

November 22, 2015

Friends in Christ,

Today in worship we were able to announce that we have exceeded the benchmarks we set for the All Things Possible capital campaign.

In response to God's grace, 157 families and individuals pledged a total of \$2,050,160.25. Of that pledged amount we have already received \$1,055,832.75, which enables us to pay off all our mortgage debt immediately. The session has voted to pay it off and conduct a note-burning ceremony Sunday, December 6, at 10:35 a.m. in the Church Courtyard.

When we began this campaign, we pledged to keep Christ in the center of it. Christ is the Head of the church, and as we have tried to discern his will we feel we have been renewed in ways that go far beyond the monetary success of the campaign.

I want to take a moment here to thank the entire Campaign Leadership Team. Their hours and hours of faithful response to God's call were essential in leading us. I am blessed by their humble service, their dedication to Christ's church, and their effective leadership.

Campaign Co-Chairs - Ronald and Joyce Crutcher and Bruce and Jaclyn Tarkington
Campaign Coordinator - Anne Keener
Lead Gifts Co-Chairs - Dan and Joy Crunk and Fred and Susan Williams
Communication Team Co-Chairs - David Bell and Susan Burns
Prayer Team Co-Chairs - Fred and Sue Banner and Don Savage
Advance Commitments Co-Chairs - Steve and Laura Lewis and Sara Hinds
Youth and Children Co-Chairs - Chris and Jennifer Godwin and Vance and Jessica Lahey
Gratitude and Ministry Co-Chairs - Mark and Valerie Blackburn, J. Edward Campbell, and Clarke and Susan Oldham
Celebration Co-Chairs - Hunter and Lucy Battle, Rick and Nancy Moody
Connection Team Chairs - Terry and Tammy Love

Over 150 people served in some way either on one of the above teams or in other ways. Thank you to all of you. And thank you to every member of this congregation who answered the call to prayer to ask, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" We have seen this prayer answered in a profound way.

This is not the end of the campaign, but only the beginning of the renewal we are experiencing as we implement our goals and advance our ministry and mission in this place now and for generations to come.

Thanks be to God.

Peace,
Pastor Chris

