

Capital Campaign Newsletter

Greater Liberty Baptist Church

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Message from Pastor

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. What an exciting time in the life of Greater Liberty! We were informed in the past few weeks that we have attained 52% of our goal toward taking the first steps in the process of breaking ground on the Greater Liberty Family Life Center. I would like to commend you on your continued faithfulness. I have discovered that Our Lord honors faithfulness when we trust Him as we give. Many of you are making the sacrifice in consistent giving. Romans 4:17(b) states: "and calleth forth those things that are not as though they were." This is my mantra as we build together for the glory of God.

I would ask that you continue to submit suggestions to the Capital Campaign Committee. Please remember, as believers in Christ, the Holy Spirit is alive dwelling in you as well.

Some of the most anointed ideas rest in you the membership. Many of the initiatives (*) that you suggested have borne much fruit. What is refreshing is they do not require additional expenditures on your part; in most instances the church is receiving rebates/funds because of purchases that we are making already.

I know that many of you have pledged and our Lord has enabled you to fulfill your pledge commitment. Please be aware that we are receiving donations from non-members who have partnered with us. While they have no financial obligations, they believe in us and what we are trying to do for the glory of God. We mentioned several months ago that we are 501c3 compliant. What does this mean as it relates to charitable contributions? It means that our financial business practices are consistent with Generally Accepted

Accounting Principles. If an organization wants to donate to the Capital Campaign, that organization can be assured that our record keeping and methods of operation and accountability are beyond reproach and meet or exceed what is required by Ohio state and federal law. We are always looking at ways to maximize your contributions and make it easier for you to give. You may hear more about this in the future.

Many of you have asked what will take place in the family life center. Certainly it will make it easier for us to fellowship and engage with one another in a single room and not on opposite sides of the Greater Liberty edifice. It will offer a sports venue for our young people and seniors to enhance the physical bodies the Lord has loaned us to live. In addition, this facility will be unlike any other in the Madisonville / Kennedy Heights area. This Family Life

Center, though owned, operated and managed solely by Greater Liberty, will afford us the opportunity to make it available for community, civic and other functions by our sister churches in the area. As we propose it to be multi-purpose, the opportunities are endless.

I would remind you that it is not too late to pledge. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Capital Campaign Committee who has worked tirelessly on this effort. Please remember that your contribution matters. The Apostle Paul records in I Corinthians 3:6 "one planteth, one watereth, but God giveth the increase." May our Lord continue to bless you and your family as we "Build on the Rock".

*Yours in Christ,
Herbert E. Mabry*

(*) Trash to Treasure
Kroger Rewards
Pack the Pew
Remke/Biggs Rewards
Old cell phone Initiative
Classical Roots
Got Coins



Vision and Purpose

Close your eyes for a moment and imagine sitting in a well furnished, comfortable space that is just the right temperature – not too hot, not too cold. And imagine that this place is literally a stone's throw away, less than thirty seconds, just right down the hallway. Imagine that this place is Greater Liberty's Family Life Center.

If you listen closely, you can hear the sound of kids laughing, with their families and the community cheering them on. It's the community youth basketball league. A positive outlet for young people that not only provides them the opportunity to get off of the streets, but it also provides them the opportunity to get into the church.

But, it doesn't only have to be organized sports. It could just be open gym time. There is a jump rope slapping against the hardwood, a basketball swooshing through the net, and ball bouncing between players of a four square game.

On Sunday mornings, we focus on our spiritual health. But, what about our physical health? How about, on Saturdays, we get together for a fitness class? Zumba, aerobics, yoga... Maybe even a boot camp if we're feeling ambitious. Can you feel the burn? With so much creative talent in the church, and community as a whole, all the singing and dancing, the wonderful artists, why don't we put on a theater production? The Family Life Center has a stage waiting to witness a standing ovation.

Parents, would you like a night out without your kids? Would you like to fellowship with other parents, hear speakers on topics of interest and importance to you? Not only could we have a night just for you in the Family Life Center, but the night could include good food. That's right – the center comes equipped with a kitchen. But, we don't always have to leave the kids out. How about a family game night? Movie nights with popcorn? And, we already have a popcorn machine!

One of the best parts is that the Family Life Center is not just for us at Greater Liberty. Organizations and other churches in the community could use the center. Think of the amazing relationships that could be developed and strengthened between us and different organizations across the community. The blessing of the center will have a ripple effect that blesses people far beyond our own walls.

