

Believe

ZEBULON BAPTIST CHURCH
Capital Campaign *Believe*



Renewing Our Commitment

BY L. JACK GLASGOW

It is the Spring of 2008, and we once again find our church family at the place where it is time to renew our commitment to support the Capital Campaign. The Capital Campaign is one of the two large resource streams that fund our ministries at Zebulon Baptist Church. Gifts to the Capital Campaign pay the obligations we owe for the campus and facilities we enjoy. They also provide resources that enable us to venture out in mission partnerships and mission action. They enable us to take good care of the campus by practicing good stewardship of what is ours to use for God's purposes.

There are many good reasons to appeal to each member of our congregation to support our Capital Campaign *Believe* for

the next five years. It is a matter of being responsible toward our obligations. It is good to pay off debt in a timely fashion. It will enable us to do good mission work. A strong Capital Campaign keeps us from using the resources of our other revenue stream, the Budget, to pay for the facilities we have built together.

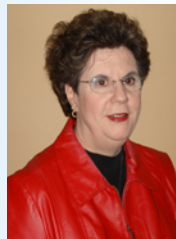


Actually, I want to suggest a more important reason than all of those mentioned already for you and me to partner together in sacrificial, generous giving to this Capital Campaign *Believe*.

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BY JANE H. MITCHELL



Former Zebulon Baptist Church Pastor, Charles D. Edwards, speaking to the congregation in a letter regarding the "Together We Build" Campaign back in 1978 said "I earnestly **believe** we are ready

for the challenge this campaign offers. I **believe** in it and am committed to it."

Thirty years later, my message to you is the same. ZBC is embarking on a new campaign, and I **believe** we are positioned to take this campaign's challenge and continue positioning Zebulon Baptist at a level of Christian leadership, education, mission and praise that makes us the church God wants us to be. I want to encourage

you to join with the campaign leadership team in supporting the vision and goals of our church to insure that we continue to do God's will in this community.

Back in 2001 and 2002, our church decided to grow our campus by purchasing the shopping center adjoining our property.

Our "Building on Faith...Moving Forward in Ministry" campaign began; and three years later in 2005, after successfully completing the initial campaign, a second one began with our motto being "Moving Forward in Ministry...If You Just Believe." Wishing to continue to glorify God and be good stewards of what he has given us, we will roll out of this very successful campaign into our new campaign with a motto that is both simple and powerful – *Believe*.

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Prayer VIGIL



For more than 6 years, Zebulon Baptist Church members and friends have participated in our annual prayer vigil. Its heritage comes from the first Capital Campaign when we were purchasing and renovating Building D, the Jack Glasgow Building. We came together as a church family and prayed throughout a 24-hour period for all the various needs of the church, community, state, nation and world. This tradition has continued to grow and benefit our church family; and once again during Capital Campaign *Believe*, we will honor this tradition.

ZBC's Prayer Vigil will be Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. We will be praying for our Capital Campaign *Believe*, for each member of ZBC, as well as the many other needs that are expressed by way of the prayer request cards.

Sunday School Classes are scheduled for specific times so plan to come together and make it a time of fellowship and sharing as well as a time of prayer (schedules will be provided the first part of April). If you cannot come when your class is scheduled, come at a time that is convenient for you and your family. Those not involved in a Sunday School class are invited to come throughout the day. Each Prayer session will begin on the hour.

Remember to fill out prayer request cards that you will find in the pew racks or in your bulletins and drop them in the offering plates on Sunday or in the prayer boxes located in the foyer of the sanctuary building or in the window sill by the Fellowship Hall in Building D.

Zebulon Baptist Church is a church that shows its love in many ways but especially by way of prayer. Show your love for your family, church, community and others by participating in this day of prayer.

... and a Little Child Shall Lead Them.

When children think about what it means to believe in something, we can only imagine what comes to the tips of their tongues and gently rolls out of their mouths. While there are some obvious answers that jump to the forefront of their minds, how often is their answer "I believe in my church!?" Capital Campaign *Believe* will focus on creating and understanding the concept of believing in one's church through the "eyes of a child!" ZBC children will be engaged in the campaign with children's sermons that will encourage them to build up treasures in Heaven through teamwork, to believe in what God's will is for them, to be faithful stewardships in collecting coins and bringing them to help grow Zebulon Baptist Church and to invest their time in their church through worshipping, learning, giving and serving.

