



# A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

What an exciting time for First Baptist Garland! For 156 years, God has blessed this wonderful congregation. Now, the legacy continues. In a world desperately needing Biblical truth, FBCG stands at the forefront to impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ from our base here in Garland.

As we embark upon the building and capital fund-raising campaign, I know that God will lead and empower us, just as He has done for many years. Those strong believers of FBCG from years past had the foresight to see what God could do with this church. Now, it is our turn to look into future generations and see an even stronger Gospel presence in the days ahead through this amazing church.

I pray daily for God's wisdom and direction in each aspect of this building program and for His provision to be supplied through the faithful members of this congregation so that FBCG has no long-term debt. Please join me daily in this prayer. Also, please pray about the part you will play in God's provision.

Know again how much my family and I love each of you and enjoy serving Jesus with you. As we look to a beautiful new facility as the base for Gospel ministry, I pledge to you that we will seek to glorify Jesus Christ and follow His direction the entire way. Praise God for the exciting days ahead for FBCG!

Dr. Greg Ammons Senior Pastor



# 2024 KEY DATES for the CAMPAIGN

April 1	Prayer Emphasis Begins
April 7	Kick-off Sunday
April 21	Commitment Sunday
April 28	First Legacy Offering

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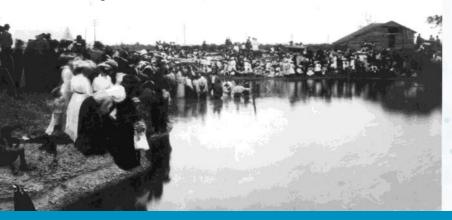


# OUR HERITAGE

On March 8, 1868, First Baptist Garland began as a small church called Antioch Baptist Church on the banks of Duck Creek. The name was chosen since believers in Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch in Acts 11:26.

Since those early days, FBCG has continued to meet needs, minister in the name of Jesus Christ, preach and teach Biblical truth, and expand the Kingdom of God around the world.

Many wonderful and Godly people have been a part of this amazing congregation through the years ... and you are a part of this strong heritage.





Yes, the future is bright here at First Garland. God has poised this awesome congregation to do some amazing things in the days and years ahead. We are fortunate to be a part of what He will do.

In a world that desperately needs a strong voice for Biblical truth, FBCG will stand at the corner of Avenue D and Glenbrook Drive for years to come proclaiming that Biblical truth and the message that Jesus saves.

We Are A Community of Believers ...



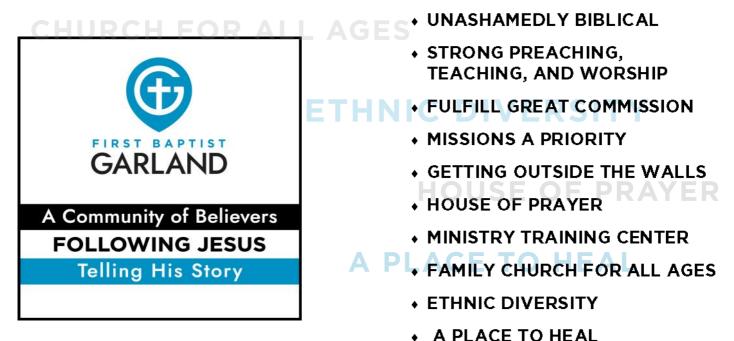
## Following Jesus ... Telling His Story

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GARLAND CAMPUS 2024



## GETTING OUR MISSION STATEMENT & 10 CORE VALUES A PRIORITY

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# **FUTURE PLANS**



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## WHAT IS NEXT?

- FBCG members will pray daily for this building project and seek to know God's will for their financial commitment to the new building.
- Pledge commitments will be made by Sunday, April 21.
- There will be a one-time First Legacy Offering on Sunday, April 28, at which time FBCG members will be encouraged to give a sum amount to kick off the campaign.
- Then, FBCG members will begin their three-year pledge commitments on Sunday, April 28, as well.
- The Beck Group architects will then begin completing the Design and Development phase. This will take approximately 10 months to complete.
- Then, permitting, bidding, demolition, and construction will begin. This will take approximately 20 months to complete.
- During construction, FBCG will worship each Sunday and have Wednesday Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall of the McDonald Activity Center. This time period will be approximately 16 months.
- Our expectation is that FBCG will gather to worship for the first time in the new building at the end of 2026.

