



Capital Campaign Questions & Answers

1. What is the Capital Campaign's purpose and how is it different from our Annual Stewardship?

The **Join the Vision** Capital Campaign's purpose is to raise necessary funding to support Calvary's mortgage payments for our 2015 building project. We are encouraging a three year commitment to the Capital Campaign, which is in addition to your support of the Annual Stewardship. The Annual Stewardship is a one year commitment and funds Calvary's normal operating expenses including: missions and ministries, salaries and benefits, insurance, office supplies, utilities and building maintenance. Gifts to the Capital Campaign go directly into the Building Fund to reduce our current mortgage of \$2.1 million. **There is not a gift too little to help!**

2. When does our last campaign end and the new one begin?

Members are asked to complete their payments from our last campaign, if they have not already, before the end of 2017. We will then ask members to begin new pledges and payments in February 2018. It is important to continue the momentum in order for us to make monthly payments and reduce the principal on our mortgage.

3. Does our church support moving forward with another Capital Campaign to continue paying monthly payments and principal on our mortgage?

Calvary recently enlisted Mark Davy & Associates, a fundraising consulting firm, to conduct a feasibility study. All members were asked to participate through interviews and surveys. The firm compiled results and applied their professional experience to determine that our congregation has the capacity to complete a successful campaign. The study found that many are willing to volunteer and **85% of participants** would make, or would consider making, a gift to a capital campaign, indicating broad congregational support.

4. Why do we need a Capital Campaign to make our mortgage payments?

The principal and interest payment on our debt is as inescapable as a home mortgage. The building project that was completed was well worth the effort. We now have a beautiful facility that supports many ministries which change and enrich the faith lives of members and guests. Reducing and eventually eliminating our debt will free up funding for ministries, outreach and future facility projects.

5. What is the Capital Campaign goal and what will be accomplished when we reach that goal?

Our current mortgage is approximately \$2.1 million. In order to sustain our monthly mortgage payments, Calvary needs to raise a minimum of \$437,184 over the next three years (2018-2020). It is our hope to raise much more in order to greatly reduce the loan principal. The **Join the Vision** Capital Campaign has a minimum goal of \$750,000. We estimate that achieving the goal of \$750,000 will reduce our mortgage PRINCIPLE \$312,816. Achieving this goal will take years off our mortgage! How many years? That will depend upon how much we raise and how quickly we apply it.

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6. Who will be asked to participate in this effort?

Each Calvary member will be sent the same information and every household will be asked to participate through giving. “Not equal gifts, but equal commitment,” is the philosophy that best describes this effort. Not everyone can make the same size gift, but every gift helps us achieve our goal.

7. If mortgage reduction isn't important to me personally, why should I support a Capital Campaign?

Your prayers are so important and know that your church is helping many know the Lord. It is estimated that an average of over 700 people travel through our church in a week. If we have a funeral or a wedding this increases significantly. Your support provides Sunday School space as well as quilting, confirmation and community groups like AA. Your gift provides support and encouragement for all who are blessed by our mission. Your gift insures that the younger generation will not be burdened by building debt. Your gift counts!

Calvary serves as a “conduit” or extension of our individual faith life. As members, we are part of an extended family which is called upon to actively support an array of worship, education, social outreach, fellowship programs and activities. As a family member each of us provides visible and tangible support and encouragement for all needs within the family, not just those that are important to us. This building is a gift we can give to those who come after us.

8. How can I learn more about the Capital Campaign?

Information regarding the Join the Vision Capital Campaign will be distributed throughout the next few months in the form of mail, e-mail, social media, etc. We will also be conducting various gatherings for members to learn and ask questions.

9. Can I volunteer to help?

Absolutely! Campaigns are successful because members are willing to pitch in to accomplish the objectives. For information on the many ways you can get involved, please contact the church office at 218-732-7284.