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Capital Campaign Newsletter

THE CONGREGATION WILL BENEFIT FROM THE AGES TO AGES CAMPAIGN IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

First, our church seeks to honor God in obeying the two-fold direction of the great commission recorded in Matthew 28: 19-20, “Go and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all things I (Christ) have commanded you ...”

We obey this direction by faithfully preaching and teaching the Word of God, by providing mutual support in Christian fellowship, and by ministering to each other’s spiritual and physical needs. We believe God honors this obedience to His teaching. The construction of a new church will be a blessing to expand our current programming to reach more people for Christ – especially in our new neighborhood in southwest Bakersfield and beyond.

Second, we need to learn and apply Christian stewardship principles to our lives. We are only the stewards of God’s possessions. How we “use” God’s “gifts” is important. The Bible is clear that faithful stewardship to the Lord results in abundant blessings to the Christian. This stewardship training, challenge and resultant blessing may be the single most important benefit of the campaign to our families.

Third, we want to be a part of something meaningful, significant and miraculous for the Lord. Through the campaign, we have a unique opportunity to be used in greater service to the work of Christ. He has called us to carry out His will. Let us be faithful and diligent to accomplish what He has put before us.



Parishioners Respond

We are receiving wonderful stories from parishioners already – stories that describe how they are responding to Trinity’s Ages to Ages Capital Campaign.

Here are a couple of examples:

Early last spring, I was thinking about the cost of our new buildings for Trinity. I was feeling very stressed and wondered how MY giving could possibly make a dent in the building program. I remember asking the Lord to help me trust Him. The very next week, I received a call from Merrill Lynch. They said I had a small investment account in my name but had been unable to locate me – until now. It wasn’t a huge amount but in mid-four figures. I definitely saw the Lord in this process – providing for His church in is own inimitable way. He showed me His trustworthiness once again.

Recently I was stressed and felt burdened and worried when I considered my support of Trinity’s capital campaign. I could almost hear the Lord saying, “You aren’t doing this on your own! Just do your part, be faithful to do what I tell you to do – and I shall enlarge your giving by My grace and power. Your brothers and sisters in My church will do the same. A major burden was lifted off my shoulders. At the same time, what I REALLY wanted to do was some remodeling in our home. I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me that my giving will be sacrificial – and that I need to reorder my priorities. So our remodeling project was deferred. I feel much better now – especially in trusting Him to provide.

Was deferring a remodeling project wrong? Not at all! It is one very good place to start in determining your commitment.

Other examples and opportunities are found when you ask these questions:

- What do you currently spend money on regularly that you could do without, i.e. don’t eat out as much, reduce amount spent on clothing or jewelry, skip a vacation, etc.
- Some who traditionally buy a new car every two-three years have skipped a car buying cycle and applied those funds toward campaigns.
- What can you do without that could help bring someone to Christ?

And, then take a “step of faith” and add to that amount what you trust the Lord to provide for you over the next three years. Those two figures combined make up your commitment.

May the Lord bless you as you seek His guidance with your commitment decision.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12: 34

Commitment Sunday - November 9th

PLAN TO ATTEND SERVICES

All families who call Trinity Anglican Church “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 that will help determine the future of our church.

Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Commitment

As each family considers its commitment for *Ages to Ages*, it is important to understand that the campaign does not call for the same amount to be given by any two families. Yet it does encourage the same *quality* of commitment.

While no one can define commitment for another person, we do know that if one is truly committed to a task, the financial involvement will be more than token. A commitment involving the true understanding of stewardship -- and the desire to share Christ with as many as possible -- is a gift of love to your fellow man and a showing of appreciation for all Christ has done for each of us.

Trinity Anglican Church has tremendous potential as a conduit to reach lost souls; however, that potential will be reached only as each of us determines in our hearts that reaching the lost is a goal worthy of personal financial sacrifice. The financial decisions of the congregation in this campaign will determine future ministry for years to come.

These decisions should be made prayerfully. The following questions will help each family in deciding what God would have them give:

1. Is our commitment determined through prayer?
2. Is our commitment sacrificial?
3. Does our commitment include an element of faith?
4. Does our commitment reflect the way God has blessed us?

To illustrate how commitments “grow” over a three-year period, the following chart has been prepared. Do not feel bound by this chart – it is intended only to give you a visual example of how committed weekly giving can grow over a three-year period.

COMMITMENT GROWTH OVER THREE YEARS

WEEKLY	ANNUALLY	TOTAL (3 YEARS)
\$ 5	\$ 260	\$ 780
10	520	1,560
15	780	2,340
20	1,040	3,100
25	1,300	3,900
35	1,820	5,460
50	2,600	7,800
60	3,120	9,360
75	3,900	11,700
100	5,200	15,600
125	6,500	19,500
150	7,800	23,400
200	10,400	31,200

COMMITMENT CARDS & INSTRUCTIONS TO BE MAILED

The commitment card for both the *Ages to Ages* campaign and our Annual Stewardship Program . Instructions of how to complete the information for both programs will be mailed to you during the week of November 2. You will be asked to prayerfully make your decision about both programs, insert the card in the envelope provided, and bring the envelope to worship service on Sunday, November 9.

“Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Outreach”

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