



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Our capital campaign, *Moving Our Mission Forward*, seeks to raise gifts and three-year commitments that are over and above our regular tithes and offerings.

WHY ARE WE IN A CAMPAIGN?

We are raising funds to pay off our indebtedness, which began when insufficient funds were raised to cover the construction of the Fellowship Hall and Chapel; thus, the loan originated in 2012 for ~\$4.77 million. In 2015, the total replacement of HVAC system added another ~\$3 million, along with costs of ongoing, necessary capital projects. In the years since 2012, all the debt has been paid off except for ~\$3 million, our current debt.

WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT PAYMENTS ON THE DEBT?

Presently, we pay \$30,000 each month (\$360,000 each year) from our operating budget just to service our debt. Without any changes, when the loan matures on December 15, 2026, the remaining balance of ~\$1.77 million will have to be refinanced, most certainly at a higher interest rate.

The alternative is to act decisively now and raise funds to pay off the debt within the next three years, before our loan is refinanced at a higher interest rate (up from 4.5% to as high as ~7.5%).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PAYING OFF THE DEBT?

Once we become debt-free, the lion's share of the money that would have gone to servicing the loan can be redirected into expanded ministries and missions, as well as being able to maintain and enhance our campus. Ultimately, it's all about putting our church in the best possible position to maximize our potential for reaching people for Jesus.

WHO ARE THE CAMPAIGN LEADERS?

Alex Griffin is the campaign's Steering Committee Chairman and Gail Timmerman is the Campaign Manager.

Steering Committee Team Leaders are the following members: Sarah McNair (Administrative); Hugh Hollar (Advance Commitment); Samantha Delappe (Children); Kate Dunaway Sanders (Communication); Margie Miller (Gatherings); Nan Daniel (Major Event); J. Ben Deal (Major Gifts); Laurel Landon (Spiritual Emphasis); and Christopher Messer (Students).

Frequently Asked Questions (cont'd)

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

To determine the amount and method of your gift, pray about it and respond to the Holy Spirit's leading. You may give a gift now or make a commitment to give over a three-year period.

WILL MY GIFT BE CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Every gift and commitment will be confidential. Your completed commitment card will be placed in a privacy envelope which will only be opened by the church's Finance Office.

WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS ARE GIVEN?

Cash is the most common gift. You may also give stocks, mutual fund shares, real estate, personal property and life insurance policies. Only you can decide how best to give the commitment that God has led you to make. The church's gift acceptance policy will apply to all non-cash gifts.

WHEN WILL I MAKE MY COMMITMENT?

The congregation will bring their commitment cards to church on Palm Sunday, March 24th, but if you wish to make your commitment in advance, please contact the church office.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Pray, pray, pray. *Moving Our Mission Forward* also requires hands, feet, and voices, and many hands make light work. Plus, the more involved we all become in our campaign, the greater our results will be.

If you haven't been asked to help, contact Gail Timmerman, Campaign Manager, at capitalcampaign@fbcaugusta.org, and she will help you find what works best for you.

WHAT IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

You may contact any of the campaign's steering committee members listed above at capitalcampaign@fbcaugusta.org.