On Sunday, April 13, ZBC children will be given collection containers. These containers will display our *Believe* logo. These will be distributed in Sunday School classrooms; and during the Children's Sermons during the 10:00 service. Children will be encouraged to gather loose change throughout



the week to place in their containers. Beginning Sunday, April 20, the children should bring their collection containers to church with them each week and pour their loose change into the "Star" bank that will be located outside the Nursery Area. The children's Capital Campaign *Believe* goal will be to fill the Star to the top (maybe even two times) and look forward to participating in the "First Fruits" Sunday on May 11.

Just as the Wise Men believed so long ago that the bright star shining in the night would lead them to the Baby Jesus, so should our children **believe** that this "Star" bank which will hold their coins, **will bring them the treasures of Heaven!**

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Renewing Our Commitment

It is because we **believe**. We believe in God. We believe in Christ. We believe in the work of the Spirit through the church. We invest ourselves: time, talent, and money – because we **believe**.

I want to quote from Ronald Rolheiser's wonderful book recently given to me by one of our members, *The Shattered Lantern*. He writes, "Imagine a dancer dancing. The dance exists only while it is being danced by the dancer. The instant the dancer stops, the dance ceases. We are God's dance." I believe that!

God's wonderful, life-giving dance of love and grace with all persons is danced through the church. If God ever quit dancing, the church might as well go away. But, **I believe** God is still Lord of the dance. Through our congregation

God is reaching out to families, to the poor, to persons in the hospital, to persons who are grieving, to marriages in trouble, to couples planning weddings, to singles seeking community, to youth wanting to belong, and to children open to learn about God. I believe God is and very much wants to be at work through us. That is worth our best commitment, because we **believe!**

We are going to have fun together in this Capital Campaign *Believe*. Join us at the Day of Prayer, the Home Fellowships, morning worship, and the Celebration Event. God will surprise us and inspire us along the way. Yes, the Campaign is about giving. But, at the deeper level, it is about affirming and supporting the faith which together, we **believe**.

ZBC Youth Believe!

The upcoming Capital Campaign *Believe* is gearing up to encourage all of our youth to **believe** in Zebulon Baptist Church and God's will in their lives! The team is hard at work getting ZBC youth engaged in the fact that **believing** in your church means **believing** in your future! ZBC youth will have several Wednesday evenings in April, during Journeys, to focus on what Stewardship means to them and how

Stewardship at Zebulon Baptist Church is linked to the youth. We will set a stewardship goal as a group and track our ZBC Youth's progress.

One of the exciting activities for our youth will be their own Home Fellowship. This will be a time of food, fun and fellowship along with time to gather important information on how ZBC youth can be an instrumental

part in the life of our church! The Youth home fellowship is scheduled for April 16 from 6:30-8:30 at Roy Marsh's House. ZBC Youth team will have an opportunity to gather their loose change throughout the four-week Campaign, and bring it to any church activity throughout this period of time. The Capital Campaign *Believe* Children's and Youth Team will provide the

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HOME FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Home Fellowship Meetings are planned to help us continue our commitment to doing God's will at Zebulon Baptist Church as we enter our Capital Campaign *Believe*. We are excited to invite you to one of the Home Fellowship Meetings scheduled over the next few weeks. At these meetings you will hear from our pastor and others about the aspects of this campaign and how it is designed to continue the ministries and obligations of our church. A list of the Home Fellowship Meetings is below. While we are encouraging our members to attend the Home Fellowship with your Deacon group, you are welcome to attend any Home Fellowship that fits your schedule. Friends and prospective members are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting where date or location is most convenient for you.

We look forward to seeing you there to learn how you can be a part of this campaign, and more importantly, a part of the life of Zebulon Baptist Church. What we do today can provide a firm foundation for future generations to do the work of God in this community. If you have any questions please contact Calvin or Nancy Pippin at 269-5017 or Patrick or Paula Williams at 366-0728.

