sower, you can expect seed to show up in your life!

So many have received Christ in this church; so many lives have been changed and enriched. People have been healed. Marriages have been strengthened. People have experienced God's call of their life here. Only God knows all the fruit that has come forth for His Kingdom here at Living Word Church. Now is not the time to draw back. Jesus is coming soon and we must continue to press on and run with the vision until we see Him face to face. Many of you have learned that "sowing and reaping" is a lifestyle based on Bible principles and promises. We stand on God's Word that as you sow (give), it will come back into your life in multiplied ways. Thank you for standing with us. God has great things in store for the Living Word Church family!

Together, in faith, we are calling the church mortgage paid off in Jesus' Name! We are also believing for your mortgages to be paid off as you continue to invest in God's Kingdom.

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