A Legacy of over 150 years serving Garland and its surrounding communities

### Philippians 2:2 APRIL 1: UNITY

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

Have you ever thought about what makes a good football team good? Each player on the team is working towards the same goal—to get across the goal line and score. Regardless of their position on the team, scoring and stopping the other team from doing so is the unified purpose for being on that field. The apostle Paul used the word "same" in this scripture to emphasize the need for harmony and the same purpose when working together. We are grateful for the vision that God has given us for our beautiful new church home. Let us pray God will be the center of every thought we have, every word we speak, and every prayer we pray. May our unified goal be to have the attitude of Christ as we accomplish the work the Lord has given us.

Heavenly Father, You have given us a beautiful vision for our new church home. As we step out into Your will, we pray in the name of Jesus that you would grant us unified hearts.

#### 1 Timothy 6:17–19 APRIL 2: TRUSTING HIM

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."

Wealth can easily become the source and object of our hope for happiness and security. Trusting in wealth will only lead us away from trusting God. For this reason, Paul points us to the true source of everything we have: God. We must not lose sight of the fact that God is the only source of everything we enjoy and possess. When we live with this heavenly perspective, we are sure to find Him faithful and worthy of all our trust. As we pray and trust Him to provide everything needed for FBC's Legacy for future generations, He will be faithful!

Precious Lord, everything we have is a gift from you. Help us not trust in the uncertainty of riches but to cling to You only, our generous God. Grant us the faith and finances needed to ensure many more years of service to our community.

## Proverbs 3:5, 6 APRIL 3: GUIDANCE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

We don't have to live long as an adult before we conclude that life can lead us down some crooked paths. This scripture reminds us that when we're walking in God's will, He will make sure our path leads straight to His purpose and plan, no matter how crooked it looks. As we begin this journey of building our future church home, the path before us may have obstacles, and most likely will not be straight. For this reason, as a church family, let's acknowledge our need for His guidance. We seek to do this incredible work for Him so He will lead us in the direction we are to go.

Eternal Father, as we work together as a church family to support this building plan, we acknowledge that we need Your guidance just as much as Your provision. We lean into You, Lord, and humbly ask for You to go before us and guide every decision we will make.

## Ephesians 3:20 APRIL 4: ABUNDANCE

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us..."

What are your greatest thoughts or imaginations? As children, we often let our imaginations run wild with what might be, but as we grew older, those imaginations were diminished. In this passage, God encourages us to imagine once again. God also reminds us, regardless how big we may ask or think, He can do "far more abundantly," than what we think we can do! So let's trust Him to do just that!

Powerful Lord, as we look at the construction cost for our new building, we acknowledge that this task is impossible without You and Your work through us. Please keep our hearts steadfast throughout this project and destroy discouragement if it arises.

## **Revelation 5:12 APRIL 5: WORTHINESS**

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Webster defines "worthy," as "having value" or "being honorable." Our "why" for all that we do is to bring honor to the Lord, the Lamb who was slain. The One who paid the ultimate cost for our salvation is worthy to receive all that we can give to Him—all power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing. Worthy is the Lamb!

Mighty God, as we seek how we will support this building plan, we ask that you grant us a deeper knowledge of how worthy You are to receive everything we have to give. Thank you for the privilege to be a part of Your eternal work through FBC Garland.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:17–18 APRIL 6: STEADFASTNESS

"Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Paul reminds the Thessalonians (and us), the will of God is to pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. To pray without ceasing will cause a person to constantly focus on the Lord. To give thanks in all circumstances will cause a person to focus on the Lord's goodness. The challenge then is to take our eyes off ourselves and our situation and focus on the Lord and His goodness. Are we ready for the challenge?

Heavenly Lord, Your faithfulness towards us has stretched through the generations and now we pray that You will help us to be steadfast in our prayers for this building plan. Light a fire in our hearts to keep the needs of this church before Your throne.

## Psalm 51:10 APRIL 7: PURITY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Have you ever had a window so dirty you couldn't see through it? Once you took the time to clean it, you could see through it more clearly. That's what God does when we ask Him to clean our hearts and renew our spirits—He takes away the sin between Him and us so nothing hinders our relationship with Him.

Gracious Savior, the greatest hindrance to being used by You is unconfessed sin. We pray, Lord, that You would help us see obstacles in our own lives that would hinder us in being used by You.

#### Proverbs 3:9–10 APRIL 8: OFFERINGS

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."

