



FAQs about the Giving Campaign

Why do we need a 24/7 ministry facility?

It is truly amazing to think about all that God has done both IN and THROUGH us as a "portable church" that rents space for a handful of hours each Sunday. The impact we can make will multiply exponentially when we move to a facility that won't just be used for 5 hours on a Sunday... or just during normal business hours of 9 to 5... but a facility that will truly be used 24 hours a day for 7 days a week.

What are the dreams for our building?

Right now we are dreaming with God about all the things that will be possible once we move into our new home. We envision a Prayer Room that will be available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, a multi-purpose sanctuary, a place to linger on Sundays after church and meet at throughout the week, a food pantry, a clothes closet, a safe place for teens to gather, an alternative to what the world offers for singles, a regional hub for worship nights and ministry conferences, a hub for Operation Christmas Child, a launching point for new churches, and the list goes on!

What is a Giving Campaign?

In order to turn the dream of having our own 24/7 ministry facility into a reality, we are going to enter into a Giving Campaign. A Giving Campaign is a tool that churches of all shapes and sizes use to fund a major capital purchase.

When does the Giving Campaign begin and end?

The campaign will kick off on January 22, 2017 and Celebration Sunday will take place on March 19, 2017. At that point, folks will have 3 years to fulfill their pledge amounts (ending March 2020).

Why does our leadership feel now is the right time for this?

Ever since we launched we knew being a "portable church" was not the end game for us. Therefore we launched a Building Task Force in August 2015 and have been taking active steps since then. However, we never felt released by God to go full steam ahead with any option until on September 18, 2016 when everything changed. During an Advisory Board meeting that morning, we sensed God saying, "Now is the time!" The impact of that moment is hard to get across in writing!

When can we move into our new "home"?

The target is to be moved into a new building prior to Christmas 2017. So by the grace of God, these will be our last Good Friday and Easter services as a portable church!

Is this a good time to invite a new person to church?

Absolutely! Instead of focusing on money during the Campaign, the sermons are going to focus on the goodness of Father God. It's an unconventional approach for sure, but one that falls right in line with so many steps we have taken over the years... steps the church planting experts told us to avoid but steps we felt God calling us to take... so we took them... and God proved Himself faithful over and over.

How much are you asking me to give?

We are answering this delicate question with a ton of grace! Our Advisory Board has decided that there should not be a set amount we are asking each household to give. Not even a "suggested" amount! We truly hope each person actively prays and seeks God and is obedient for what He invites them to give. Note: A very tight circle of people will actually know who gave and at what amount. Dan & Kellie Kopp, co-founders of The Eastside Vineyard Church, will not be part of this circle. May this be a breath of fresh air for you!

How much money are we hoping to raise?

This is another area where we are going unconventional! Instead of setting a specific amount as our goal, we are setting a range. There is a ton of data out there when it comes to what the typical church receives during a Giving Campaign. The typical amount an average church receives over the 3 year pledge period is 1 to 3 times its annual operating budget. Since our budget is \$400,000, we are hoping to raise between \$400,000 and \$1.2 million. That being said, from the very beginning our church has been far from average when it comes to giving! So we are trusting God and anticipating great things!

What advice do you have if I want to give but am unsure how I can afford to?

In America people tend to live "paycheck to paycheck." Therefore, they may want to be radically generous in giving to our church but feel unable to do so. That is why we created a separate handout titled "Creative Ways To Be Radically Generous." Please pick up a copy at the Family On Mission lobby table or check out familyonmission.tevchurch.org.

How do we know that we will be able to afford a building?

Our Building Task Force has talked with many local churches and done extensive research on the costs of churches and commercial buildings in this area. A typical building the size we are targeting (approx. 12,000 sqft.) will cost around \$1.2 million dollars. If our giving campaign comes in at 3 times our annual budget then we will be able to pay off our building by the end of the pledge period and be debt free! If the giving campaign comes in at 1 times our annual budget then we will have just enough for the down payment and closing costs and our loan payment (and operating expenses) will need to be paid from our annual budget.

What happens if we raise more than 1.2 million?

This would open up a series of options for our Advisory Board to prayerfully consider. That being said, one thing is certain... raising more money does not mean we will shift our thinking and all of a sudden become extravagant or wasteful in how we spend it. No matter what the "grand total" ends up being, our goal is to be the best stewards possible of every dollar given.

What happens if we raise less than \$400,000?

Of course the minimum amount that we need depends on the exact price of the building God leads us to but assuming a \$1.2 million building, then the minimum amount that we need to raise is actually \$420,000. This would allow us to make the required down payment and cover all of the costs associated with purchasing the building while we would mortgage the remaining amount. If we do not achieve this minimum number we will pray and ask God for clarity.

What impact will this have on our church budget?

While what each person feels lead to give is truly between them and God, we are asking everyone to please keep in mind the critical importance of giving to the church's "general fund." The money you give week in and week out to the church is what makes everything else possible. Therefore, as you consider giving to Family on Mission we hope it is "in addition to" and not "in replacement of" your normal giving to the church.

When do I have to actually give what I pledge to give?

There are a few options to consider. First, your circumstances may allow you to give your entire 3-year pledged amount up front on Celebration Sunday which is March 19, 2017. Second, you may choose to make a monthly commitment and spread your giving over the entire 3 years. Or you may choose to do something in between. We are asking each person if possible to consider if they can front load part of their 3 year pledge amount with a "first fruits" offering up front.

What is Celebration Sunday?

Jesus said "I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18). And He has been faithful to that promise for the past 2,000 years as countless churches have launched around the world. And He was faithful to that promise in 2010 when our church launched. And not only is He faithful, but He is provider! Join us on March 19th as we celebrate a milestone in our short history. That will be the day members of our church family will say YES to God in a way that will allow us to purchase a 24/7 ministry facility we can call "home." While other churches commonly call this "Pledge Sunday" we chose to call it "Celebration Sunday" instead! It will be on March 19, 2017 and take place using the regular service time. We will make our commitment confidentially via a pledge card, but together as one family under one roof, we will celebrate the goodness of Father God. Then later that night we will break bread together and have a massive party when our Treasurer announces the grand total of the pledges!

What if my situation changes and I cannot fulfill my pledge?

Don't think of your pledge as a debt. If you should need to make an adjustment please contact our Treasurer (Jack Malloy) to update your status.

What should I do next?

- Commit to coming to church every single Sunday between now and March 19th.
- Rearrange your schedule if necessary and make every effort to attend on March 19th, both to church that morning and the party that evening.
- Begin to pray and seek God about your contribution.