



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is **LIGHT THE WAY**?

LIGHT THE WAY is the title of our capital campaign. This campaign seeks to raise gifts and 4-year pledge commitments that are in addition to our regular tithes and offerings.

Why **LIGHT THE WAY**?

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee chose the theme **LIGHT THE WAY** because we realize it is imperative to light the way for future generations who will enter the doors of First Baptist Church of Erwin and serve our community of faith. Just as the stained-glass windows of our building cast light so also do our church members as we are called to be Christ's light into our community and our dark world. So many generations have gone before us and lit the way. It is now our turn.

Why Are We in a Capital Campaign?

We are raising funds to pay for critical repairs and renovations of our church facilities. By raising this additional money, we can protect our budgeted programs, ministries, and mission outreach. We will also save a lot of money in interest costs by not borrowing the amounts that we raise.

What Is Included in the Project?

To maintain and improve our physical plant and facilities, we will be raising funds for the following projects:

- Assistive Listening Devices
- Spot Lamps for the Choir Loft
- Education Building Re-roof
- Chiller Plant Rebuild
- Church Office Windows
- Church Office HVAC Replacement
- Sealing of Parking Lots
- Sanctuary Piano Refurbishment
- Sanctuary Speakers
- Contingency Fund

What Are the Benefits?

The funding pledged and raised through **LIGHT THE WAY** will help our congregation to maintain and modernize our facilities to continue our mission of being In Christ for Community and In Community for Christ. Did you know if our church building were to be laid out end to end, it would be as large as Lowe's or Wal-Mart? Maintaining such a large facility requires us to be careful in planning scheduled maintenance that will keep our facility able to weather the next century.

What Will All This Cost?

The total cost of all improvements is estimated at \$350,000. We hope to raise this much or more in order to maintain and improve our facilities!

What Are the Goals of our Campaign?

We want members to grow individually, in their personal spiritual formation, and collectively. We want to move forward with our mission as a church. With repairs and renovations to our facility, we will have a stable and dependable platform for ministry and service. Further, we will have a place that will be passed on to our children and youth – and for generations to come.



Who Are the Campaign Leaders?

The campaign's Steering Committee is chaired by Tyler Engle. Our steering committee team leaders include the following:

Jessica Christensen – Children
Renaë Christensen – Spiritual Emphasis
Logan Engle – Communication
Paul Farnor – Campaign Manager
Estrella Mendoza – Major Event
Chasity Strawser – Student
Koby Strawser – Pastor

What Will I Be Asked to Do?

You will be asked to pray about your gift and respond to the Holy Spirit's leading in determining the amount and method of your gift. You may give an outright gift or make a commitment to give over a four-year period, beginning in June 2023.

Will My Gift Be Confidential?

Absolutely. Every gift and commitment will be confidential. Once members complete their commitment cards, they will place them in privacy envelopes that will only be opened by the Church Administrator. The Steering Committee will only know the total of ALL gifts, not the individual givers or their commitments and gifts.

What Types of Gifts Are Given?

Members can choose how best to give the pledge commitment that God has led them to make. Cash is the most common gift. Stocks, mutual fund shares, real estate, life insurance policies, and personal property can also be given to the campaign. It is important to consult with your financial advisor regarding which type of gift is best for you.

When Will I Make My Commitment?

The congregation will bring their commitment cards to church on Sunday, May 7th, which is Commitment Sunday. Those who choose may make their commitment early on April 23rd. Contact Tyler Engle on 423/220-7100 if you would like to make an advance commitment.

What Else Do I Need to Know?

Small group gatherings will be held throughout the month of April during Sunday Study Group time with all our Adult Study Groups. These gatherings will give an opportunity for further discussion and questions from our members and faithful friends. Additionally, we ask that you fervently pray for the campaign, our facility, our leaders, and the gift God is leading you to make through a prayer guide to be included in your campaign packet.

Are We Going to Hear a Lot about Money?

Money is a part of our lives, but only a part. We will consider together the role that God desires to play in our lives, our values, and our priorities. We are asked to prayerfully endeavor to give a gift that has value and meaning that is far greater than the amount of money involved.

What If I Have Other Questions?

You may contact Campaign Chair Tyler Engle or Pastor Dr. Koby Strawser. Also, please watch for items mailed to your home or email inbox, such as Campaign Newsletters and Invitations to various events.