

### Overview:

Just a year and a half ago, we moved into our brand new church home. It has been a wonderful blessing and tool for our ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We've experienced steady growth in attendance and outreach to our neighbors and the facility has been an effective home base for our ministry work. At the end of 2012, we will conclude the *Beyond the Walls* capital campaign which made it possible for us to construct and begin using the building (and add more parking!).

Many great things have happened in the past three years. Because you prayed, worked and gave, a building was designed and built that is nothing short of miraculous! Now it is time to begin the second campaign which will enable us pay down the mortgage. This next campaign is just as important as the first, as it clears debt and helps us meet the needs and challenges that growth brings. This will enable us to remain strong in ministry, meet our financial obligations, and be able to respond to growth.

### Our Purpose and Mission:

*To Grow in Christ, becoming like Him* is the mission of Lighthouse Church (Romans 12:1-2, Eph 4:14-16, Colossians 2:6). God's purpose for our church is to help people: **Receive** Christ as Savior and Lord, **Respond** in meaningful worship, **Renew** and transform our minds and lives under the power of the Holy Spirit, and **Release** the mercy, new life, and gifts that growing in Christ brings.

### Our Process

The campaign planning process begins in August with a congregational survey of Lighthouse members and friends. These surveys and interviews help the whole congregation participate, inform, and prepare so we can have the best result possible. The goal is to have a fall stewardship campaign with dedication Sunday on December 2, 2012.

We also strive to grow our church's stewardship ministry so that we truly build a culture of generosity for our people. Our goal is to honor God with our wealth and live out the call to be good stewards of the resources with which God has blessed us.

### The Financial Considerations

Currently, we owe approximately \$2.2 million on our mortgage. We need to raise a minimum of \$460,000 to enable us to meet our basic obligations to the bank over the next three years. However, our strong preference would be to pay down our debt much more quickly. *Gifts to a capital campaign would be over and above regular giving.*

### The Importance of this Campaign

We are certain that we made the right decision three years ago to step out in faith and build our new ministry facility. Now, we feel it is imperative for us to enter phase two of our capital campaign so that we can continue to eliminate our debt and put our congregation into the position to more effectively minister the Gospel.