Schedule for Home Fellowships

Date	Time	Deacons	Hosts	Address
Thursday Apr. 17	6:45	Mike Jones, Stuart Barbour, Marty Tartara	Mike & Cindy Jones	311 Lakeside Circle Zebulon
Sunday Apr. 20	7:00	Joe Green, Kim Griswold, Bruce Behrendt	Rebecca Hinton	409 S Arendell Ave Zebulon
Monday Apr. 21	6:45	Brian Staples, Paula Williams, Bridgette Alford	Patrick & Paula Williams	310 S Selma Rd Wendell
Tuesday Apr. 22	6:45	Michelle Pait, Harry Wilson, JoAnn Tharrington	Dave & Lynn Hawkins	9316 Dukes Lake Rd Zebulon
Thursday Apr 24	6:45	Joe Turlington, Anne White, Robert Jenkins	Curtis & Jackie Strickland	205 E Sycamore St Zebulon
Sunday Apr. 27	3:00	Marion Horton, Linda Ellington, Betsy Green	Billy & Betsy Green	1430 Mack Todd Rd Zebulon
Sunday Apr.27	5:00	Sam Matheny, Carroll Pate, Susan Beck	Don Perry	306 Lakeside Circle Zebulon
Tuesday Apr. 29	6:45	Fred Ellington, Suzanne Perry, Cheryl Merritt	Doug & Suzanne Perry	684 Clyde Pearce Rd Zebulon
Thursday May 1	6:45	Kim Walker, Duke Sanders, Gerald Lanier	Steve & Karen Marsh	1621 Pearces Rd Zebulon
Sunday May 4	3:00	Dallas Falk, Bob Falge, Susan Pearce	Bob & Sue Falge	9101 Hunters Greene Dr Zebulon
Sunday May 4	5:00	Shannon Speller, Dan Carter, Chris Perry	Giles & Jeanne Jeffreys	1312 Wakefield Farm Rd Zebulon
Monday May 5	6:45	Make up/Anyone who hasn't been earlier	Calvin & Nancy Pippin	Stonewalk Ct Zebulon



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Capital Campaign *Believe*

Let me share some details of our new campaign known as Capital Campaign *Believe*. This campaign will run for five years beginning in May of 2008 and concluding in May of 2013. Goals have been set by the leadership team chairs and members of the campaign teams, and more details will be shared over the next six weeks. Monies given to Capital Campaign *Believe* will continue, as in the past, to reduce our current indebtedness, to support our Caring for the Campus fund and to provide for Missions Ventures.

In Luke 12:48, we hear what Jesus had to say about giving. "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." The little boy who gave his lunch to feed the multitudes and the widow who gave her last two mites are wonderful testimonies of sacrificial giving. As you become involved with Capital Campaign *Believe*, begin formulating your giving plan to help further the church's vision; and ask yourself if your commitment is one you can be faithful to? Prayerful, sacrificial, faithful – three guiding principals in Christian growth.

I ask you to join Waddell and me in believing in the mission of our church, in **believing** that we have a responsibility to seek God's will through prayer, in **believing** that we can make a difference in our community and our world, in **believing** that no obstacles are too great to overcome, in **believing** that no task is too great to accomplish with God's help and in **believing** that we must show our belief and faith in God by giving sacrificially to the Capital Campaign *Believe* and all programs of our church.

From a newsletter sent at the beginning of our current 2005 campaign, I share the words of Jack Glasgow – "I **believe** that there is no better investment than to invest in God's Kingdom through this church."

Believe in the possibilities that await you and me as we enter our new five-year Capital Campaign *Believe*.

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Zebulon Youth *Believe*

collection containers for our youth. All youth who participate in any activity at ZBC are encouraged to be prayerful and thoughtful as to where your loose change might come from. Perhaps some of your contributions will come from the fact that you purchase one less bottle of Coca-Cola at school three times in one week; maybe your container will fill up as you empty your pockets each night before bed; and just maybe you passed on getting ice cream after the game and decided to put the money you would have spent on ice cream into your "*Believe*" container; or perhaps you split the difference on the cost of a prom dress as a sacrifice to God.

ZBC youth will be involved in all aspects of this campaign to include participation in Home Fellowships, the exciting Celebration event and on "First Fruits" Sunday as you make your collective contribution to the Capital Campaign *Believe*!

We encourage the youth to remember that it is not "equal giving, but equal sacrifice." Let your stewardship to Zebulon Baptist Church and, more importantly to God, not only be a testimony of obedience and sacrifice, but an act of faith!

"I believe that there is no better investment than to invest in God's Kingdom through this church." ~ Jack Glasgow

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *Believe* LEADERS

Jane Mitchell, Chairman

Don Perry, Chairman

Crafton Hudson, Church Treasurer

Jack Glasgow, Senior Pastor