

VISION 2020

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Capital Stewardship Campaign?

Because it is a spiritual journey. This is a discipleship course with a tangible outcome. We will be challenged, informed, inspired, and invited to make a change based on how we have encountered Christ. That's called discipleship!

What are the tangible outcomes?

Personally, that each of us would commit to a sacrificial and faith-motivated pledge in addition to our regular giving. By taking seriously God's call to seek Him for His vision for Grace (the 5 goals), we are trusting that He will provide for each of us in ways we can't imagine, so that we can be a blessing in ways that we can't imagine.

Collectively, that we would attain the three next steps: finish the upstairs as a place for ministry, retire the debt and seed a strong church planting ministry. As we step out in faith to make a commitment to give in addition to our tithes and regular giving, growth will occur along with finished projects and a strong birth of something new.

What needs to happen to complete the upstairs?

Two years ago many of us gave toward Phase 1 of its completion. We currently have \$130,000 to that end in the bank. When we started moving forward, we discovered the building codes had changed, and we would need an additional \$65,000 for Phase 1. It was discouraging, and we stepped back.

The Building Team recently double-checked with our architect and the city engineer. Phase 1's new cost of \$195,000 is still on target, and Phase 2's originally planned cost of \$75,000 still holds. We have \$130,000 given 2 years ago, and that leaves \$140-150,000 required to put those 7,000 square feet into ministry momentum!

What order will we work in, as funds are given?

We will earmark the first \$150,000 to be given to complete the upstairs. We hope that we can start construction in the early part of 2017! We will proceed only with cash in hand (no debt for upstairs). As the rest comes in, we will split it roughly 75% to pay down the mortgage, and 25% to start church planting.

What if we don't hit the target?

Though it's important, the number is not the goal of this whole endeavor. We will hit whatever financial target the Lord grants us to hit. That each of us grows in faith is the goal. If you commit to seek him and step out in faith as he calls, then we will have hit the goal! It seems that in this body there is a hunger to matter and to take discipleship seriously. I'm confident that He will lead each of us to fulfill His calling on our lives at this juncture.

Will we do "chicken plate fundraisers" and "car washes"?

We won't. Those have their place. But this is a season where we will come to God asking Him to work in our hearts and to order our lives and lifestyles for this time.

Are you just using spiritual language to raise money?

We aren't. It really is an amazing thing. The Biblical principles of seeking God, of uniting in prayer, of discerning his calling, and then walking into it... well, these really do make a difference. It's not some magic formula. Rather, it's God's framework for our growth. The fact that the focal tangible outcome is a commitment to give is actually a gift too: it seems nothing else proves my growth like giving money to the Lord!

How does this compare to campaigns Grace has done in the past?

Check out the following comparative table. The Campaign Rally is the amount that was given over and above our regular giving.

Campaign	Campaign Rally	Annual Budget	Rally Factor
Grace Overflows (2005-08)	693,000	291,000	2.4x
Prepare the Way (2008-11)	670,000	457,000	1.5x
Vision 2020 (2016-2019, proj)	1,000,000 (proj)	680,000	1.5x (proj)

When was our last campaign?

As you can see, it was 2008-11. It was just during the most difficult economic times in the last 2 generations. And yet, God provided.

Amazingly, half of Grace's current family wasn't here then! This is a new day for a new body to take new steps.

What's the timeline?

- **October 30** – we launch a 4-week spiritual journey. We do daily devotions, prayer, HC material, sermons, etc... all revolving around how will we fulfill God's vision for Grace.
- **Nov 20** – Commitment Sunday
- **Nov 27, Dec 4 & Dec 11**: Season of First fruits, where we jump-start our 3 years commitment by giving a first-fruit gift.
- **Dec 11** – Celebration! As we reveal both the total pledge amount, and the first fruits already given. Imagine if on that morning we will have enough in hand to move on the upstairs?

Why make 3-year commitments?

They are long enough to allow us to dream and count on God to provide. But short enough to enable us to hit targets and make a difference. A 10-year campaign is foolhardy; A 1-year campaign wouldn't give us the chance to dream radically.

I'm strapped right now. How will I give "in addition" when my regular giving doesn't always make it?

First of all, this season is an opportunity to grow in your trust of God to provide by you being faithful to give the tithe with joy and consistency. God invites us to test his provision for us in this one matter alone! But it takes a step of faith, doesn't it? Start giving that first tenth, and watch God order the chaos in your finances. That already is a step of faith.

Then, say, "Lord, it doesn't make sense, but I'm going to commit to give in addition over the next 3 years... and I'm going to watch you provide that extra to give. You are calling me to this, I'm trusting you!" Steps of faith take courage and guts!

What if I'm not ready to commit on Nov 13's Commitment Sunday?

There will be no pressure! This is between you and the Lord. We will trust that He readies each of us to make a joyful commitment that day. But, if you need an extra week, take it. God is in this, just keep seeking him.

Do small gifts make a difference?

Small, Large, Medium, Huge, Miniscule... they all make a difference, and here's why: As God sees us seeking Him and responding in faith, He will be pleased and we will have proven ourselves "faithful in the little things"... so that He can entrust to us the "big things" of ministry, life change, new converts, churches planted, etc.

It's easy to think, "Well, my little bit won't make a difference," until we remember that 'humans look on the outward appearance. God looks on the heart.' Never forget that the widow in Luke 21 gave more than everyone (though it was 2 pennies) because she gave all she had to live on! In other words, she entrusted her whole future to God.

Yes, small gifts—when trusting God—do make a difference.

What about students and children?

The Student Ministry and the Children's Ministry leaders are going to engage Grace's next generation in several ways alongside the rest of the body. Praying, dreaming, serving, helping. Children are part of this vision, and we'll include them at every turn.