

Giving

OF OUR HEARTS  FROM OUR HEARTS

Frequently Asked Questions

You may have a number of questions about the upcoming Capital Stewardship Campaign. Here are answers to some of the most common questions. If you still have questions regarding the campaign, please see Pastor Sean.

Why Are We Doing Capital Campaigns?

“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

Several years ago, National Bank of Blacksburg graciously agreed to split our mortgage into two separate loans. On one loan, we are making regular, monthly payments out of the General Fund giving to the church. These payments cover the interest and principal on this portion of the loan.

On the other loan, we are making two payments a year. These payments only cover the interest portion of the loan, so we are paying nothing on the principal. At the current rate, we will literally never pay back the amount we owe. In addition, these payments often get pushed into the background and catch us unprepared.

The capital campaign, then, will help us remember that this debt is pending and allow us to intentionally and strategically plan for paying it off. The only alternative is to take this from the General Fund, which would cripple our ability to do ministry.

How Much Do We Need?

We have a variable rate mortgage, meaning that the interest payments vary from time to time. However, we do know that we owe around \$16,000 every six months. These payments are typically due in April and in November.

Again, this covers the interest for one loan, with regular payments from the General Fund that cover the other loan.

What Is the Time Frame for this Campaign?

We will kick off the official giving for this campaign with a special Love Offering Service on Sunday morning, February 26. The final Sunday for giving to the *Giving of Our Hearts, From Our Hearts* campaign will be Sunday, October 21. That ensures we have ample time to collect our resources to make the November payment.

Please Note: If you have already contributed toward the building fund during this calendar year, that will be counted towards your overall giving for the *Giving: Of Our Hearts, From Our Hearts* campaign.

What Happens on Love Offering Sunday?

On Love Offering Sunday, we ask that you turn in two different items:

- 1) **A Faith Commitment** – You will be receiving a card on which you can make a faith commitment. The front side asks for general information from you, while the reverse asks for information regarding what you believe God is leading you to contribute towards the Giving campaign.
- 2) **Initial Love Offering Gift** – This is a special gift that starts off your contributions towards this campaign.

What Is A Faith Commitment, and what if I cannot fulfill it?

A faith commitment is the amount you believe God is leading you to give over the course of the entire campaign (ending October 21, 2012). We ask that you prayerfully discern what God would have you to give, and that you seek to be faithful to what He has led you to do.

We do understand, however, that unexpected circumstances may arise that will hinder your ability to fulfill your commitment. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, please let Liz Cassell know so we can plan accordingly. God will certainly provide, but it helps us to know in advance.

*Freely you
received, freely
give.*

~ Matthew 10:8

How Do I Fill Out the Commitment Card?

As you look at the commitment card, you will notice that it is divided into sections. On the front side, simply fill in all information as best you can.

On the reverse side, use the following instructions:

Section A - Please input the amount of the Love Offering gift you plan to give on Sunday, February 26.

Section B - Please enter the remaining amount you believe God has led you to give by October 21, 2012 in the box to the right. In the lines to the left, please describe how frequently you plan to contribute towards the campaign.

Section C - Simply put the amounts you put in A and B in the appropriate boxes. Add these two together, and put the value in box C. This is the total amount you plan to contribute towards this campaign.

We recognize this can be confusing. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sean and he will be happy to walk you through the form.

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