



Growing Together

First Christian Church 2010

In the spring of 2010, we conducted a capital campaign to raise funds for several building projects around our church, including a new energy-efficient boiler, a new steeple, a renovated kitchen, a portico outside our front doors, and an expanded gathering space and welcome center.

We received pledges for over \$425,000. A Building Committee is now hard at work making these long-dreamed of projects a reality.

November 28, 2010

Growing Together Capital Campaign Update:

In an effort to continue to keep the congregation up to date, as of November 27, 2010, there are continuing developments in the two projects authorized, and funded by the Capital Campaign. The following is a summary of the developments to date.

The kitchen project is virtually complete as the wiring for some additional circuits has been done. In addition, we have had the dishwasher checked out for proper operation as it had been performing poorly for some time. As reported previously, we have the correct soap and rinse chemicals on hand for use in the newly installed automatic chemical feed equipment. We even have a new pre-rinse system that makes the dishwasher even more effective in cleaning the dishes. I am happy to report that all systems were fully operational and the dishwasher performed as new during the recent Sunday noon luncheon. We also mentioned that the hot and cold faucet stems in the "pre-rinse" sink were worn out and in need of replacement. That work has also been completed.

I am also happy to report that the boiler system is fully operational, as well. The programmable thermostats for each zone have been programmed to meet the temperature needs of the various zones they serve. This includes occupied and unoccupied space temperature settings, using the on board clock and calendar function built in to each thermostat, to ensure the space is up to temperature in advance of the event planned for the space on any given day. However, this Sunday, we noted that the 1st floor of the new education wing was not heating. It seems that someone had mistakenly set the thermostat system mode to "auto". There are three modes of operation that may be selected: heat, cool and auto. Normally, with the exception of the third floor system in the old building, the auto mode is not used. It is very important that the "heat" mode setting on the thermostat not be changed until we begin the cooling season this summer. The correct winter mode setting is "heat" so as to allow the programming set points to occur. To do otherwise risks the space being too cold, or not heating at all.

Last, but not least, we are aware that the next project will be the steeple, and spring would be the ideal time to get that project underway. Recently, we learned of two contractors who specialize in steeple work. I have been in conversations with both of them. We are evaluating a proposal from one, and we are expecting the other to furnish us with his proposal. The one I am waiting on is currently doing the steeple work at Centenary Methodist Church on Friendly Rd., and is from Charlotte, NC. His work has included the Georgia, Colorado, Vermont, and numerous other state capital domes as well as many, many church steeples in all most every state in the union. We really want to hear what he has to offer. However, needless to say, we want to get this settled as soon as possible so we can begin work in the spring as the weather permits.

As we plan for the new projects, I would like to take this opportunity to say: “We could not have done this without you!” Your continued financial support, encouragement, patience with the mess and inconvenience resulting from construction, is highly appreciated! I think we can say now that the kitchen and boiler system will likely serve this congregation for many years of “Growing Together”!

Cliff Greaves, Building Committee Chairman