



January 1, 2017

Dear Hope Fellowship Family:

This month Hope Fellowship celebrates 30 years of serving the community and being a “family beyond a family” for all of us. The Lord has blessed us through the years, and we faithfully trust Him for the years ahead... and I am excited about what is ahead of us! By now you should have received word that during the December business meeting, members approved launching a capital campaign in 2017. I want to share more about these plans, let you know about some important dates, and encourage you to begin thinking and praying now about your commitment to this giving campaign.

For some time now we have recognized that as our ministry grows so does our need to invest in the church’s property. To this end, we will be launching a two-phased campaign that will last just over three years. This campaign will accomplish several objectives. During the first phase of the campaign (January 2017-March 2018), we will **1.) Pay off the church’s current mortgage**, and **2) Develop a fund to help with expenses related to expansion plans**. This will strengthen the church’s financial position as we look toward possible building expansion and will improve our cash flow as expenses related to the initial phases of a building project come due. These expenses include engineering studies, architect plans, and the like. The second phase of the campaign will tentatively begin in April 2018. Assuming all goes as planned and we have a green light for building expansion, this phase will focus on raising a significant down payment on the building loan and new mortgage.

During Phase I of our campaign, we are planning to raise \$125,000 over 15-months. **This effort will kick off on Sunday, January 22 with a 30th Anniversary Celebration Service and the official launch of the campaign.** During this service, you will receive a pledge card that will assist you in planning your investment in this effort. Pledge cards will be returned to the church on **Sunday, January 29** during morning worship. I encourage you to consider returning your card with an initial gift of 10% toward your pledge. Though not required, an initial gift towards your vow will help us kick start the fund for pre-expansion expenses, which have already started to be incurred. Finally, that Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., we will have an all-church potluck dinner where we will reveal the pledge and initial gift totals, and celebrate what the Lord is doing among us. It will also be a great opportunity for Debbie and me to visit with you one more time before my two-month sabbatical begins. To help you consider what your commitment to Phase I of our “*Hope for Tomorrow*” Capital Campaign might be, a sample giving chart is included on the back of this letter. Although it will require some sacrifice, I have no doubt that we can meet this challenge, with the Lord’s help!

There is a stanza in the hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” that reads, “*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.*” Please consider your role in helping Hope Fellowship build **strength for today** through Phase I of our capital campaign, and **hope for tomorrow** as we look forward to what the Lord has in store for our congregation, our building and the greater impact we can have on our community.

Sincerely,

Pastor Dennis Dewey

Phase 1 Pledge Examples

Phase I Pledge Amount (15-Months)	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
\$10,000.00	\$665.75	\$7,989.00
\$5,000.00	\$333.30	\$3,999.60
\$2,500.00	\$166.70	\$2,000.40
\$1,000.00	\$66.70	\$800.40
\$500.00	\$33.25	\$399.00
\$250.00	\$16.60	\$199.20
\$100.00	\$6.70	\$80.40

