

Pursuing His Glory
Capital Campaign Update
Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Believers under the old covenant were required to bring an animal to sacrifice to the Lord as a whole burnt offering to atone for their sin, but believers under the new covenant no longer need to do this. Christ has made the once and for all perfect sacrifice for sin. Now we who belong to Christ view sacrifice in an entirely new way. The Apostle Paul calls upon Christians "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Romans 12: 1 ESV). This means that we should fashion our lives in accordance with the standards of the gospel: sacrificially surrendering ourselves to the Lord with everything we have and are.

Many of you have heeded the apostle Paul's command and this is evidenced in your giving. Not only have you continued to give your tithes and offerings, but you have given sacrificially in order to make needful improvements to our facilities.

In the spring of 2017 the Elders initiated a Capital Campaign to finance a new sanctuary and to provide funds for other upgrades to our existing building. Since that time we have received gifts and pledges of approximately \$1,354,736. This amount includes a matching gift of \$200,000 from outside the congregation, but the vast majority of this sum comes from your amazing dedication and sacrificial giving. Thank you!

On November 24, 2019, we voted to move forward with our project. This has already begun with things like additional planning and permitting. We hope to break ground soon.

The estimated final cost of the entire project will be \$1,681,645. This will fund our new sanctuary, as well as provide for new accessible bathrooms, interior and exterior ramps, a covered drive-up porch, and upgrades to our existing building. Thus, as of December 1st, we still need an additional \$327,000.

On November 3rd we announced that we would like to fund this project completely by generous sacrificial giving that goes above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. We have therefore initiated Phase 2 of our 'Pursuing His Glory' campaign. Phase 1 will end on June 30, 2020. Phase 2 will run two more years until June 30, 2022. (It is quite normal in large Capital Campaigns to have multiple phases, particularly if the goal is to avoid indebtedness, which is indeed our desire.)

To cover this cost in the next 30 months will be a challenge as many of us have already given a great deal to see this project realized.

This is a call to depend on the Lord as we build for today and the future, so that we might continue to engage people with the Gospel. Therefore we urge you to pray:

*"Lord, what would you do through me to accomplish your vision for our church?
Help me discern a sacrifice for our capital campaign that is meaningful and joyful."*

We do not seek equal gifts from each family, but equal sacrifices. We believe that God will supply all that we need in our personal lives, and that in abundance, thus enabling us collectively to completely fund this project for His kingdom.

So here is our challenge:

If you gave during Phase 1, we ask that you begin prayerfully to consider extending your initial pledge for two more years. If your financial situation has improved, you might be able to give more. If it has weakened you might not be able to consider this at this time. Nevertheless, a two-year extension of your initial three-year pledge is a good place for you to begin praying.

If you have already pledged to Phase 2, thank you. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord might encourage you in the 30 months ahead to give even more as He blesses you.

If you were not part of DVPC in 2017 we are asking you to pray the same prayer and to ask the Lord to show you how you might participate in this kingdom-building work.

Finally, if you were unable to support our project in 2017, we hope that you are now able to come alongside your brothers and sisters and to support it. Pray and ask the Lord what He would have you do to further the work and ministry of the Gospel at DVPC.

Throughout the years, we at DVPC have by God's grace remained constant and steadfast in our witness to the glory of God and the spreading of the Gospel in the Valley and beyond. Now we must finish raising the final portion needed to restore, renovate and expand our facilities.

Our facilities are a gift from God, bequeathed to us by Him through our fathers and mothers in the faith. It was their diligence, faithfulness and sacrifice that built and repeatedly expanded the facilities which they cared for and gave to us for our use.

It is now our duty and joy to be able to provide for our own needs and those of future generations, so that they too might continue the rich heritage of Christian faithfulness that is characteristic of DVPC. We have the opportunity to ask God how He would use the financial resources that He has given us to extend His kingdom through the ongoing worship and work of DVPC.

Please prayerfully consider how you will use the enclosed pledge card and return it in the offering plate or mail it to the church as you are able. We need everyone to participate. No gift is too small to be used of the Lord.

Construction will soon begin. I hope you will be able to rejoice in the great heritage that is ours at DVPC and that you will also be able to rejoice in what God is doing among us today and, as it pleases Him, in the years to come.

Please pray that in all this we will continue to have our focus on Him and His glory.

In the grace of Christ,

The Elders of DVPC