

Why are we having a second Capital Campaign?

In 2002, after much prayer and meditation by our congregation, we felt the Holy Spirit leading us to expand the impact of His ministry in the community through the addition of a Christian Life Center, the renovation of our sanctuary, the addition of a worship music room/center, redoing the parking lot and improving the grounds surrounding the buildings. These steps were directly tied to our spiritual plan that is directed by our mission which is “to enable disciples to glorify God by sharing the teachings of Jesus our Christ.”

In 2002, after completion of the final design and examination of the projects total cost, the church made the decision to “phase in” the project beginning with the Christian Life Center, which was completed in 2005.

Today the Christian Life Center is operational and being used in new and exciting ways to serve and reach out to many in our community including the unchurched. We are ready to begin Phase 2.

What specifically will the Capital Campaign funds be used for in Phase 2?

Phase 2 plans include the following improvements and projected costs:

Renovation of Existing Sanctuary	\$300,000
A New Roof for the Structure	\$75,900
Replacement of Temporary Portico	\$50,000
Replace the Existing Parking Lot	\$100,000
Build a New Worship Music Room	\$250,000
Total Projected Cost	\$775,900

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

We have put together a highly motivated, spiritually directed team from our membership that is dedicated to the success of this important project. These people will be consecrated at our worship service January 6. They are:

Executive Director, Owen Mooney
Campaign Manager, Bryan Riley
Leadership Campaign Director, Tracy Loomis
Administrative Coordinator, Cynthia Currie
Communication Director, Mary Powers
Spiritual Awareness Director, Barb Benson
Teen/Children’s Director, Tracy Veenhuis
Celebration Director, Gene Coburn

We are also working with a very talented and experienced consultant named Gary Ealy, who is guiding us with this endeavor. Gary has personally been involved in over 130 capital campaigns for churches around the country and is very accessible and helpful to us.

THESE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

will help get us started on this part of our spiritual journey. Pray about it. Talk to others. Take action. God is calling His church family to **REACH UP** and **REACH OUT** in faith, to renew our hearts as we answer God’s call.

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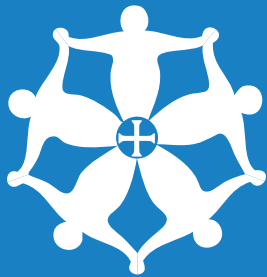
REACHING UP

to God in faith, prayer and worship.

REACHING OUT

to each other in our church family
and to the greater community.

WE KNOW YOU HAVE QUESTIONS about how we will continue to address our growing ministry. We have tried to anticipate some of those questions and have included some information here that may give you answers. As you read this, if anything is unclear, or new questions arise, do not hesitate to contact one of the leaders to discuss your concerns.



How long will the campaign last?

The months of February and March of 2008 are designated as the “commitment” period when all of our members will have the opportunity to make their campaign pledge after prayer and consultation with the Lord.

Just like Phase 1, each member will then have three years to fulfill their pledge and commitment. This will begin in April 2008 and will end in April 2011.

How much of a financial commitment should each family give?

The answer to this question is between each individual and God. That is why the campaign will have such a strong emphasis on prayer. The project belongs to all of us as a family. Each of us must approach God with the question, “Father, what is an appropriate, sacrificial gift to your ministry that I should make, that is based on the way you have blessed me?”

Remember, we don’t seek equal gifts but equal sacrifice. We can trust God to provide us with the right answer.

No one will call on you for money. It is entirely a personal commitment that you are making to return a portion of what God has blessed you with to this project. Each gift will allow this ministry to do more of God’s work in the community. The size of your gift will be held in confidence.

No matter what amount of money is raised, this will be a successful campaign if we all grow in our devotion to the Lord and His work; if each one contributes according to his ability, whatever that may be; and if we are drawn closer together in trying to advance God’s kingdom and the life of our Christian community.

We humbly and prayerfully ask each member

of our congregation to participate in the following ways:



Pray that we will use this facility to the glory of God and building His kingdom.



Keep our focus on ministry rather than on the facility.



Promote the spiritual health and unity of our church family.



Prayerfully allow God to guide your financial participation.

How will the sanctuary renovation affect our worship schedule, ministry and outreach?

The purpose of our building and these improvements is to enable our congregation to serve the community. We will not allow our remodeling project to consume us and cause us to lose our focus on our spiritual plan.

We plan to begin working in the sanctuary the first of June 2008 and have the sanctuary completed by September 2008 in time for the Dixieland Band Worship Celebration. During the renovation period, we will worship in the Christian Life Center.

The roofing project, which we had to begin in November 2007 due to leaking and damage, was completed in December 2007. We borrowed the funds from our denomination’s Cornerstone Fund to cover the cost for this expense.

The remainder of the project (parking lot replacement, replacing the portico and music room) will be completed in 2009.