

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty God,

We give thanks for all Your great gifts to us. You have called us to be Your people and to share the Gospel of Christ. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may be empowered to share in the work of Your kingdom. Grant us the gift of giving so that Your people may boldly step forward in faith as Your ministry of worship, witness, discipleship, and service continues to grow. May Your kingdom come and Your will be done through us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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Dear Members and Friends,

The season of Epiphany begins January 6. It's a day when we remember how Jesus became known to the three wise men (or "magi") who came from a distant land. It was the first time that people outside the Jewish faith came to know Jesus as Lord. Almost 2,000 years have passed. Many have yet to know Jesus as Lord. The call to make Christ known continues.

Over the past few years, we have been watching consistent growth within our congregation, not only in numbers but also in depth of faith. We have seen breakthroughs in areas of missions and discipleship. We have gone beyond our maximum capacity at V.B.S. We have watched the numbers of children at children's sermons grow.

Our leadership has been praying for God's guidance as we look to the future. We made use of a feasibility study to listen to our members. On September 9, we voted as a congregation to investigate the possibility of purchasing land. On October 14, we voted to extend an offer on a piece of land. We also voted to enter into a contract with Kirby-Smith Associates to help us raise funds. Our offer to purchase the land is currently under contract, scheduled to close January 15.

In the last few weeks, a planning group of people in our congregation has been working hard to develop our fundraising campaign. We have begun to plan many exciting events. We have chosen the theme ***"Building on Faith – Trusting what God will do."***

As we enter into the weeks and months to come, I hope you will be able to find a meaningful way to be a part of this new chapter. We're in this together. Everyone's participation matters, whether you consider your ability to participate "large" or "small".

And so, I invite you to join with me and the rest of our congregation in doing three things:

- 1** Join us in praying for God's continued blessing and guidance as we embark on this great undertaking.
- 2** Be a part of this project as it kicks into gear in the New Year and builds momentum towards our Kick-off Event and Commitment Sunday in Lent. (You will receive an invitation in the mail.)
- 3** Please give prayerful consideration to how God might be calling you to support this venture. (You'll be receiving more information on the pledging process in the near future.)

God is good. We have been seeing his hand at work within our midst. I look forward to walking with you in the days and years to come, guided by His Spirit.

Together in God's grace!

Pastor John

