



Capital Campaign *Light*

First Baptist Church, Tallassee

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What is Capital Campaign *Light*?

Capital Campaign Light is a stewardship emphasis to raise money to reduce our indebtedness and to support missions. It derives the "light" part of its name from the fact that members who have been involved in the two previous campaigns are being asked, not for a sacrificial commitment, but for an amount one-third to forty percent of the sacrificial amount they gave in the previous campaign. This will give those members who have been giving in the back-to-back campaigns a breather and it will continue the bundled missions giving that has proven so popular with our members. They will no longer be giving *sacrificially*, but their gifts will still be *significant*. Those who did not participate in the first two campaigns are asked to pray about making a sacrificial commitment.

What Every Church Member is Asked to Do

Every member of the church is asked to pray and seek the Lord's guidance as to the amount they should give through *Capital Campaign Light*. Don't presume or assume, *ASK GOD*.

Every family that can is asked to give at least 25 cents per week. The best way to have a good offering is for *everyone* to give *something*!

See How Far We Have Come

Total Project Cost to Date:	\$4,654,454
(Land, Design Fees, Construction, etc. for both phases)	
Loan Balance (7/2/08), Phase I:	\$ 952,923
Loan Balance (7/2/08), Phase II:	\$ 622,329
Total Amount We Owe As of 7/2/08:	\$1,575,252
Total We Have <u>Already Paid</u> :	\$3,079,202

Need to know your pledge amount from Growing by Faith? Call Angie at the church office for any information you need (283-2287). All conversations strictly confidential.

Frequently Asked Questions

How Will the Gifts Be Distributed For Missions and Debt Reduction?

One-fourth will go to missions and three-quarters will go to paying down principal. The reason we are increasing the percentage going to missions is that we are asking for a smaller total amount from our members. We want to maintain a good level of missions giving. (As a contingency, if we were to hit hard times financially, then the building portion could be applied to regular payments should the Stewardship Committee deem that necessary.)

How will Debt Reduction Help Us?

This fall, we will be paying approximately \$14,000 per month in building payments from the general budget. As we reduce these payments, we free funds for more ministry and bringing in additional staff members.

Will I be asked to give a specific amount?

No one will be ever be asked to give a specific amount. Instead, members will be asked to pray for God to lead them concerning the specific amount they should give.

Then, What is The 33 to 40% Part About?

Believe it or not, this is an encouragement to *give less* than you have been giving. After two consecutive capital campaigns you may need a break. A range of 33 to 40% (of your previous level of giving to *Growing by Faith*) will continue to pay down debt and provide that break. You are still asked to pray and ask God to reveal to you the *exact amount* you should give. A range is suggested merely as a starting place as you think and pray. If God leads you to a percentage lower or higher than the 33-40% range, that's fine!

We have Given Sacrificially Over the Past Six Years; Our Financial Situation Means We Desperately Need a Break (Other Than Tithing).

You are being asked to pray and ask God to lead you to a specific amount to give to debt retirement. If God gives you the amount of zero, then take a break. (However, be sure to develop a plan to support missions financially.) The only people who should feel guilty are those who won't bother to pray and ask God to lead them to a specific amount.

What if I Want to Give *More* than 40% of My Previous GBF Offerings?

You can give whatever the Lord leads you to give. People with the gift of giving may find God placing it on their hearts to do so. We have provided the one-third to forty-percent range to those who have been sacrificing to give for the past three to six years in order to take a load off of them. If you haven't been engaged in sacrificial giving—if you haven't yet given up anything in order to give—then it may be time for you to begin.

I Have Recently Joined and Was Not Part of the First Two Capital Campaigns. What Am I Being Asked to Do?

You are being asked to pray *and* to give consideration to making a *sacrificial* commitment. This is what many of our members have been doing over the past six years in back-to-back campaigns. This gives you the opportunity to join us in the effort that provides the quality facilities we all enjoy.

Our Family is Trying to Get Out of Debt; We Can't Give Offerings Above the Tithe

We would encourage you to continue to tithe and to get out of debt. The Bible warns of the dangers of inappropriate debt. Getting out of debt will put you in a position to be more generous in the future.

Why Not Have a Big One-Time Offering?

Most people cannot afford to give a large one-time gift. However, over a period of time, faithful weekly (or monthly) giving will add up to a larger amount than we could have dreamed of giving to a one-time offering.

My 33% Isn't a Large Amount; My Gifts Wouldn't Make That Much Difference

In the first two campaigns we weren't asked for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. The widow's mite is just as valuable to God as the large gift. When we all sacrifice equally, the total amount from all of us adds up ...and we all have a part!

I'm Not Sure I Believe in Pledging

Did you pay cash for your house? Do you pay cash for your automobiles? If not, you pledge to repay the loan to the bank — and you do believe in pledging. Why give God less commitment than you would yourself? You will find a pledge in the Bible in Nehemiah 10.

Can I Give to Lottie Moon or Annie Armstrong Only?

You sure can. We accept gifts for those purposes year-round. In the three years of *Growing by Faith*, some people "sweetened" their mission giving in that way.

Can I Give to the Building Fund Only?

Yes, you can. For example, we often receive memorial gifts for this purpose.

What is the Advantage of the Missions Being Bundled With the Building Fund?

Take a couple with young children. They make a sacrificial commitment to the building fund on top of their tithe. Then, when Christmas comes, they have to buy Christmas presents for their children on top of their tithe and their building fund offering. This way, they support both the building *and* missions on the "installment plan." When Christmas and Easter come, they've already been giving to missions—in fact, more than ever before.

How Long Will Capital Campaign Light Giving Continue?

Three years, 36 months, or 156 Sundays.

