

HighPoint Church

2009 Capital Funds Campaign



It is hard for me to imagine that nearly twelve years have passed since Jenelle and I accepted the call to move to Lake Wales and assume the Senior Pastor's position here. God has done so much since then. Who would have imagined in May of 1997, with less than 100 people and less than \$20.00 in the bank, that twelve years later we would be meeting in brand new facilities as a part of a growing church where over 600 people worship on a weekly basis?

However, the growth at HighPoint Church hasn't just been numerical. We have grown in other ways that are just as important. Today there are people in leadership of this church who were just new to faith or not even saved twelve ago. Today more people than ever before are serving in the various ministries of our congregation. Right now more people are faithfully supporting HPC financially than we have ever had before. For all this I say, "Thank you," and "Praise the Lord!!"

All this growth and blessing has brought us to the point where, last year, we were able to realize a five year dream and expand our facilities. Our new facilities have made room for more people but, they have also allowed us to reach out to our community in dozens of new and creative ways. We have hosted the Lake Wales Arts Council, Circle of Friends Ministries, Lake Wales Thanksgiving Unity Service, and the Literacy Council Christmas Banquet. We have also been able to begin many new and creative ongoing ministries like, Missions Café, Basketball and Volleyball leagues, etc.

Our new facility and the remodel of our old one provided us with an attractive and functional space at a very reasonable cost. It is in use seven days a week for worship, teaching, conferences, athletic leagues, and more.

That was our dream and God has helped us to realize it. Now, we feel called to **Live the Dream**. By that I mean that I believe we are now uniquely positioned to have an incredible, exponential impact on Lake Wales, east Polk County, and even the world. God has allowed us to build this building and come to this point. We have realized a dream. But, just like new parents that have to raise a child once it is given to them, we have a call to live out the dream, to maximize all the new potential we have now been given.

For that reason, we are launching this Capital Campaign and asking you to help us **Live the Dream**. During this spring, I am hopeful that each one of you who consider HPC your home will prayerfully consider what you can give financially to help pay off these facilities and free up resources to be used in bigger ways in the years to come.

God Bless You, Pastor Jack Hilligoss

OUR LIVE THE DREAM GOALS



If we raise \$650,000 . . .

We will be able to service debt on our new facilities for the next three years and pay down debt by an extra \$100,000 without touching operational money.

If we raise \$1,000,000 . . .

We could service our debt and pay it down by an additional \$500,000 in the next three years.

If we raise \$1,500,000 . . .

We could service debt and reduce it by an extra \$1 million leaving us with very small debt.

If we raise \$2,000,000 . . .

We could very nearly retire all our debt in three years and free up huge resources for ministry.

LIVE THE DREAM OFFERING DAY: April 12, 2009

4 Essentials Needed To Reach Our Goals:

- 1. We must believe it CAN be done!** Jesus said, "*According to your faith it will be done!*"
- 2. We must involve EVERY FAMILY in our church!** It will take all of us working, praying, and committing together. The challenge is too great for only a few to carry.
- 3. We must each be WILLING TO SACRIFICE.** Nothing great is ever done without sacrifice. Your church needs your commitment now, like never before. It's time to give something back.
- 4. We must BE CREATIVE** in finding ways that each of us can give more than we initially think possible.

What We Won't Do In This Campaign

1. We will not pressure anyone to give.

"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

2. We will not mix giving with personal promotions.

("Sell my product to the church and I'll tithe.")

3. We will not sell junk.

David "I will not sacrifice an offering that costs me nothing." 1 Chron. 21:26

What We Will Do, Without Apology

1. We will show how everyone can give something.

It is a myth that some people can't give anything. (Mark 12:43) There are many ways to give - if one is *willing* to give. Even those with no cash can make a commitment to give.

2. We will ask people to sacrifice.

You cannot become like Christ without learning to sacrifice, and certainly the Body of Christ is worth sacrificing for.

3. We will be grateful to be a part of what God is doing in our church.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q: Why are we waiting until Easter to take the offering and receive pledges? Why not just announce that we need funds?

A: Because it takes this much time and effort to *fully communicate* the need... the purpose... the goals ... and the vision *to everyone in a church our size*. With over 800 members of HPC, it requires an enormous amount of communication to insure that everyone knows exactly what is going on. Many attenders have no idea what it takes financially to build and operate a ministry the size of HPC. Also, because we want people to give because they are excited about and committed to the work the Lord is doing here, so we are taking time to celebrate all that has happened and communicate all that we believe God wants us to do in the future.

Q: What kind of reactions should we expect from people?

A: Every time you ask people to prayerfully consider supporting a mission financially, there will be *three different reactions*: *First*, there are those who are *already committed to giving*. They don't need this campaign. They are spiritually mature, they understand all the reasons, and they give sacrificially whenever they are asked to. *Second*, there are those *who are not going to give no matter what we do*. They will come up with all kinds of objections, excuses, and criticisms about this campaign. *But the real issue is they simply don't want to give*. We're not doing this campaign for this group either and we won't let the objections of a few rob the rest of us of the joy of giving. *Third*, there are those who *will want to give when they catch the vision* of what we're attempting and will want to know how giving will help them grow spiritually. These people are the reason for this emphasis.

Q: Are we paying any fundraising consultant for this campaign?

A: NO! Pastor Jack and the Pastoral Staff, along with members of the church, have designed all the elements of this campaign.

Q: How will the money we raise be used?

A: The building fund is kept separate from the general ministry funds. All **Live the Dream** gifts will be used to pay off debt on our new facilities and allow us to use more capital to do things to reach our community. It is important to remember that our **Live the Dream** gifts are to be *in addition to our regular giving* for the on-going operation of the church. Otherwise, our day-to-day ministries would suffer.

Q: What if we raise more than our goals?

A: Every penny raised will go toward the debt on the new building. If we raise more than our goals we obviously will pay larger amounts on debt. Wouldn't it be awesome if we raised enough money to completely retire our \$2,000,000 mortgage in three years?

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