



Pursuing His Plan

*For I know the plans I have for you...
plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11*

CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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A Word from Pastor

Dear members of Zion,

Our exciting campaign, "Pursuing His Plan," has begun. As members of Zion, we have manifold challenges and opportunities ahead of us. God calls on us not to be fearful about our future, but to move forward in faith and joy—because we serve a wondrous God. He invites us to be a part of the care, and possibly the enhancement, of our physical plant that will enable us to serve Him better and boldly, now and in the future. This campaign is an opportunity for each of us to challenge ourselves, to examine the gifts God has given us, and to be open to all the ways God would have us use our gifts from Him. I encourage you to participate in all of the aspects of this stewardship campaign: use the activities to thank God, and listen to His Word as it speaks to you. Times are always uncertain, for we are frail. But God is not. And He calls us, as citizens of His kingdom, to be a part of His plan, saying to each and to all of us: **"For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11.**

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kinast

Our Plan

The main focus of our upcoming capital stewardship campaign is to help us grow as stewards of what Christ has given us in terms of our time, talents, and treasures. We will specifically be looking at raising funds to support the following remodeling and expansion efforts for our facility:

- Providing space for HVAC in the sanctuary and basement
- Expanding the facility to the west for the fellowship hall and LSF space
- Leveling the floor to allow overflow seating for the sanctuary when needed
- Shelling in a second floor
- Estimated costs for the above: \$1,072,000

Before we can accomplish any of the above efforts, we must first concentrate on replacing our current electrical service. This is for safety reasons and will be able to support all future remodeling and expansion efforts. By God's grace we, as a congregation, already have enough assets to cover the cost of the electrical service replacement which will total approximately \$110,770, and so we look forward to beginning those renovations soon.

Zion's planning committee has also identified future remodeling and expansion goals that will be accomplished as the Lord blesses us through future sacrificial giving. Those plans include:

- Remodeling the basement
- Adding a kitchen and toilet
- Expanding the east gathering area
- Expanding the sanctuary to the north
- Finishing the second floor with an access stairway

We will strive to accomplish these goals as soon as possible, with the help of God and our congregation.

Our Leadership Team

We have already had a number of our members enthusiastically respond to the call for their time, talent, and treasures to serve as members of our Campaign's Leadership Team. They include:

Campaign Director- Mark Sisco

Campaign Coordinator- Terri Hollarn

Campaign Communicator- Joanna Wescoatt

Awareness Directors- John and Andrea Arstingstall

Prayer Director- Dot Kulling

Telephone/Hosting Directors- Jean Heister and Stacy Boehler-Primeaux

Initial Commitments Director- Elizabeth Whitfield

Youth Director- Simon Ringsmuth

Commitment Celebration Director-Ann Hentges

Children's Emphasis Director- Susan Keeler

Commitment Follow-Up Directors-Ginny Benson and Sean Herring

College Student Director- Emily Hollarn

Fulfillment Director- Darrel Kletke

Throughout the campaign they may be reaching out to some of you to ask for assistance in accomplishing our goals. We hope that you would consider participating, and at the very least maintain these people in your prayers over the next few months as they complete their assignments.

Upcoming Events and Gatherings

Our leaders in this capital stewardship journey have carefully planned a series of activities and events to better inform us. One of the soonest approaching is that of **Awareness Sunday** (February 12th). The purpose of Awareness Sunday is to provide more information regarding the purpose of the campaign as well as what we are looking to accomplish in regards to our ministry and facilities. There will be Awareness packets distributed during the worship service. For those unable to attend, they will be receiving the packets through the mail, along with a follow-up call to confirm that they have received the packets.

Some of the other upcoming events for all of us to attend include:

- **Journey Sundays** (will include special Sermons, Bible Studies, etc)- The first Adult Bible study will begin February 12th and will continue through March 11th. The first special Sermon will begin Sunday, February 19th and continue through March 11th.
- **Prayer Vigil**- Saturday, March 3rd from 8-2 (watch out for more information!)
- **Initial Commitments Event**- (for those who wish to be leaders/pace setters) Thursday, March 8th at 6:30.
- **Commitment Celebration**- Sunday, March 25th
- **Commitment Dedication Service**- Sunday, April 1st
- **First Fruits Service**- Sunday, April 8th

Look for more information as each date approaches. We hope you will join us for these exciting and inspirational events!