

January 15, 2016

We are finally here!

Last year, on March 8, we voted as a congregation to move ahead with the Marsh renovation project and to start a financial campaign to raise the money needed.

Since that time we have been hard at work. Many of you have given countless hours and generous financial gifts to get us where we are. Thank you! We feel confident that we can reach our goal when everyone helps out.

On Sunday, January 31, the financial campaign will come to a conclusion and the building work will begin. Between the services, we will have a kick-off celebration in Keith Jones Hall, marking the start of construction. After the services, caring callers will connect with many of you so that you can have the opportunity to give to this campaign.

God at Work

During this time we have seen God move in mighty ways. God has been with us each step of the way. Check out these two testimonies:

I kept seeing the same number in my mind that God wanted me to give. I then had a tug of war with the Lord, going back and forth with why I couldn't do the entire number. I prayed for God's direction and the Holy Spirit prevailed. . .I submitted to what God wanted. During that time, I was working during my vacation days when I should have been off with my family. Right when my heart was growing a little resentful, I received an email that I was getting a bonus. . .and much to my surprise, that bonus was more than I had ever received in the past and amounted to 73% of my Marsh 2.0 commitment! God always finds a way to get His work done!

We planned our annual giving and included a gift to the Marsh 2.0 project. After meeting a campaigner, we prayed about stepping up and giving a more sacrificial gift. The campaigner returned to our home with a "Letter of Intent" and my husband filled it out with twice the amount that we had planned. Our heart was pleased with the amount because it seemed to be what the Lord wanted even if it meant giving up some personal desires. Two weeks later my husband had his annual review at work and he received the largest raise he's had in over 10 years. The raise was enough to cover the gift, which we will pay over the next three years. We both believed our gift was going to be sacrificial and that the Lord would provide.

We believe you can have the same experience of hearing God speak when you pray and watching Him provide as you obey.

What can you do now?

As you consider your gift to the Marsh 2.0 project, here is the process we recommend by which you can align your heart with God's will:

Spend time with God, giving thanks for His blessings and asking and listening to what He wants you to give.

Courageously give what He asks of you.

Trust that He will provide along the way.

God has been blessing us in many ways, and we have every reason to believe He will continue to bless us as we move forward.

With deep appreciation,



Rev. Deryk Richenburg, Senior Pastor



Paul Breglio, Board President

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