

# Grace Springs Forward

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Bob Rowland talked recently about the history of Centenary United Methodist Church. That history has been created by the people of our Church. Each person has affected and been effected by the people of Centenary. We all have that common piece of our faith. We now must decide, as the Grace Springs Forward campaign moves ahead, where do we want the journey to go. This should be a choice, for each of us, based on how we can best serve God through his Church?

We all struggle with knowing God's will for us and in general making decisions while trying to include him. The fact is we just don't have the ability to know, for sure, what God wants for our lives. We do know that He wants us to lead our lives according to His ways and that He will not forsake us.

Grace Springs Forward is an opportunity for our Church to grow physically as well as stronger spiritually. If we take the time to get involved, learn about, pray and discuss with each other then Grace Springs Forward will become clear in our own hearts and minds. Having that clear understanding will guide us to a right decision. If we are doing our part by being good stewards then God will be nudging and guiding us all along the way. God doesn't always direct us by an obvious "aha" moment. We wish he would because it would be easy but God wants us to be wholly committed not surface Christians.

We refer to a level of giving as sacrificial and it is from a certain point of view. It can also be viewed in the more positive light of a confirmation of our commitment to our faith. In the end we will all give in ways that are as different as our individual lives. It is and should be as personal a choice as our faith is personal. God will be the only one who truly understands as always.