



2018 Capital Campaign

"OPENING DOORS"

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why are we starting a new building campaign before we have finished the last one?

Our new Opening Doors campaign is for the purpose of paying down the debt that we will have left after our current building project is completed.

2. Why do we have debt? I thought the last campaign was supposed to completely pay for the connection project.

For those of you who may remember, we had been dreaming of what the new and renovated facilities might become for some time. After our initial designs were created, we realized what was wanted would have to be scaled back in order for it to be affordable. Once we had this revised plan, which was estimated to cost roughly \$1,800,000, we had our first capital campaign for this project. In that campaign we were able to raise \$887,000. With that, we knew before we started that holding a second capital campaign to retire the remaining debt after the building project was finished would be necessary. As with most building projects, our cost did increase once construction began. This was because there were issues which were revealed during construction which we felt needed to be addressed. Also, we discovered some of those items which were removed for cost saving measures in reality were a necessity if the new construction building and renovations were going to be as functional as they needed to be. The end result of all of this meant that our project will cost right around \$2,000,000.

3. So, what is our current plan?

The total amount pledged for our last campaign was \$887,000. It appears that by the end of this year, we will have received more than that amount. However, our construction costs were higher than we had estimated, too, so that our debt will probably end up being closer to \$1,200,000. We would like to pay down as much of that as possible, so that we can free up the money that would have been paid in principal and interest for our wonderful and growing ministries.

4. What is happening now?

The new campaign has started! A Leadership Team has been recruited and is being trained. Leaders of different small groups will be trained to take a message back to their classes and groups, and a mailing will soon go out to

inform the congregation about our Opening Doors Campaign. We are also launching a church-wide prayer effort.

5. What will be involved in the Opening Doors Campaign?

There are many elements in the program, from prayer to fellowship events. We want to involve a majority of the congregation in some aspect of the program. Some church leaders will be asked to make commitments prior to Commitment Sunday so that we can build momentum and encourage the rest of the church. Commitment Sunday will be November 4, 2018, and we plan to announce results by December 2, 2018.

6. Who is leading our Opening Doors effort?

Tracy and Verna Wilson and Alan and Angie Berryman have graciously agreed to serve as co-chairs of the campaign. Our pastors, Kris and Jen, are of course also heavily involved. A current listing of our leadership can be found on our website, www.qsumc.org. Our consultant for the campaign is Richard Rogers, former Methodist minister, from Russellville, Arkansas, who also helped us with our previous campaign. His organization, Horizons Stewardship, is one of the largest Christian stewardship companies in the world, and was founded by a United Methodist pastor. All of this leadership ensures that Opening Doors, like our past campaigns, will be done with integrity, honesty, and sensitivity to our character, values, and beliefs.

7. What about our Annual Stewardship Campaign?

2019 Annual Stewardship commitments will also be received on Commitment Sunday, along with Opening Doors 3-year commitments. Information about both commitments will be shared throughout the coming months. It is very important to know that the Opening Doors is seeking gifts above-and-beyond our regular giving. In fact, we want every household to know that our first priority is funding our Annual Ministry Budget BEFORE considering an above-and-beyond gift to the Opening Doors Campaign.

8. How will the money raised be spent?

It will all go towards the principal and the elimination of our construction debt.

9. How may gifts be given to the program?

Opening Doors is a 3-year effort. Commitments may be made weekly, monthly, annually, or as a one-time gift. Contributions may be in cash or appreciated assets such as stock. In addition to the 3-year commitments, members may want to consider an estate gift to our Legacy Fund separate from the Opening Doors program.

10. What can I do right now to support Opening Doors?

The most important thing to do right now is to pray—for the program, for the leadership, for all the activities associated with Opening Doors. The campaign prayer is, “**Lord, what do you want to do through me?**” Be thoughtful and serious about having a conversation with God about what the Lord wants you to do at this time. If you are asked to help with some aspect of the campaign, we hope you will say yes. It will be a great opportunity to make a difference and be part of an historic effort that will strengthen our church for years to come.