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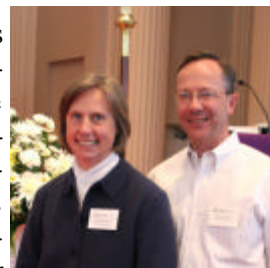


Carol Weber

Our Challenge to You!

We are excited about the opportunities this capital campaign presents to us as a congregation. We have the chance to restore some of the grace and style of the original structure, make badly needed repairs and upgrades, and renovate areas to provide spaces

to support our core ministries. As Campaign Directors, we personally believe that as a congregation, we can also prove our consultant, Greg Gibbs, wrong, and raise enough money to build a new Welcome Center, as well.



Debbie and Mike Weber

In the process of addressing our financial needs, we will grow spiritually as we seek God's will for us. The title of the campaign – **“Faithful From Generation to Generation”** – represents our dual obligation: first, to those who have gone before us, those who sacrificially gave to provide us with this beautiful facility; and second, to those who will follow us, to assure that they will always have a place that enhances their spiritual experience.

The campaign's theme – **“Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice”** – means that all of us have something to give to this effort. Different people will have different means and different gifts, but the future of Zion now rests in our hands. It is important that we all find a way to give something more than we ever thought we could.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can give to ensure Zion's bright future. Our children and our children's children are counting on it.

Your Humble Servants,

Robin and Tim Damschroder, Carol Weber, and Debbie and Mike Weber

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Important Dates to Reserve Now!

- 4/24: Vision Awareness
- 5/1: Ministry Emphasis
- 5/22: Commitment
- 6/5: First Fruits Service

A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then He called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:42-44

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What is Planned?

The following will give you some idea of what is planned to be done with the funds raised during this campaign.

Throughout Building:

- Asbestos abatement
- Update electrical system.
- Renovate restrooms and make them more “dad-friendly.”
- Install new, energy-efficient windows that are easier to clean.

First Floor:

- Locate nursery more centrally so it is more secure and closer to parents who are attending worship service.
- Relocate offices closer to current office cluster.
- Create a shared High School and Middle School space in current KidZone area.
- Re-carpet Sanctuary.

- Paint Sanctuary.
- Pad all pews for comfort.
- Install central air conditioning.
- Extend the chancel to make worship leaders more visible.
- Enhance audio/visual equipment in Sanctuary to enhance worship.

Second Floor:

- Renovate and dedicate space to BibleLand.

Lower Level:

- Renovate Piper Hall to provide better space for larger meetings.
- Enhance audio/visual equipment.

And if Zion members are generous and we bypass our target of \$2 million in pledges, then we will be able to proceed with the Master Plan and build a Welcome Center. It will provide additional rooms for Adult Discipleship.

Vision Awareness Sunday, April 24

Zion is preparing an exciting beginning to our “Faithful from Generation to Generation” Capital Stewardship Campaign. It is called **Vision Awareness Sunday** and will happen during all three services on **April 24, 2005**. It will be a festive day in which we not

only celebrate the ministries that we are currently engaged in, but also to look to the future for new or enhanced ministries that an improved building will bring us.

When you come on Sunday, April 24, you will know right

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LEVELS OF GIVING TO PRODUCE \$2,000,000

—	Gifts At	—
1	Gift At	\$200,000
2	Gifts At	\$100,000
3	Gifts At	\$75,000
3	Gifts At	\$50,000
10	Gifts At	\$25,000
20	Gifts At	\$18,000
20	Gifts At	\$15,000
20	Gifts At	\$10,000
25	Gifts At	\$6,000
35	Gifts At	\$4,500
—	Gifts At	—

Individual Giving Levels

Leadership:	\$50,000+
Challenge:	\$25,000+
Pacesetting:	\$10,000+

Giving is for 3 years, over and above our regular giving.

“NOT EQUAL GIVING, BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE”

Ways to Give: Cash, Real Estate, Stocks or Bonds, Life Insurance Policies or Cash Values of Policy, Antiques, Works of Art, Jewelry, Coin or Stamp Collections, Income Tax Refunds, Irrevocable or Revocable Trust, etc.

