

God's Vision ...

OUR MISSION

Frequently Asked Questions

What is God's Vision...Our Mission?

This is a capital campaign to raise funds for the vision to expand our ministry and reach more people for Christ. It focuses on three points: 1) eliminating the moisture intrusion in the Sanctuary that is causing the interior plaster to blister and deteriorate; 2) reducing or paying off the loan for the addition; and 3) upgrading and renovating older sections of the church building.

What are the most urgent needs?

The church is carrying a \$2,600,000 loan for the addition which comes due the end of 2010. There is also an immediate need to repair the Sanctuary walls from moisture intrusion before more damage is done. The south side was completed in 2009 with a grant from the Foundation. The north side needs to be done this year at an estimated cost of \$230,000.

Why is there a debt on the addition?

During the capital campaign of 2004, we did not raise enough funds to pay off the addition. However, the Foundation is still contributing \$500,000 over the next five years toward the reduction of the debt.

Is this the right time?

This capital campaign is part of the church's long-range plan. In the 2004 capital campaign, we started with a \$10,000,000 vision and, through the generosity of this congregation, we raised almost half. At the Charge Conference in February 2010, there was a unanimous vote to go forward with a capital campaign to address the urgent needs and long-range renovations. Although there is never a right time, the economy seems to be rebounding with increased optimism in the community.

What other needs of our church need to be addressed in this Capital Campaign?

Some of the renovation projects include restrooms to accommodate the handicapped, a new family restroom, more energy efficient windows, zoned HVAC and office reconfiguration. If possible, we would like to upgrade or replace the organ console in the Sanctuary and build a Columbarium.

How is the Capital Campaign structured?

In May and June there will be a series of **Vision and Mission Campaign Meetings** to inform and to invite everyone's faithful and generous participation. You will receive a packet of materials including a pledge card at these meetings. We ask that you take the pledge

card home with you and prayerfully consider your contribution toward making our vision for the future a reality. Pledge cards are due by June 20.

How does this Capital Campaign impact our Annual Campaign and our Foundation?

The Capital Campaign is not intended as an alternative to our ongoing annual pledge campaign which funds the daily operating expenses of the church. Rather, the capital campaign is for extraordinary projects, which will bless our congregation and community now as well as future generations. Normally, one contributes to the annual campaign from one's income whereas the capital campaign truly requires *sacrificial* giving, over and above one's annual pledge.

What has happened since we built the addition?

The Great Hall provides a beautiful multi-purpose room for church services, youth activities, church luncheons and dinners, and other presentations. We have seen many new families join the church and attend the 9:30 service and GPS in the Great Hall. Forty new pledging family units participated in this year's operating campaign. This is one of the largest increases in recent history. The addition is being used for the church's mission through Upward Basketball and open gym nights. Many non-churched people attend these events. Sunday school classes and the Cooperative Preschool and Early Learning Center use the classrooms on the lower level. Since moving to the addition, the use of the church's library has increased substantially and many more resource materials are now available to the congregation.

What happens once we pledge the money for the Capital Campaign?

This Capital Campaign will raise the necessary funds for the renovation and expansion for our vision for the future. The Administrative Board will determine which projects should be addressed in order of importance, with a priority toward Sanctuary repair and loan payment.

What can I do to help with the Capital Campaign?

We need each member and family in the congregation to attend a **Vision and Mission Campaign Meeting** and prayerfully consider a pledge and support. Please plan to attend the **Service of Celebration on Sunday, June 27**. RSVP for the luncheon on your pledge card.