

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why am I receiving this FAQ?

A. Because you are an important part of what God is doing at Westside. We sincerely believe there is a purpose in your being here. God has a unique role for you here, and we want to continue helping you discern and respond to the Spirit's leading in your life. We are excited that you are a part of the Westside story, and we want to make sure you're "in the loop" regarding some amazing things God is doing here.

Q. What are some things you sense God doing here?

A. God continues to draw some very special people here from various backgrounds and experiences. He is calling us to both proclaim the message of Christ and be a visual demonstration of it. Our vision: Connecting all generations to Jesus, one person at a time (Psalm 100:5). We are here to help one another know Jesus by sharing the gospel and our lives. As we fulfill this calling, we not only committed to serve and love those who are already here, but continue to make room for those who have yet to come. Once they are here, we are to disciple them in the truths of Scripture. The world is literally filled with men, women, students, and children who need to be connected to Jesus. In order to do that, there are some things that need to be done to our buildings and grounds.

Q. What are the needs regarding our buildings and grounds?

A. New audio system for the WC (Worship Center)
New lighting system for the WC
New carpet for the WC
New seating for the WC
Restroom remodeling around the WC
Auxano (capital campaign consultants)
Portico
Repaving and striping of parking lot
Develop vineyard into soccer/football fields
Air handler for the WC
New Video system for the WC
Remodel of Teachey Chapel
(Note: not necessarily listed in the order of anticipated completion)

Q. How will we pay for the improvements/enhancements?

A. We will be initiating a capital campaign to raise the funds for the improvements/enhancements beginning this March (Auxano – a LifeWay entity – is assisting in this effort).

Q. What is the cost of these improvements/enhancements?

A. Not to exceed \$2.5 million. Our desire is to raise this amount without incurring debt.

Q. What is the name of the Capital Campaign?

A. ReNew. It comes from Lamentations 5:21: "Lord, restore us to Yourself, so we may return; renew our days as in former times." We long to see a renewal in God's **people** (personal revival); an increased **passion** for God; and a rekindled **purpose** to reach people with the gospel of Christ.

Q. How can I get involved with financially supporting ReNew?

A. There will be an opportunity during the capital campaign to make a financial commitment by pledging an amount to give over a three-year period of time (March, 2015 – February, 2018). Contributions may be given in other ways like a one-time donation, but most families find it easier to participate over an extended period of time. Families and individuals will have the opportunity to turn in commitment cards on Sunday, March 1 (Commitment Sunday) or March 8 during our services or mail them directly to the church office. On March 1, we do have a goal to raise, at minimum, \$250,000 in cash for ReNew.

Q. When will I actually start contributing toward my commitment?

A. Contributions can begin now if you so desire, but the capital campaign "officially" begins on March 1. Note that contributions can be made using your existing offering envelopes (simply write "ReNew" next to the amount) or on-line.

Q. How will ReNew affect our general budget giving?

A. ReNew contributions should be made over and above your regular giving. In essence, ReNew should not affect our general budget in any negative way.

Q. How do I go about deciding how much to give above my regular offering?

A. The best way to know is through prayer. 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." Be excited about your gift. God may lead you to give very sacrificially but in return allow you to see Him provide for you in a special way.

Q. In light of today's uncertain economic conditions, are you concerned that this is a bad time to launch such an initiative?

A. We don't. As we sense the Father leading us to this point, we believe we must move forward. Further, we believe the "success" of this campaign will speak of God's power and inspire hope.

Q. May I change the amount of my commitment later on?

A. Yes. None of us know what God has planned for us in the future. He may bless us financially beyond our imagination or take us through trials that challenge our resources.