

A FEW KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

// Campaign Launch Event // Sunday, February 7

An introduction to our church's next great journey of faith! At this event, we will outline project specifics and campaign teams; and highlight project goals, key dates and major events. You will also have an opportunity to personally get on board!

// EPIC Communication Events

Students, young adults, couples and senior adults will be invited to gatherings for food, fun and fellowship. A brief overview of the campaign will be provided. Watch for upcoming dates!

// 21 Day Spiritual Focus // March 1 – March 21

Laying a firm foundation of prayer is "mission-critical" as we walk together in faith. Our 21 Day Spiritual Focus will include devotional involvement, prayer for individuals and groups and an opportunity to truly draw closer to Him. Prayer is an essential part of this faith journey. As individuals and families seek God concerning the role they can play in seeing His purposes achieved, we must create environments in which we can be still and know that He is God.

The Bible is clear about this fact: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Psalm 127:1

// Leadership Commitment Event // Sunday, March 14

A key principle we find throughout the pages of Scripture is this – as go the leaders, so will go the followers! Imagine the Israelites at the edge of the Jordan without faith-filled leaders ready to take that first step! Great leaders are unwilling to ask others to do something they are not personally committed to themselves. The Leadership Commitment Event is an opportunity for church leaders to put this principle into play. In this exciting setting, leaders will make their financial commitment, prior to the congregation. Right out of the example we find in 1 Chronicles 29, the church will follow the faith-filled, willing response of their leaders!

// 24 Hour Day of Prayer // Friday, March 19 - Saturday March 20

// Celebration Event // Sunday, March 21

The Celebration Event is something you do not want to miss; it will be one of the most historic days in the life of our church. This is the time and place where the church body commits with wholehearted devotion, sacrificing in the context of worship, following the example set by their leaders. Think of sacrifice in this context – it's the willingness to give up something I love, for something I love even more [God and His great work through our church]. Imagine the day, when we have the privilege to get in on His plan by sacrificing to see it become reality!

"THE PEOPLE REJOICED AT THE WILLING RESPONSE OF THEIR LEADERS, FOR THEY HAD GIVEN FREELY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE LORD..."

1 CHRONICLES 29:9



+ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS +

//1 WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

As we enjoy the flexible, multi-purpose space of the Activity Center, we need to be responsible stewards and expedite the loan payments. We currently owe \$2.8 million dollars. As God helps us shrink the debt, resources can be invested in our mission of reaching people around the corner and around the world.

//2 WHAT IS THE TARGET?

We are asking for every member of our Greenridge family to start with prayer. All of us can ask the Lord to consider a three-year commitment, to be given over and above regular giving. Our goal is to raise \$1 million dollars.

//3 WHAT IS THE PLAN?

Our three-year giving will enable us to refinance our current loan at a much lower level. Reducing our monthly payment will enable us to direct more dollars each month to the local, national and international partnerships where our members are serving.

//4 WHAT IS THE WIN?

Jesus calls us to go to our world as people of influence and change, in His name. This challenge includes hungry children in Montgomery County, homeless families in Baltimore and New Orleans, and devastated neighbors in Haiti. As we offer our hands to help, we pray that their ears will be ready to hear the good news.

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WHAT THE SPIRIT CAN DO

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



“GOD CAN DO ANYTHING, YOU KNOW – FAR MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE OR GUESS OR REQUEST IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS! HE DOES IT NOT BY PUSHING US AROUND BUT BY WORKING WITHIN US, HIS SPIRIT DEEPLY AND GENTLY WITHIN US.” EPHESIANS 3:20

Stand at the edge of the Grand Canyon or watch the sun set in Hawaii. In these breathtaking moments you and I are convinced that our God is powerful, intentional and creative. Only God can carve out the canyon and splash His light on the waves of His mighty ocean, right?

Even more remarkable? The Spirit of God is always working in and through us to offer a second chance to every person on this fragile planet. HE works through US! And what He is able to accomplish is more than we can comprehend. He uses our lives to extend the reach of the local church and the message of the Gospel.

Imagine...
if you and I are convinced that He can and wants to energize us to:

CONNECT people to His power and grace forever,
GROW believers in joyful living and generous giving and
SERVE those in need around the corner and around the world!

As we imagine what the Spirit can do, we will be eager to pray and to honor Him with our personal commitments. Generous giving will overflow from our grateful hearts. And, together, His Spirit will help us provide more resources for the mission and ministries of Greenridge.

Imagine what He can do,

Tim Simpson

3 WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

// 01 PRAY

Ask God to lead you through a process where He reveals His will for you and your family. Pray specifically: God, show me what you want me to give and help me to do whatever it takes. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6*

// 02 CONSIDER YOUR SACRIFICE

Have you ever made a true financial sacrifice for God? Sacrifice begins with gratitude. Plan a few times to sit down with your family, or a trusted friend, and discuss what God has done for you. Then ask: What are we willing to sacrifice for another person to connect with Christ? Not everyone can give equal gifts, but everyone can give equal sacrifice. Determine what God is leading you to sacrifice. *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:15 “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing.” 2 Samuel 24:24*

// 03 COMMIT & TRUST

There will be a special time in the service on Celebration Sunday, March 21, when we will give our initial offering and make our three-year faith commitments. We serve a big God. Trust that He will provide what He impresses you to give. *“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.” 2 Corinthians 9:8-11*

// IMAGINE is a growth and giving campaign designed to ignite spiritual renewal within our faith family, raise the commitment level for reaching those outside our faith family and encourage sacrificial giving over a three-year period to propel us forward.



YOUR GIVING POTENTIAL

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	3 YEAR TOTAL
\$500	\$2,167	\$78,000
\$400	\$1,733	\$62,400
\$300	\$1,300	\$46,800
\$250	\$1,083	\$39,000
\$200	\$867	\$31,200
\$150	\$650	\$23,400
\$100	\$433	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$11,700
\$60	\$260	\$9,360
\$50	\$217	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$4,680
\$20	\$87	\$3,120

A CLOSER LOOK

More than ever before, the members of Greenridge are sharing their time and talents in the cause of Christ. We are seeing children, students and adults participate in a variety of ministries. Some of those are around the corner. Others call us to travel around the world. This stewardship campaign is designed to free up more resources to support our mission partnerships as we reduce our Activity Center mortgage. Some of these partners are:

- Faith Connections (Damascus/Clarksburg)
- Frederick Rescue Mission
- Germantown Help
- Lee Street Baptist Church (Baltimore)
- Open Door Baltimore
- Katrina relief projects (New Orleans)
- Life Connection Mission (Haiti)

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US...

-EPHESIANS 3:20