2016 REPRESENTS AN EXCITING TIME FOR OUR CHURCH.
We are entering a season where we are launching a capital campaign called “Together We Grow.” “Together We Grow” is more than a capital campaign - it’s about the future of our church and what God wants to do through each of us individually, as families and as a church to reach this generation and beyond for His glory and to expand His kingdom!

1. What is the importance of the “Together We Grow” logo?
This logo symbolizes several important aspects to our campaign and our church. Healthy churches naturally grow, just like this tree. The trunk symbolizes our unity, which comes from one Source, and that is the Word of God, from which we grow. The leaves symbolize the goal of our growth - other people transformed by the Gospel. The different sizes of hands on the tree symbolize different ages that are represented in our church family. The different colors used for the hands represent our cultural diversity.

2. What is a capital campaign?
A capital campaign is a time to discern how God is leading us as a church toward accomplishing the vision for our future growth. A campaign is not just a financial one but a spiritual one as well. Discipleship also challenges us to give sacrificially to see God’s vision accomplished and His Kingdom grow. Our campaign will launch April 3, 2016, and will lead up to a Commitment Sunday on May 1, 2016. Our campaign goal is 100% participation among our members and attendees. God will do the miraculous as each of us prayerfully and sacrificially decides how much we will give.

3. Approximately how much will the project cost?
$3.5-$4 million, depending upon several variables. Contractors have quoted $150 per square foot, which would put the total cost at $3,336,384. We will know something more definite after the Town of Cary fully approves our project and we hear bids from the contractors.

4. Approximately how long will it take to complete the project?
These buildings will take less than a year to begin. Construction will take approximately one year to complete. The children’s building and parking should not affect our regular services, as it is detached from our Family Life Center. We would also limit the connecting building’s impact to a minimum. The playground will be moved over and joined to the new children’s building.
5. Why is this necessary?
A In order to provide adequate space for the present needs of our children’s ministry and educational space, we are going to build two buildings that will expand and connect our current facilities and give us the space we need to grow. The Children’s Building will provide 11,244 sq. ft. of children’s space that will significantly add Sunday school classrooms, AWANA classrooms, weekday preschool classrooms and room to grow. The Connecting Building will provide 11,473 sq. ft. for two stories of educational classrooms for adults, an elevator and bathrooms. This building will also connect our Sanctuary and Educational space with our Family Life Center. Both of these buildings will provide our current Family Life Center classrooms the opportunity to be repurposed for Older Adult classrooms and other ministry needs. In addition, we will gain 276 parking spaces (adding 287 and losing 11 with construction), which will accommodate the two new buildings.

6. How are we going to pay for it? Members and Attenders are currently giving toward our Building Expansion Fund. Our Capital Campaign will lead toward a Commitment Sunday (May 1, 2016), where we will give one-time gifts and make 3-year commitments toward this goal. Our Finance Team will then discuss with the bank exactly how much we would need to borrow to complete the goal, and present this for the church to approve.

7. Is it wise for the church to go into debt given the state of the economy today?
In 2000, our church followed God’s leadership to build our Family Life Center and expand our land, for which we have now and enjoy! We raised $580,000, and took out a 20-year loan for $2,700,000. In 2007, our church launched the “Burn That Note” Campaign, where we obeyed God in raising $890,000 to completely pay off the FLC and land purchase. Our church paid off $2.7 million in eight years, to the glory of God. We feel confident that we would be able to pay back any debt we would accrue during this project as well.

8. What if we only raise part of the money? Our goal is to raise it all, but if we only raised part of the funds needed we could still start now by prioritizing which building we build first. However, our goal is to complete the entire project.

9. Why build now, since we still have empty seats in the worship service on Sunday morning? A) Church growth specialists tell churches that they are at capacity when their worship space is at 80%, at which time attendees are uncomfortable and are hesitant to return. However, this project does not target worship space, rather all of the areas that would support the current worship capacity. B) While we have room to grow in our worship service, our great need is children’s space and parking, both of which are vital to the overall growth of the church. We will not be able to fill up our worship service unless we address and expand these other areas.

10. How will the other buildings continue to be used? The youth will now have exclusive use of the bottom floor of the Education building. The elevator will allow access to each level by all ages. Minor updates will be made to continue using all of our available education space. With the addition of the new children’s building, the current children’s classrooms in the Family Life Center will be repurposed to accommodate other ministry needs.

11. How much should I give? You should pray and seek God’s guidance so that your gift should represent a meaningful and proportionate personal sacrifice above your regular tithing in accordance with your financial ability to give. If you are unable to make a large gift up front, you can spread your gift over time through our 3-year pledge card commitments. Completed pledge cards will be presented at Commitment Sunday.

12. How will this affect missions and other ministries? Giving to the capital campaign should be above your tithing to the local church. Because our church ministries are funded through the tithes of God’s people, this campaign should not affect our ability to provide excellent programming and ministries. This is a season of focus toward creating space that will allow us to reach more people for the Kingdom. We will have to sacrifice, individually, as a family, and as a church, to see this accomplished.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:
INFORMATION SUNDAY - MARCH 20
CAMPAIGN LAUNCH - APRIL 3
COMMITMENT DAY – MAY 1
CELEBRATION DAY – MAY 15