The Family Life Center can, and will, live up to its name. It will be full of family and life. It will be a nucleus, a center, in our community. A place where God is ever present, where the community gathers, where lives are enhanced and changed. The possibilities are endless. Imagine what God can do with your vision, with your faith, and with your effort. The vision in your mind's eye is not even a small glimpse of what God is capable of doing.

Inside the Numbers

As we hit the early-part of 2015, it is incumbent upon us and prudent for us to ask **“How Are We Doing?”** with our capital campaign pledges and supplemental projects. Here is a breakdown of the numbers:

- **2012 - \$92,751.01**
- **2013 - \$84,033.16**
- **2014 - \$73,098.65**

- **Pledges, donations and Got Coins, etc., through March 22, 2015 - \$11,970.42**

- **Trash to Treasure 2015 \$363.77**

- **Got Coins - \$323.00**

Remember, pledge cards are located on the table in the vestibule. It's never too late to pledge. Member pledges are the backbone of our capital fundraising effort. And, as pledging members, **you** are its heart and soul. We can't thank and praise you enough, GLBC! Keep up the great work!

Questions?...we want to hear from you! If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We would like to thank those members who have submitted both fundraising projects and suggestions. Some of these have already been implemented or are in development. Please continue to submit your ideas and questions as they help the focus of our efforts.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Capital Campaign 5th Sunday Sing

Come join us for an afternoon of praise and worship as we welcome the GMWA Cincinnati Chapter Choir in concert on Sunday, March 29th at 3:30pm. Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, May 31st at 3:30pm when the Male Chorus of First Baptist Church Oakley will be guest singers. We encourage you

Building on the Rock Walk-a-Thon



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25th as we once again put on our walking shoes for the 2015 Building on the Rock Walk-a-Thon! We had an awesome turnout in 2014 and hoping for the same next month! So bring a friend, form a team, it doesn't matter how you decide to do it, as Nike would say, "Just Do It" and have let's have some fun!! Sign-ups will kick-off on Sunday, March 22nd.

Kroger Community Rewards Program



The Kroger Community Rewards Program provides an opportunity for our congregation to earn money for the capital campaign while doing our weekly grocery shopping. Each quarter we will receive a check based on our percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Reward organizations. Based on our spending during the last quarter, we earned \$599.17 for Building on the Rock.

We currently have 122 households enrolled in the program and our goal is to increase that number. We can accomplish that goal by enrolling our members who have not previously enrolled, and by asking our family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to support our fundraising efforts. During the month of April, per Kroger's requirement, everyone has to reenroll in the program and select GLBC as their charity. Also, this will be an opportune time to solicit

the support of friends and family. The attached flyer, which can be shared with others, explains the process of first time registration and reenrollment. Once again, someone will be available after each service on April 19th and April 26th to assist you.

Questions? Please see Sheila Johnson or Montroué Miles. Thank you for your continued support!

Trash to Treasure Recycling Program



Every third Saturday of the month from 8am-10am. You may also bring your cans each Sunday morning. Contact Charles Able at 659-8699 or Calvin Peeples at 793-0145 with questions.

Did You Know

- The goal for the Building on the Rock capital campaign is \$500,000.
- The first pledge period was April - December, 2012. Subsequent pledge periods will begin in January and end in December. We will have yearly pledge periods until we reach our goal.
- There is not a minimum pledge amount. You should give according to how God has inspired you to give. Exodus 35:21-24
- Pledge cards are available in the vestibule. After filling out the card, please put it in the box which is on the table. The pledge process is a useful tool as it helps us anticipate how much money we will collect.
- Funds collected for the Benevolent Fund, Scholarship Fund, Building on the Rock and the former Catch the Vision capital campaign, are not included in our general operating account. They are separated and not used for our monthly expenses.
- Contributions made via your envelopes to Building on the Rock, tithes and offerings are tax deductible and will be included on the end of the year statement you receive. We cannot keep a record of the amount of coins deposited in the jars.
- You can include your pledge in your regular offering envelope. Be sure to write the amount you wish to go towards your pledge. Write the amount on the line marked "Building on the Rock".
- You may write one check to cover your tithes, offerings and pledge. Simply follow the procedure outlined above and denote the amount for each category on your offering envelope.

Do you have additional questions, comments or feedback? If so, please contact a member of the Capital Campaign Committee: Barbara Evans, Dennis Matthews, Montroue Miles, Calvin Peeples, Shannon Solomon (Chairperson), Deborah Forbes-Robertson, Shirley Thompson, and Genevieve Wilson

