FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL THE "BUILDING ON THE PAST, BELIEVING IN THE FUTURE" VISION CAMPAIGN WORK?

This campaign invites you to make a three-year financial commitment via pledge. If you have a gift that you would like to offer before or after this time frame, you are welcome to do so. Gifts can include cash, stocks, bonds, property, precious metals, jewelry, or other valuable items. One can also choose to leave a legacy gift for the on-going upkeep of the building through one's will or trust.

IS THIS THE SAME AS OUR ANNUAL OPERATING CAMPAIGN?

No, this campaign is to support long-term capital projects. There will be a separate operating campaign to support our ongoing annual operations and missions. Both campaigns will officially start in October.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS VISION PROJECT REQUIRE?

The target for this capital campaign is the full $7 million required to complete the entire scope of this bold and transformational project.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Pray for the future of Epworth.
Prayerfully ask, "God, what do You want to do through me?"

VISIT EPWORTH.COM/BUILDING

For more questions as well as the latest news on the Vision Campaign.

PROJECT TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER
Prayer Team Begins Work

OCTOBER
Vision & Annual Operating Campaigns Begin

NOVEMBER
Vision Campaign Completes

JANUARY
Vote to Proceed with Construction

Be on the lookout for more Vision Campaign information in the Weekly E-News, Reminders, Tower, and throughout Epworth!

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BUILDING
on the past...

BELIEVING
in the future...

Dear Epworth Church Family,

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to share the Vision for the future of our congregation featuring our four key initiatives: **CARING, PARTNERING, INVESTING,** and **BUILDING.**

I am so excited about the progress we are already making in each one of these areas and am especially encouraged by the opportunities God is bringing forth to us. One of those opportunities is our new "***Building On the Past, Believing in the Future"*** capital campaign.

We are blessed with a perfect location and a well-cared-for facility that has served us for more than 50 years, but times have changed and so have the expectations of spiritual seekers today. The remodeling and expansion plans that will be supported by this campaign are admittedly bold, but I am sincere in my belief that these plans will transform our current facility to better meet the needs of current and future attendees and allow us to achieve our Vision.

Once the building project is complete, Epworth will have the physical space to nurture spiritual and personal growth for all those on the journey from birth to eternal life.

As you learn more about the plan and join me in dreaming of what is possible, I ask you to please pray. Ask God, "What do You want to do through me?" God bless you and thank you in advance for your part in helping to secure our church's future.

Dreaming God's Dream with You,

Rev. Dr. Doug Damron
Senior Pastor

BUILDING on the past... + BELIEVING in the future...

Since Epworth's founding, the members of our congregation have repeatedly given their time, talents, and gifts to build the church we know today. It is this tremendous foundation upon which we are fortunate to be able to prepare for the future.

Epworth is more than a building. It's the place where we share the Good News of God's mercy and love with those who come through the doors, and it's the place from which we go forward into our community and around the world, creating hope, healing, and positive change.

Through this capital campaign, conceived through prayer and careful planning, we are raising funds to support the remodeling and expansion plan presented by the building committee earlier this year to help us achieve our Epworth 2020 Vision.

Features of the New Building Plan Include:

- Safe and secure pre-school and elementary education areas.
- Expanded and updated restroom facilities.
- Open & inviting narthex space allowing more room to connect with friends.
- A more appropriate multi-ministry area with the flexibility to evolve.
- Retaining our sanctuary for excellent traditional worship experience.
- Larger and more flexible classroom spaces for youth and adult education.
- Added capacity and space for reflection within the Memorial Garden.
- Additional parking spaces to accommodate attendees across services and activities.
- Additional space to host future missions and events.

GOD, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO THROUGH ME?

THE EPWORTH 2020 VISION

CARE

We will deepen our care ministries aimed at supporting all of our members and friends with special emphasis upon senior adults.

PARTNER

We will actively seek partners that will increase the number of positive "on-property experiences" for families with children.

INVEST

We intend to make a significant investment to lower the poverty rate of Lucas County by investing with more focus in "The Next Neighborhood Over."

BUILD

We will create a world-class facility that matches our heart's passion to reach younger people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.