

The church leadership will not publicly ask for financial commitments, nor will anyone confront you or pressure you into a commitment. Your giving is between you and God and should come about as a result of much prayer. If we approach this campaign properly, it will be a rewarding and exciting time of spiritual growth as a church.

Q/A: Are there creative ways or “non-cash” gifts I may give over and above my tithe that I haven’t thought of?

Yes. Many times major gifts in the form of investments, securities, real estate, or other assets are committed in a campaign such as this. In fact, you may benefit from favorable tax treatment for the contribution of appreciable assets. Check with your tax consultant or financial advisor regarding your specific situation.

Q/A: What happens after commitments are made and announced? What is the time frame for this campaign?

Again, this is a three-year ministry campaign that covers 2010, 2011 and 2012. We hope many of you will be able to give some or possibly your entire gift on the front end. This will help us begin the work immediately and reduce any financing that may come our way.

Q/A: What is the procedure for building once the capital campaign is completed? When can we expect to break ground?

A called Church Conference (*congregational vote*) will be called to approve the final building plans and decision to build. Those plans also include final approval by the District Building Committee. Ground breaking could begin as early as this fall. Our architects have estimated 15-18 months to complete the project once it starts.

Q/A: Will I receive a statement of my commitment? What IF I can’t fulfill any commitment?

The Church will be sending out statements of giving annually. It is important to remember that you are making an estimate of giving. Although it is done prayerfully, your financial situation may change over these three years perhaps making it possible for you to increase your commitment, or perhaps making it necessary to reduce or even cancel your pledge. The Church understands this. We are simply asking you to seek God’s direction and be faithful to how He is blessing and leading you and your family.

Q/A: Reminder: What can I do now?

- Pray for our efforts to meet God’s calling for our church, and learn how this building will benefit our mission outreach, ministries and community.

- Volunteer to be on one of the many teams working the campaign. No church member will be serving on more than one team.
- Read all of the informational pieces you receive.
- Be present in worship throughout the campaign to hear the “**Grace Springs Forward**” vision.
- Pray for God’s guidance as you determine what your gift will be, and thank God in advance for His faithfulness and provision.
- Attend “**Celebration Sunday**” - **May 16**
- Make a financial commitment over and above your regular giving to be paid out over a three-year period beginning with “**First Fruits Sunday**” - **June 6.**

Additional questions may be referred to members listed below.

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Q/A What is “Grace Springs Forward”?

Grace Springs Forward is the theme of Centenary’s capital campaign to gather sufficient resources to build a sanctuary and educational wing onto the existing Life Center, located at 1441 Perryville Road, Danville, Kentucky. We are confident that this new sanctuary and expanded classroom facilities will allow us many opportunities for ministry and outreach. Our church has been growing and to continue our growth we need facilities that will better meet our needs in terms of space for worship to God, Sunday school classes, weekly Bible studies and children’s education.

Q/A Why are we proceeding on this building project at this time?

The plan to expand the CLC is the culmination of years of strategic visioning most recently noted and recommended (in the July 23, 2007) Vision Team Report. Related to this vision team report is the separate TAG Consulting Study (October 2008) conducted for Centenary that amplified the development of negative relationships as a result of managing ministries at two facilities. The building expansion is a central component of Centenary’s Mission: To Strengthen & Transform Lives by Living and Sharing Christ’s Love.

Currently, we have no more Sunday School space for children or adults. Adult classes are currently meeting in the office work area, the youth kitchen, and the choir room. We have no more room to expand classes. Our architects have shared with us that construction costs are the best they have seen in years. We also believe in order to keep our congregational momentum we need to proceed at this time with construction.

Q/A Why have we hired an outside consultant to raise funds?