Why do we give? Is it to help someone or to help a cause? Proverbs reminds us that our motivation to give should be to "honor the Lord." To honor means to "regard with great respect," which reminds us our giving is to be done out of great respect for the Lord. Our motivation to give is to only bring Him honor.

Generous Lord, open the hearts of our church family to honor You through our generosity. As we worship You through our sacrifices, we pray for Your blessing on everything surrounding this building plan, our church, families, and community.

### 2 Corinthians 11:3 APRIL 9: SOUND MIND

"But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

Have you ever watched a child get distracted by a bug or a butterfly and lose all thought as to where they are? As adults we can get distracted by many things in the world: social media, relationships, or just life. God desires we keep our focus on Him and not the world. He wants us to seek after Him and not the number of followers or friend requests we may have. Seek Him first.

Powerful Lord, we are aware that the enemy would love to hinder this work. We pray that You will guard our minds against the lies of the enemy. We stand on the truth that every contribution will be an important part of God's plans for FBC Garland.

## Ephesians 6:12 APRIL 10: SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

In today's society, it is so easy for us to find those who disagree with us. Some of those actually seek us out to challenge our beliefs about God or our stand for God's principles. However, as hard it may be, we must realize those individuals (who are made in God's image), are not our enemy. As Paul said to the Ephesians, our enemy is the spiritual forces of evil. We must remember that our Heavenly Father sent His Son to die for all the world— even those people who don't believe in Him. Let's keep our eyes on Him.

Heavenly Father, as FBC Garland works together to build the Legacy for Your glory and honor, we ask for You to guard each family. Stay the hand of the enemy against us and set us apart for this special work.

#### Hebrews 13:16 APRIL 11: SHARING SPIRITS

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Have you ever had the privilege of sacrificially giving to someone who couldn't help you in return? Hebrews 13 describes two types of sacrifice: verse 15 mentions the sacrifice of praise and verse 16 tells of the sacrifice of sharing. Are we willing to give up or share something to please God?

Gracious Lord, Your Word teaches us that our sacrifices are pleasing to you. As we pray about investing in Your continued work through FBC Garland, we ask for unified, generous spirits ready to support Your plans.

### 2 Timothy 4:10, 2 Peter 3:9 APRIL 12: HOPE

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Have you ever met someone who has lost all hope or experienced a time when you needed rescuing? The world is full of people in need of rescue and hope. As followers of Jesus, let's continue to be a church that points people to the answer—Jesus.

Faithful Lord, we know that You are the only certain hope for this earth and for the lost and hurting. Your desire that none should perish is the foundation for our new building plans; help us Lord to continue to point people to You, our only hope.

## Exodus 35:21 APRIL 13: MOVE OUR HEARTS

"And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments."

We have been asked to spend time seeking God's direction and guidance for what He would have us to give to the construction of our new church building. God continues to speak to people. God continues to stir hearts as He did in Exodus. God continues to expect people to listen and obey.

Father, just as You stirred the hearts for the building of the tabernacle, we ask You to stir hearts in our church family to the center of Your will. Move our spirits to bring the offerings needed for this new church home for Your glory and honor.

## Philippians 4:19 APRIL 14: PROVISION

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

What is the difference between a "need" and a "want"? To one person an item is a "need" that another person considers a "want." Regardless of our own definitions, our Heavenly Father knows our true needs and He will meet them out of the abundant riches found in Christ Jesus.

Lord, we acknowledge our daily trust in You to supply for every need in our families. We come before Your throne with the same voice trusting in Your sovereign provision to help us complete this building project.

### Matthew 6:19-21 APRIL 15: ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We've all heard, "You can't take it with you," but, isn't that exactly what Jesus is telling us we can do by emphasizing spiritual investments over physical ones? For where your treasure is, there your heart will be. Let us break free from living from an earthly perspective and set our hearts on making our treasure Jesus and all things heavenly.

Lord, please help us live from an eternal perspective as we show our heart for your work through our offerings. We lay our earthly riches at your feet and ask that you turn them into heavenly treasures.

## Luke 1:37 APRIL 16: INFINITE POSSIBILITIES

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

Let's think about some impossible things we would like to see happen in our world. As we pray for these things, we normally pray from a finite perspective because we are humans. However, the God we pray to has capabilities that are infinite. Let's have the courage to pray for results beyond our imagination.