Come and Pray With Us

Very serious prayer and Bible study will under gird this Capital Stewardship Campaign. We realize that most of us have not often explored the biblical basis of our stewardship.

In the next several weeks, we will be able to study and reflect upon many biblical lessons. We will meditate about applying these lessons to our own lives. And, we will pray, individually and collectively, for the Holy Spirit's guidance, prodding, and encouragement as we commit ourselves and our resources to Zion's future.

The Spiritual Life Team has planned several spiritual growth activities for Zion's members. Every household will receive a booklet of daily devotions for use during the month of May. A member of Zion wrote each devotion and will share something of their personal

faith and experience with you. On Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., there will be a **Prayer Walk for Zion**. Several prayer stations will be set up throughout the building and outside. You are urged to stop in, between your morning er-

There will be Adult Bible studies in May on four Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Zion's small groups are also invited to use some of these Bible studies.

The Spiritual Life Team wants to hear from you. We invite your prayer requests and welcome your faith-journey stories. The team expects to be active throughout the duration of the campaign, providing additional opportunities for Bible study, prayer, and sharing faith-journey stories.

For Christ and His Church,

Spiritual Life Team Leaders:
Michael Brooks, Berna Street-Brooks, Roberta Purdon, and Margie Reynolds

Prayer Walk at
Zion
April 30
9:00-11:00 a.m.



rands, to pray for past, present, and future blessings that the use of each location has brought to you and will continue to bring to future generations.

Vision Awareness Sunday *(Continued from page 2)*

away that it is a special day. We will have something for everyone – in worship, in Sunday school, and in coffee hour (in Piper Hall). Please plan on spending a few extra minutes wandering in and through the church on April 24 to see and hear about the importance of Zion's Master Plan and its associated capital campaign. If you have children in Sunday school, plan on picking them up and bringing them downstairs to Piper Hall to "view our Vision" – there will be more than just cookies.

During the services you will see and hear about our current ministries and also stories from some of our Zion

families who have built or are building their spiritual home at Zion. Through these stories you will hear how they are committed to invest their time, energy, and treasures for the future of not only their own family and their extended Zion family, but also for those who will be visiting and joining us in the future.

Sunday, April 24 is the official kick-off of Zion's "Faithful from Generation to Generation" Capital Stewardship Campaign. You will be asked to take the next month to prayerfully consider a sacrificial 3-year pledge, over and above your regular giving. Then on Sunday, May 22, you will be asked to come ready to pledge to the campaign.

We look forward to this fun and exciting day in the life of Zion. See you on April 24, Vision Awareness Sunday!



Vision Awareness Team

Regards,
Vision Team Leaders:
Mark and Brenda Gunderson
Clint and Lynn Hutto



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Voices From The Past—The Leaders Who Helped to Build Our Present Facility

“One of the greatest experiences in the life of a Christian is that of helping to build a Church. To extend the services of his Church in the community is to widen his own horizons of Christian living and fellowship. Until he has made an investment in the building of a Church, he is more or less accepting the far-sighted charity of others, every time he or his children use a Church....There would be no Christians today if it were not for the great sacrifices of our early Christian leaders.”

—Edwin Walters

“Until a Christian family has made at least one sacrificial gift to the building of some Church, they are impoverishing their Christianity every time they use any Church building because they are content to live by what others have done without accepting responsibility themselves.”

—Gaylord Royce

“This is the Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity for most of our members to have a part in a Church development enterprise. This is OUR DAY for Christian Responsibility. Until a present generation family has made at least one sacrificial gift to the development of some Church, every time a member of that family uses a Church, he is increasing his indebtedness to an earlier generation and has not met his full obligation to build for the needs of his day. Entrusted with a great tradition, enjoying a great fellowship, we face our Christian Responsibility for Today.”

—Norman Ottmar

“Only those who dare great things ever achieve them. When God calls us into this wider area of opportunity and service as He certainly is doing, there is only one response which dedicated Children of God can make...

‘Here am I, Lord, send me!’”

—Pastor Ralph Piper