Grace Springs Forward is a major undertaking requiring expertise and a time commitment. An outside consulting firm, Generis, has been hired due to their experience and success with other churches’ stewardship and capital campaigns. The comparatively minimal expense involved in hiring this consulting firm is an investment in the success of the campaign – *thus good stewardship*. The track record of the firm with similar churches has shown that, *without a doubt*, we can expect a much greater success rate than if we attempted this campaign on our own. While Generis is providing Centenary guidance with services, **Grace Springs Forward** is very much a Centenary activity. Those doing the vast majority of the work to make this campaign a success are YOU the members of this congregation.

Q/A: What kind of sanctuary are we building? Where can I see the plans, etc?

The Sanctuary is projected to seat 505 persons. This new sanctuary will incorporate over 28,000 square feet, 96 new parking spaces including 10 handicap spaces, and add/improve Sunday School classroom space among many other exciting features. The addition will be west of the current CLC but will be connected to provide an integral campus. Copies of the plans, informational handouts, and architectural renditions may be viewed at the CLC. A talented and dedicated building committee has been working for over 7 months with the architects to develop the current design.

Q/A How much will the building cost? Where will the funds come from? What happens if needed funds are not raised during the campaign?

The projected cost for sanctuary and educational space is \$6,254,000. It is the mission of **Grace Springs Forward** to develop the majority of this funding. *At the conclusion of the campaign, an assessment will be conducted to develop recommendations in concert with the congregation for next steps. Any decisions made regarding the project including the building plans, budgets, what we do next, will be decisions made by the church congregation.*

Q/A: What kind of church growth are we planning for once we build? Will there be traditional and contemporary services each Sunday morning after the completion of the new building?

We believe that by making room for more, God will bring additional growth to Centenary. Currently when we have special services, our Multi-purpose room is packed (Tailgate Sunday, Christmas choir presentation). The Strategic objectives include doubling the number of children involved in some aspect of ministry by 2014, starting 5 outreach ministries by 2013, and enabling a 60% increase in new member involvement in all ongoing ministries in 5 years. There will still be traditional and contemporary services.

Q/A: How will construction of additional space improve present ministries to children, youth and our communities? How do we plan to continue to grow in our efforts of being a “missions focused” church?

Currently we have no more room for additional children or youth classes. We believe our expanded facilities will allow us to do more missions both locally, nationally, and internationally.

Q/A I’m already giving regularly to Centenary United Methodist Church and its missionaries; how can I be expected to give more?

The Capital Campaign is about seeking God’s direction, seeking what God would have us to do, and responding in faithfulness to His call and following His leading to meet that call. Through radical generosity, we believe the body of Centenary United Methodist Church can realize our goal of building a sanctuary to God and the additional educational wing. Radical generosity means a level of stewardship above and beyond our regular commitment to God of our tithes and offerings. It requires reassessing our spending, and readjusting our priorities to meet God’s call on our lives.

Through faith, God will enable us to carry out the commitment that He has laid on our hearts. King David demonstrated his understanding of giving in 2 Samuel 24:24 when he wrote, *“I will not offer to God that which costs me nothing.”*

Q/A: What can my family do to help the campaign?

- (1) Make prayer your first priority. Pray individually and together that we will respond to His call on our lives. Pray that everything we do in this campaign will be consistent with God’s expressed design found in His Word. Pray about your sacrificial gift, and have FAITH that God will provide.
- (2) Go ahead and volunteer to help with the campaign. When asked to participate, step forward and take part.
- (3) When making an estimate of giving, have faith that God will provide.
- (4) Catch the energy and vision of **Grace Springs Forward**, become involved, be committed to God’s work and, *together*, we can celebrate our adventures in faith.

Q/A: When will financial commitments be received or when will I have an opportunity to respond and give?

On **Celebration Sunday, May 16**, we will have a joint service of all three of our services on the grounds of Centenary’s Christian Life Center. That morning, you will return your commitment card that will have a place for you to indicate your gift. This will be the time when most people will make their estimate of giving.

However, the opportunity to submit an estimate is available now, if you so wish. The financial commitments that we make will be for a three-year period.