Gracious Father, there are infinite possibilities of what You can do when Your children trust You. We thank You for the dream you have given us for our new church home. We know Your desire is for us to reach countless people for Christ in the future, so we are asking for results that are beyond our imagination.

## Psalm 86:10 APRIL 17: DO IT AGAIN, LORD

"For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God."

Do you remember when we celebrated the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church Garland? What a heritage! He has done wondrous things for this church family over the years that only He could do. He has sustained our church family unwaveringly. He was the foundation for our past and is the provision for our future. May we each remember the great things He has done for our church, and for us, individually, and ask Him to do it again.

Precious Lord, you have graciously sustained FBC Garland for over 150 years. As we seek to invest in FBC's 'Legacy' for the next generation, we humbly ask You to do it again, Lord.

### Proverbs 11:25 APRIL 18: BLESSINGS

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Have you ever known a person who gives freely but seems to receive it back from God even faster than they can give it away? (It's like the widow's small jar of olive oil mentioned in 2 Kings 4.) God's provision just keeps flowing through them. These generous givers would testify to the accuracy of this proverb, and what a beautiful promise it is for us to cling to during this building project. Bless others, and you will be blessed. Satisfy the needs of others and He will satisfy you. The need for blessing and eternal satisfaction is greater than ever in our world. For this reason, we seek to poise our church to meet the ever-increasing spiritual and physical needs of the people in our community and beyond. Let us stand before His throne and ask in unity for His blessing upon our offerings and plans.

Eternal Lord, You have entrusted FBC Garland with a "Legacy" as we labor towards fulfilling this dream. We humbly ask for Your blessing upon our plans and offerings.

### 2 Corinthians 9:8/Philippians 4:19 APRIL 19: FAITH

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Something amazing happens when we open our hearts and minds to the absolute certainty of God's sovereign provision to fulfill His Kingdom agenda. His grace floods over every aspect of our spiritual life. Then, suddenly, we find that His calling to do something bigger than us, requiring more money than we have available to give, doesn't faze us. We don't lose a step because we now understand that whatever task is before us is possible because of God. A kingdom perspective helps us understand that God doesn't want to just bless us, but He wants us to become a blessing to others. Our generosity leads to God's provision in our lives, and in the lives of others. God provides what we need to be a blessing .

Lord, You are more than able to provide everything needed for this building project and for our own lives. Please bless our desires to continue to be Your light to those in our community and beyond. May our faith grow as our building grows.

## Isaiah 30:21 APRIL 20: OUR DIRECTION

"And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left."

Have you ever prayed for God's direction and then, when you believed you had it, you promptly started second-guessing what you thought you heard? The one thing that we need as His children is to hear His direction clearly. It is truly hard to complete what God wants us to do if we're uncertain of what He is asking of us. Sometimes we need a fine-tuning of our spiritual ears. Just as God has a specific plan for every believer's life, He also has a place for every church member to be a part of FBC Garland's legacy. As we walk through these coming days, let us take time to be still and practice listening to His voice.

Faithful Father, we pray that each member of FBC Garland will clearly hear Your voice for how we will support this building project. Give us the faith we need to follow Your direction for our building plan, and in all areas of our lives.

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# **CITY OF GARLAND HIGHLIGHTS**

After an extensive two-year redesign, Garland recently celebrated the opening of the newly-renovated historic Downtown Square. With its park area and other improvements, the square is an appealing destination for families and others in our community.

The renovation is the culmination of years of planning and work to elevate the experience of visitors. In 2019, the City of Garland passed a \$423-million bond package to go toward numerous city-wide improvements, community amenities, and the downtown renovation.



The redesign extends beyond the Downtown Square. Updates span more than a dozen surrounding blocks and include new building facades, expanded sidewalks, and new street lighting. Also, the Downtown District is at the heart of the Bankhead Cultural Arts District which recently garnered Garland a special designation by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Garland's downtown revitalization initiative encompasses more than just the square; it involves the transformation of a 57-yearold office building situated at 111 S. Garland Ave. The building, originally constructed for Garland Bank and Trust, and most recently utilized by Chase Bank, boasts midcentury modern-style architecture and holds a place on the National Register of Historic Places. This historic structure, along with adjacent properties, will undergo a makeover to become The Draper, a multifaceted development featuring a blend of retail and office spaces, alongside 155 apartments and 25 townhomes spread across the six-acre site.

