



Capital Stewardship Campaign

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Greetings all – And now our journey on the Grateful Hearts capital campaign begins. Thanks to all of you for your welcome and support during the consecration services on October 12th. I realize that there is some concern about beginning a campaign like this during times of economic uncertainty. I would offer you several thoughts:

The US Army's General George Patton had a famous saying that went something like "Take not the counsel of your fears." George Patton, despite his faults, was a believing and practicing Christian. His inspiration for this statement probably came from Luke's Gospel. In Luke, Chapter 12, Jesus says to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Second, in difficult times, the church needs to be a strong and comforting place. To fulfill our ministry, we need to expand. This is not to say we will wantonly push forth with unsustainable plans, but rather make a conscious and concerted effort to find the right balance of needs and affordability. The Building Committee is working hard to achieve that balance, and you will hear more from them in the coming weeks. Ephesians Chapter 6, Verse 10 says "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Lastly, I ask you to consider your lives in the church and how often God has provided for you when times looked bleak. God rewards our faithful stewardship by ensuring that we always have enough. If you have concerns, suggestions, or you'd simply like to find out how to serve in the campaign, please contact one of the committee or a member of the church board.

In Christ,

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