



A Capital Campaign Stimulus

Today the word 'stimulus' is thrown around an awful lot, but what is it? From an economic standpoint, a stimulus is nothing more than a financial boost. Opinions differ as to the effectiveness of such things, but one must admit that receiving a little extra does create a small sigh of relief. It is with this aspect of relief in mind that I would like to consider our very own Capital Campaign.

This campaign came rolling in with a fury, and now is on its way out. And, even though so much hard work has gone into informing each member, you may still feel slightly apprehensive towards its purpose. If so, please consider the following information as a stimulus – i.e. a motivation or a sigh of relief – that this campaign has in mind the best interest of our congregation.

In working with the youth of our church, it is obvious to me that there is a real need for new and more efficient facilities. Our middle school has long outgrown their classroom, and the current conditions of both teen rooms lack the appeal and sophistication of 21st century teenagers. What's more, the younger KICS group brings the promise of even more youth group members in years to come.

I suppose, then, one can make the observation that if we don't improve our facilities now, we should be fearful of what resources are left for our younger generation. Yet the more telling question is who will be here to use those resources if we do not ensure that our younger generation is given a proper environment to grow in their relationship with God?

Our stimulus, to provide for our younger members, is both a motivation and responsibility. Moreover it is an investment that none of us can afford to miss out on. As you search your heart for a gift, please remember that our little ones are counting on us.

Isaiah 54.13 All your sons will be taught by the LORD, and great will be your children's peace.

Dustin Abbott



MEETING CHALLENGES, ACHIEVING GOALS

Since our retirement in 2001, Myrion and I have experienced the accomplishment of a major goal in our life, a goal that required of us a commitment to work, save, and sacrifice for our dream. Our goal was to see this great country from shore to shore and from the northern border to the southern border.

Prior to our retirement, while raising our family during the more difficult years, we accomplished many goals with God's help. We were able to help our two children realize their goal of earning a college education. Now they are grown and have children of their own and are experiencing many of the same challenges we did. We are very proud of them and we thank God for blessing us with the privilege of being their parents.

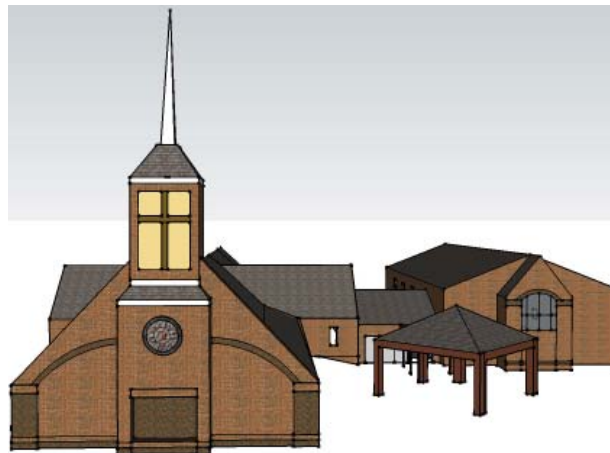
During the years of preparing to accomplish our goals, there were many challenges to stay on track. As we look back, we know God was with us and blessed us throughout these times in our lives. Challenge is the key word to any important endeavor in life. What does the word challenge mean? Let's look at the dictionary definition.

Challenge - 1.) An instigation or antagonization intended to convince a person to perform an action they otherwise would not. 2) A difficult task, especially one that the person making the attempt finds more enjoyable because of that difficulty.

Personally, I like the last definition because if it was easy, where then is the challenge? I may differ with the word enjoyable. Challenges are not always enjoyable. In those difficult times, I had to "discipline" myself to complete goals whether in work or in our family. God promises He will be there to give me the strength, direction, and the will to complete the challenge.

Our Stewardship Campaign is requiring of us a challenge. As we meet our challenges, we will receive blessings from God and He will be glorified as precious souls are brought to our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray to God and He will be there as you reach out to decide on your commitment. May God bless you and your family.

Bill Underwood



Thoughts From the Elders

SETTING UP A PILLAR OF GIVING

God is the greatest giver of all! He gave His only begotten Son. (John 3:16)

All that God has richly given us belongs to HIM. We should be mindful of God's generosity, for Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 6: 9 that "God loveth a cheerful giver." Therefore, we have this example of His willingness to sacrifice

Let us be prayerful concerning His favor toward our nation, as we recover from the economic crisis, but let us search our hearts and give according to the prosperity that we enjoy in Christ. God has kept His promises that "He will provide". As we give to support the work of the Church, please know that God has the power to use us as instruments of giving and at the same time increase our resources to encourage the work here at Lake Harbour Drive.

Marion Freeman, Sr.



Setting up a Pillar of Sacrifice

We are coming to the end of our campaign and I want to let you know how much I appreciate each one of you for the efforts you have put forth for the church and God. You all have made great sacrifices in your efforts. Your support for this campaign has not gone unnoticed.

When you start out with five people, just turn around, and there are many willing to help in any way asked, that is so encouraging to us as elders. Just imagine what God thinks about it! With everyone working together we can accomplish many things. Again, I say thank you!

Now that the campaign is coming to an end the real sacrifices begin, not that you aren't sacrificing already. It will require your time, monetary gifts, and a positive mind set. Why should we sacrifice? Throughout the scriptures sacrifice is commanded and given by many. We must make joint sacrifices and personal sacrifices. God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7) Let us not forget the poor widow in Mark 12:43-44, for she gave all she had.

We must never stop loving God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength. (Mark 12:30) Again I want to thank you for your encouragement, your support, and your sacrifice.

Tony Wilburn

Setting Up a Pillar of Service

As we are coming to a close on our Capital Campaign, the Lord has been good to us at Lake Harbour. When my family and I placed our workmanship here at Lake Harbour 7 years ago, we felt that the congregation here was a loving, caring church and one that helped spread the gospel to every creature. The reason my family and I support the Capital Campaign is because we believe the proposed construction plan that has been laid out is needed.

As we make sacrifice to God, it is stated in Luke 1:37, "... with God nothing will be impossible." Lifestyle Stewardship is a term used to describe a level of giving that affects one's living. The challenge of Lifestyle Stewardship is to find ways, boldly and prayerfully, to let your giving touch your living! King David declared, "I will not sacrifice to the Lord, my God, burnt offerings that cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)

Finally, as you consider your financial commitment to the Lord's works, first and foremost make prayer your priority. Pray individually and collectively that God will lead us to success and that with that success He will lead us to new opportunities to serve Him more effectively within our church family, our community, and through our mission efforts.

May the Lord Bless You,
Trayon George, Sr.