FBC Garland: A rich history with a commitment to being a church for the future

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"The Draper exemplifies what Garland is about: redeveloping areas in need of new energy while highlighting the history and authenticity of Garland," said Ayako Schuster, director of Garland's Economic Development Department.

The city of Garland is also beginning construction on a new redevelopment project off of I-30 and Broadway. The plans are finally coming into place after decades of work.



The first part of the project will build The Lofts on iThirty, which is a \$64-million project that will include a 340-unit luxury apartment that will be a 12-minute drive from Downtown Dallas and near a DART station and a Walmart.

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"This is a great example of what we've been working for, or being able to have developers come in," Garland Mayor Scott LeMay said. "Developers are wanting to work in Garland, they're wanting to bring projects to Garland and what that does is that brings people to Garland and that strengthens the local economy."



# WAYS TO GIVE

- 1. First, you can give to the building campaign through cash gifts, in person or online, anytime during the project.
- 2. Second, you can give a gift of assets. In addition to monetary gifts, you may give real estate, stocks, bonds, items from your business, coins, gold, designation through your personal will, etc.

**To Pledge Online** 



On Sunday, April 21, 2024, FBCG members will be encouraged to make a three-year pledge of giving. This three-year giving period will begin on Sunday, April 28. You can give much more to God's building when your gifts are spread out over time.

> "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce."

Proverbs 3:9

# **14 FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### 1. What is the cost of the Building Project?

The Beck Group architects estimated in 2023 that the cost of the entire project would be \$26-28 million.

#### 2. What about my regular giving?

Your commitment to *The Legacy Continues* should be an amount that God leads you to give over and above your regular tithe and offerings. We must remain faithful to our regular giving to the operating budget so that day-to-day ministry continues.

#### 3. How will I know how much to give?

Pray daily and allow God to open your heart and direct you to your commitment. Through prayer and the study of God's Word, you will know what to give.

#### 4. How long do I give?

This campaign is a three-year commitment. During the month of April, you will be given an opportunity to complete a commitment card. Members will be encouraged to give a lump sum on First *Legacy* Offering on Sunday, April 28. After this initial offering, the three-year commitment giving will begin.

#### 5. Will my contribution be made public?

Absolutely not. Only the total of all commitments received will be announced.

#### 6. Will I be coerced or pressured to give financially?

Absolutely not. Each member will be expected to give what God leads them to give because they are a part of this body. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice will be asked of all members.

#### 7. Do we have to raise the entire \$28 million before we start construction?

No. The final design plans and planning for construction to begin will take some time. During this time, the more money FBCG can raise for the project, the better and less expensive the final cost will be. The goal is to see one-half or more of the total cost of the project given by the time construction begins.

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#### 8. How should I give?

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Third, you can give a gift of assets. In addition to monetary gifts, you may give real estate, stocks, bonds, items from your business, coins, gold, designation through your personal will, etc.

#### 9. How will we pay for it?

Through the gifts given by FBCG members over the course of three years. Currently, FBCG has no indebtedness. There are already building fund monies set aside in existing reserve accounts toward this project. Historically, FBCG has never been against borrowing money through the years in order to minister. However, we do not feel that borrowing money is ideal. It is Pastor Greg's daily prayer that God will provide the funding with no long-term debt.

#### **10**. When will the capital campaign begin?

Sunday morning, April 28, 2024 with our First Legacy Offering

#### 11. When will the construction begin? How long will it take?

Lead times for construction projects in DFW vary, so it is impossible to say exactly when construction will begin. Architects will first complete the design and development phase in order to produce construction documents for bidding and permitting and our committees will work closely with them. The estimated time for this phase is 10 months. Once construction begins, it is estimated that the project will take approximately 16-18 months to complete. Our hope is to worship in the new Worship Center for the first time at the end of 2026.

#### 12. Where will FBCG worship on Sundays and have Wednesday Evening Bible Studies during construction? In the Fellowship Hall of the McDonald Activity Center

#### 13. What part of the church campus will be affected by the construction?

The oldest portion of our building will be removed. This includes the Worship Center, Hunt Hallway, Welcome Center, Atrium, Chapel, Parlor, Church Offices, The Grove, and Library. All areas in the Suter Building will be unaffected by construction.

#### 14. Where will funerals and weddings be held during construction of the new building? In the Fellowship Hall

"Be careful now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it." 1 Chronicles 28:10



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