



**The Evangel**  
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**2008 Stewardship Campaign**

The 2008 stewardship campaign is now underway and will conclude on Pledge Sunday, August 10. For the past several Sundays, worshipers have heard testimonies from members and friends of Community Church, and others have written stewardship articles for inclusion in the bulletin. The theme of this year's campaign is "Growing a Generous Heart." Ron Yates is our campaign coordinator this year.

We are all stewards, or caretakers, of the gifts we have been given: time and talents and financial resources. One of the lessons of the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) is that we are given gifts that we are to cultivate and develop, and then return them to the One who gives them. The time and talents and financial support of every member and friend are needed to continue and build the mission of any church, including Community Presbyterian. If you are not currently pledging, please consider beginning now. If you are currently pledging, please consider increasing your commitment of time and talent and treasure. If you are not yet giving a tenth of God's blessings in return to God, prayerfully consider working your way toward that goal.

Above all, please remember that everything we return to God is done in the spirit of thanksgiving for the abundance we have received from God. That includes, above everything else, the hope and joy we have received in the redemption of Jesus Christ. The right motivation for generous giving to the church of time and skills and wealth is thanksgiving!

Pledge cards will be mailed to members and friends early the week before Pledge Sunday. Please continue to pray and think about your contributions of time and gifts and financial resources to the ministries of Community Church for the next year. The body of Christ is strengthened by the gifts of all its members!

**Capital Projects Update**

The Capital Projects Committee has selected Holley Construction, Inc. to perform the exterior renovations on the sanctuary, sanctuary additions, and manse. The committee has been very impressed with references and personal recommendations on behalf of Holley Construction. Patrick Holley plans to begin work by the middle of August.

Patrick submitted estimates of \$30,074, \$44,688, and \$18,084 for the sanctuary, Darley and Warner halls, and the manse, respectively. These bids include repair of siding and trim on the sanctuary and manse, new siding and windows on Darley and Warner halls, repainting and a new sanctuary roof.

Other projects will include electrical work throughout the sanctuary and additions, stabilization of the steeple and refurbishment of its exterior, and remedial work on the propane plumbing throughout the sanctuary and additions.

**Capital Campaign Results Continue to Grow!**

Pledges and donations for the exterior renovation capital campaign continue to grow. As of this writing, pledges and donations total \$77,225, far exceeding our goal of \$55,000! The state-required matching component is \$50,000, and the session of Community Presbyterian added a tithe of \$5,000 to that figure, to be used to support local and foreign missions. The additional funds, beyond \$55,000, will be used to replace the siding on Warner and Darley Halls. The state grant does not provide for this work, since these two newer additions are not considered to be historical.

Sincerest thanks to all members, affiliate members, and friends who have donated and pledged in order to carry out badly needed exterior repair and restoration of our buildings! Remember that all pledging families receive a complimentary copy of George Darley's book, *Pioneering in the San Juan*. If you would like a copy mailed to you, just contact the church office.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your faithful support of our capital campaign!

**Wednesday Grill and Bible Study Continues**

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study is now underway and will continue through September 17. This summer participants are studying the prophecy of Isaiah. Join us for burgers, hot dogs, potluck dishes, great fellowship, and an encounter with Isaiah!

**Pastor's Potluck Dinners**

All members and friends of Community Church are welcome to join the pastor and his family for supper on a Friday night of your choice! Guests are invited to bring a dish to share with others and to gather at the pastor's house for good food and conversation. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Darley Hall bulletin board. Come join us!

**Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Men from all of the Lake City churches meet every Thursday morning at 6:30 am at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall for breakfast, conversation, prayer, and Bible study. Come join us!

**Ice Cream Social**

The annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, August 17 in Darley Hall. Ice cream providers are needed! Please contact Helen Thompson if you can bring homemade ice cream.

**Celebration Singers Concert**

The Celebration Singers, a talented youth choir of 60 voices from the Cornerstone Bible Fellowship of Sherwood, Arkansas entertained a capacity crowd in the Lake City Armory on July 10. Everyone was delighted and charmed by the young singers, who sang a collection of classical hymns and anthems!

**2008 Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School 2008 was blessed and joyous! Forty children were registered for the week's activities, and on any given day about thirty-five children were present. The children sang, made crafts, played games, ate snacks, heard Bible stories, and watched video clips. The week was centered around the theme of science and was called "Power Lab!" Each day of the week the children learned that Jesus gives us the power to do something in particular: to be thankful, to be brave, to help others, to live forever,

and to tell others about God.

VBS was directed again this year by one half of Lake City's youth ministry leadership team, Crystal Dady. Crystal had fifteen adult volunteers helping each day, and the week ran exceedingly well. Photos from the fun week may be seen on our website. Just go to the "New Happenings/VBS" section.

### **Seminary President Visits Lake City**

The Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, was in Lake City on Sunday, July 20, to preach and teach. Dr. Wardlaw is a highly respected preacher and leader in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ted preached on the parable of the prodigal or wayward son, concentrating on his older brother. Ted's title was "In Defense of the Older Son." After lunch Dr. Wardlaw shared his personal experiences in a talk called "What I've Learned About Serving the Church Since Graduating from Seminary." We were deeply pleased and honored to have Ted spend a day with us!

### **Highlights from the July 17, 2008 Meeting of the Session**

- The session authorized the Capital Projects Committee to engage a contractor to replace the siding on Darley and Warner Halls, as well as repair and replace siding on the sanctuary and manse. The generous giving of our members and friends to the capital campaign has made this additional work possible.
- The session continued discussion of design of the columbarium and timing for its construction, given that Darley and Warner Halls will likely be under renovation soon.
- The session reviewed the current status of the capital projects and the capital campaign.
- The session approved a budget for the year 2009.
- Pastor John reported on the status of the 2008 Stewardship Campaign.

### **Wi-Fi Now Available in Darley Hall!**

Summer residents and others are most welcome to bring their laptops and connect to the Internet in Darley Hall whenever there are no scheduled events happening there. A strong wireless signal is now available in Darley!

### **Worship Musicians Needed**

Community Presbyterian is blessed to have many gifted musicians among our summer residents and visitors, as well as those who live year-round in Lake City. If you would be willing to share your musical gifts with our church during worship, please see or call Pastor John.