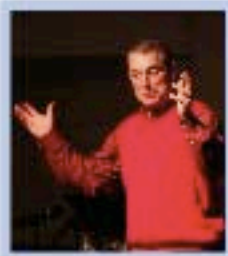




Capital Stewardship Ministry - Newsletter #3



From Pastor Scott Farmer:

After much prayer, many discussions in our Session meetings, and with God's guidance, the Imagine campaign is moving forward.

Despite the economic issues of today, we still need the facilities this capital campaign will provide as soon as we can get them. Each day of the week this fall, our facilities are strained to provide large meeting rooms and parking for the hundreds of men and women participating in Alpha, Job Connections, Men's Fraternity, Mothers Together and the related childcare. Moreover, more people are coming to CPC and we must expand our capacity to minister to our congregation, the San Ramon Valley and beyond.

I celebrate the growing enthusiasm for IMAGINE evidenced by reports from the Home Information Meetings. My heart is warmed by the personal stories of what being a part of CPC has meant to you.

Even in these uncertain days, many of us have been blessed with stewardship of resources that God can use to serve people now and build for tomorrow at CPC.

I ask you to prayerfully consider what the Lord is calling you to pledge to expand His ministries. In peaceful prayer because Jesus is in this with us!

Scott Farmer

P.S. Please read my "3 Elephants" analogy in this newsletter, too!



Imagine Web Site Updated!

Be sure to visit our web site, www.cpcimagine.org, for new information, ways to get involved, update on the Imagine Home Meetings, how to get a copy of the DVD, daily Imagine devotions, Imagine small groups, and more!

The 3 Elephants



In the October 11-12 service, Scott mentioned the "3 elephants" in the room that everyone knew were there but weren't being talked about in reference to the Imagine campaign. Here is a summary of his comments:

1. The Economy

Our initial pledges are an amazing blessing! To date, our congregation has pledged almost \$3,000,000 for IMAGINE. However, some of those pledges were made before the current economic problems. Scott recently approached the people who pledged early asking, "Do you need to adjust your pledge? Does it still work for you?" The answers have been "Yes, I stand by my pledge. It's more sacrificial than before, but I'm in!" That is a huge vote for hope!

As we move forward, we will use the resources that God provides. To stop the campaign before offering you, the congregation, an opportunity to give, is like saying, "We have faith that God doesn't want CPC to move ahead."

2. PCUSA Denomination Issues

Our PCUSA denomination faces great turmoil. We are working with our evangelical partners in the PCUSA to bring about change, and are looking at all options for moving forward.

A number of evangelical congregations nationally have asked for dismissal from the denomination. In California a handful of churches have sought dismissal from the PCUSA in order to join a more cohesively evangelistic denomination. They were released with the blessing of presbyteries in Sacramento and Fresno with nominal exit fees. What will happen to our property if we leave? Our Session continues to discern the future direction of CPC and to fully understand the property ownership issues. They will keep us informed through CPC ALIVE and the CPC web site.

These denominational issues may take a year or more to unfold. In the meantime, the needs of our church are now and will continue to grow. We believe we are being called by God to meet those needs and to help people meet Christ.

3. CPC Budget Shortfall

Since the beginning of September, giving of tithes and offerings has dropped in relation to our annual budget. As responsible stewards, CPC's pastoral staff has implemented budget reductions totaling \$250,000. Moreover, we are ready to take further action if our weekly contributions continue to fall short of our faith budget.



In summary, we are moving ahead with the vision of Imagine, prayerfully and attentively in these turbulent times. As you read the giving update you will see why we're bullish on CPC. Yes, there are elephants in the room, but God is clearly at work and Jesus is in the boat. He cares. He is sovereign.

Giving Update

After our Imagine Home Meetings we are humbled (and excited) to report that we have already received \$3,000,000 of pledges in support of our Image campaign. That means that we are already 20% of the way to our \$15,000,000 goal! Praise The Lord! And thanks to those families whose hearts were moved so deeply by our needs.

Good News – Matching Funds \$ \$ \$

One family in our church believes so strongly in the urgency and importance of expanding the ministries of this church that they have made a commitment to match every gift of \$5,000 or more given during 2008, up to \$500,000.

Whatever portion of your three-year sacrificial gift above \$5,000 you can give in 2008 will be doubled!

We are scheduled to start construction in 2009. Your initial gift in 2008 will not only help us secure building permits, it will accelerate the launch of construction and save thousands of dollars in construction costs.

What will Imagine bring to CPC?



Ben Joyce:

"An ongoing challenge at CPC is our lack of rooms large enough to accommodate the people who come to our mid-week programs. ALPHA has moved into the gym. Children from Mothers Together are scattered throughout the campus. Wednesday Family Nights classes are squeezed into kindergarten classrooms. I look forward to new, larger meeting places like the Pavilion and the Great Room that will expand our abilities to reach unbelievers, equip CPCers, and build community."



Nancy Groeneveld:

"Have you ever noticed that there is no comfortable place for all of us to gather before or after our worship services? CPC is a large church, meeting in numerous venues every weekend, and we currently do not have a covered, enclosed space that can provide ample room for meaningful interaction between our congregations and Sunday School classes. A new Fellowship Hall and Pavilion will give us a festive, welcoming place to reach out to each other, to old friends and to newcomers. Most importantly, it will help us fulfill Christ's command to love one another. Imagine what it would be like to see people of all ages connecting; genuinely enjoying a time and place set aside for fellowship! "



Terry Campbell:

Why am I excited about the Imagine campaign? I see first hand on a daily basis how our current facilities limit our ability to fulfill our calling from God. Let me give you an example, ALPHA. Our current class of more than 100 guests has moved to the Gym. Praise God for the attendance! However, our move was not as simple as "just move to the gym." It was actually our third move and we had to displace two other activities. I now IMAGINE a Great Room accommodating ALPHA, allowing others to return to the Gym and everyone participating in activates glorifying God!



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
222 West El Pintado Road
Danville, California 94526

NONPROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
DANVILLE, CA
PERMIT No. 1



serving people today
building for tomorrow



Imagine - Schedule of Events

Save the Date: November 23 – Celebration Sunday at CPC

Look Inside!

- 3 elephants explained
- 3 million dollars already pledged!

