

a *Step* of **FAITH**

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are we calling our campaign “A Step of Faith?”

“A Step of Faith” is a challenge to the New Life Family, to make a faith-filled, sacrificial, financial commitment that will enable NLF to continue its ministry growth and expand its community impact. The campaign is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Is the campaign just about raising money to build a building?

It’s obvious that we need a building of our own that will allow us more flexibility in ministry, but the campaign is not just about building facilities; it’s about transforming lives. This campaign provides the opportunity to grow in faith and dependency on the Lord. It’s important to start with our spiritual life before considering finances because giving is very much a heart decision rather than a head decision. Giving sacrificially requires faith which requires a softened heart that is open to God’s guidance. This campaign is not just about bricks and mortar. It’s about positively impacting lives.

What financial goal are we trying to reach with this campaign?

There are many perspectives on our financial goals. We can choose to completely finance the entire project, or put down a significant down payment and finance the balance or enter the building nearly debt-free. What we ultimately do will be driven by the pledge amounts the capital campaign yields and the consistent collection of installments throughout the campaign term.

What is sacrificial giving?

Sacrificial giving is deciding on a financial gift that will cause you and your family to trust God beyond what is comfortable. It’s about making a decision to possibly change certain aspects of your lifestyle in order to give a gift that may be challenging and maybe even slightly uncomfortable. It’s not about equal giving between families, but it’s about equal sacrifice.

How will I know what to give?

Pray daily and use the Prayer Guide to allow God to open your heart and direct you about your commitment. Through prayer and personal assessment, you will know what to give. Your gift, whatever the amount, should be an over-and-above your regular giving. Each gift will vary from person to person. Paul said of the church at Macedonia, “For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord” (2 Cor. 8:3)

Am I expected to give my entire gift at once?

You may give your gift in one payment, or, you may take a gift and spread it over a three-year period, which means you can make weekly or monthly installments to reach your pledge.

Will my contribution be made public?

No, absolutely not. Only the total of all commitments received will be announced on Celebration Sunday.

Can non-cash gifts (i.e. stocks, bonds, real estate) be given?

Yes non-cash gifts may be pledged. Please contact the church office and someone will contact you with more information.

When do I have to decide how much I will pledge?

After praying and carefully considering whether and how you will participate, you should complete your Step of Faith pledge card and be ready to turn it in on Commitment Sunday, October 28th.

When will my first payment be due and how much do I give?

Your first installment will be due on November 18th, which is First Fruits Sunday. On this day, you will enclose your check or money order in the First Fruits Envelope and submit it during service. Your first fruits amount should be your first installment on your pledge which would be the weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or yearly amount that you've chosen to give.

What happens if I make a campaign pledge and my circumstances change?

We understand that life happens and sometimes your income will go up, down or even be temporarily eliminated. We ask that when these life changes happen that you pray and ask God how you should adjust your pledge to support your new circumstances. It would be helpful if you would inform us of a temporary or permanent change in your pledge status.

How long will this campaign last?

A Step of Faith is a 3-year campaign designed to raise money to begin and complete construction on the first building of our New Life Fellowship campus. It officially begins with the first pledge payment on November 18, 2007. The 3-year commitment lasts through November 2010.

Will we be done at the end of the three years?

At the end of 3 years, we will be done constructing our initial building. However, before we arrive at the end of our 3-year goal, we will be actively planning expansion to build the next building on our master plan. We have plans to build an entire campus with several buildings, one structure at a time. Therefore, we will most likely continue to use the Capital Campaign method to complete our master plan.

When will we start construction?

Assuming funding is in place, construction will begin in the first quarter of 2008.



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