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Capital Campaign Newsletter

FOUNDATIONAL CAMPAIGN PRINCIPLES

As we consider and pray about our commitments for the *Ages to Ages campaign*, it is important that we focus on the three principles on which the campaign is based:

- **God is the owner of all** - *Psalm 24:1*
- **We are stewards of God's wealth, not owners** - *Matthew 25: 14-30*
- **We are blessed to bless others** - *Galatians 6:10*

To reach our financial goal will require our congregation to engage in sacrificial giving -- over and above current giving.

You also may decide to provide a gift of stock or personal property or real estate in addition to cash gifts. Regardless of your decision, please make it in accordance to using God's resources to make a stewardship investment so others might be blessed with the gospel message.



Thank You!!

Thank you for making the kickoff luncheon a resounding success! The campaign committee is prayerful that the rest of the campaign is just as fruitful. If you would like to see the 3-D walk through video again, or missed the luncheon, please visit our website and follow the link!

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Why Give?



From the very beginning of time, God has set things aside for Himself and His purposes. In the Garden of Eden, God set aside one tree with a “hands off” policy that showed God’s presiding over humanity. “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” (Genesis 2:16-17) Shortly afterward, Cain and Abel were asked to set aside an offering to the Lord.

Offering requests have been made of God’s people ever since.

The reason behind these requests is two-fold:

- to acknowledge, before God, your awareness of His ownership of -- and presiding over -- all that exists; and
- the acknowledgment of your own stewardship of God’s possessions and your dependence on His limitless provision.

It has been said that you cannot love without giving. It only stands to reason that if a person loves Jesus, he/she will have a personal need to give to His cause.

There are times in the midst of His cause when large projects, of one nature or another, come into play. These projects call for giving at a level unknown to many Christians. Such projects require a person to re-evaluate his/her use of God’s provision. At such times, we are often confronted with the understanding that we have not always used our blessings for kingdom growth, but rather for personal comforts.

Changing one’s lifestyle of giving is not always easy, yet we know that God, at times, has asked His people to undertake difficult projects. But, as each one submits and the power of God prevails, the task will be accomplished. We must remember that whatever God causes or allows to happen, He will also organize an effort to ensure its success.

In addition, He offers a series of promises. Read these scriptures:

- Malachi 3:8-10 Luke 6:38
- Matthew 6:33 II Corinthians 9:6-11

Pray about your commitment to the Ages to Ages campaign

Trust God to work in your life. Step out in faith. Only if God is in it can it ever be accomplished. Trust the Lord to the fullest.. Let His blessings of promise pour into your life. As they do, you will experience a new level of joy in your giving to our Ages to Ages campaign, not just for today but also for all of our “tomorrows!”

Youth to be involved in Ages to Ages Campaign

An important goal of the *Ages to Ages* campaign is for adults to model and teach Biblical stewardship to the youth in our congregation. It has been said, “If you teach youth about Biblical stewardship, you will change their lives forever.” As young people learn of the stewardship of time, talent and treasure, they will develop a deeper understanding of their relationship to God and themselves as His stewards.

In addition to stewardship lessons for the youth of the church, our plans call for the Junior-Senior High Youth Group to conduct a “Servathon” Program where they will assist members of the congregation with various chores. At the same time, our pre-K to 8th grade youth will conduct a “Change Can” program where they will collect change to be included in the campaign total.

Save the Date!

Commitment Sunday - November 9th

All Trinity Anglican Church families and friends who call Trinity “home” are encouraged to attend services on November 9 to participate in the collection of campaign commitments. This will be an historic day in the life of our congregation as we make decisions to help determine the future of our church in our community.

Questions & Answers

Q. How will the decision be made as to whether or not we can build the entire facility at one time?

A. **We will not know for certain how much we can build until after the completion of the Capital Campaign. Our parish Board of Directors is prayerfully prepared to finance up to \$2 million. The sum of the Capital Campaign and bank financing will allow the Board to make the final determination in terms of how much of the master plan can be accomplished in phase one.**

Currently, based on the readiness survey conducted by our consultant, Dickerson Bakker and Associates, we anticipate that the first phase will include a Fellowship Hall -- which can serve as a multipurpose facility for worship and fellowship -- and a Learning Center -- which can serve as a preschool during the week and as a Sunday School on weekends.

Q. Will there be a separate commitment times for the annual stewardship and capital campaign commitments?

A. **No. There will be one commitment card with the annual stewardship pledge information on one side of the card and the capital campaign information on the other side. There will be one commitment time during each worship service on November 9.**

Q. What is the length of financial commitments being sought?

A. **The capital campaign calls for three-year commitments. The reason for this is that most families can give more if they are given more time to plan their giving and to make decisions about changes they may wish to make in their life styles that would allow for increased giving.**

Q. If I want to give, do I have to make a three year commitment?

A. **No. For the campaign, you are really making a one-time commitment that is payable over three years. If you can make a generous commitment, as the Lord has blessed you, and you can fulfill this commitment in less than three years, that would be great. The key is that your commitment is the absolute best you can do as you have been blessed by God.**

Q. Who will know what I commit and give?

A. **The campaign treasurer, John Cronen, will be the only person who will know of your commitment and fulfillment of the commitment.**

Q. Is my commitment legally binding?

A. **Not in this world. This is not a contract that can be enforced in a court of law -- yet it is a promise, one God tells us should not be made lightly.**

Q. Won't this campaign have a negative effect on the general budget giving?

A. **It should not. Any commitments to the capital campaign should be over and above general budget giving. We will not take from the operating budget to fund the capital campaign; nor shall we support the general budget with capital campaign funds.**

Stewardship & Capital Campaign to Merge

During the fall of each year, we have had the opportunity to make pledges through our Annual Stewardship Program for the upcoming year's operating budget. We'll continue that tradition this year as part of our overall stewardship effort that includes our capital campaign.

On November 9 -- Commitment Sunday -- all members and regular attendees of Trinity Anglican Church will be asked to make two commitments.

- The first one will be the annual stewardship pledge which will be for the 2015 operating budget.
- The second will be an additional commitment for the Ages to Ages Faith / Family / Future capital campaign.

The capital campaign commitment will be for three years. You will receive one card on which you will be asked to make both commitments. The card will be turned in at the worship services on November 9.

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