

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is “*imagine...*”?

The entire Ministry Team believes it is God’s desire for Creek’s End to move forward into the future on a campaign journey called “*imagine...*”. Imagineering was a term Walt Disney used to put imagination and engineering together to produce wonderful things. This campaign journey should challenge every person who calls Creek’s End their home to imagine the legacy we can leave to future generations as a church that helps people connect to God, connect to themselves, and connect with others. It is also an opportunity to enter into a process of personal and spiritual growth, reflection and commitment.

Why are we doing another campaign?

Our last initiative made it possible to enclose our present atrium and move into the worship facility we use as well as expand our parking and remodel The Warehouse. This campaign, “*imagine...*”, will prepare and free us for greater ministry as God works in and through His people.

A campaign initiative helps us grow, organize, commit, and serve Him in a faith-filled, forward looking manner. We believe that it is God’s desire for us at Creek’s End to serve Him in ever increasing ways in the Spring/Tomball area and to the ends of the earth. We want more people to know the EPIC life that God has available. “*imagine...*” is a vehicle that keeps us focused on God’s purposes.

What is my part?

We want every partner and regular attender at Creek’s End to ask one simple question. Carefully consider the ministry initiatives, outreach initiatives, and building initiatives and ask, “God, what would you have me do in the area of spiritual growth, ministry, service, and financial giving for the sake of your kingdom?”

How do I determine what God wants me to give?

In 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul shares these words: “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Prayer is the foundation for everything we do at Creek’s End. Our hope is that you will prayerfully ask God how He wants your household to contribute to the expansion of His kingdom. While all of us cannot give the same dollar amount, each one of us can share through equal sacrifice.

How will commitments be made?

Financial commitments can be made either by giving weekly, monthly, or quarterly over the next 3 year period. Commitment cards will be made available for each family to take home and pray about the amount you believe God would have you give.

Can my commitments be changed if necessary?

Absolutely, you may either increase or decrease your commitment at any time during the campaign as God leads. We simply ask that you notify the Financial Team who maintains these confidential records.

Will the church accept non-cash gifts?

Non cash gifts are a creative way to give toward this campaign. Some people may be led to give one-time non-cash gifts or to plan other creative ways to give. Liquidated stock, a car, garage sales, and gold coins are examples of non-cash gifts previously given. Some people may even consider making the church a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. If you are planning on these kinds of non-cash gifts, please be sure and include this on your pledge card. If necessary, someone from the church will contact you to answer any questions you might have.

Will monetary commitments be made public?

We will publicly declare only the total dollar amount being pledged because we believe it will be a great day of celebration. Individual names and individual pledges will never be made public. Only the Financial Team is aware of individual pledges.

When do I begin to give?

March 29, 2009 is our First Fruits weekend. This is the kick-off weekend for us to begin our giving, and we're asking that if you have made a commitment, to give 10% of your over-all pledged amount. After that weekend your pattern of giving on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis is up to you.

Should I stop giving to the general fund of the church in order to support the capital stewardship campaign?

No. The general fund provides the financial needs of the ministries of Creek's End. It is important that we maintain strong support for the regular, on-going, ministries of the church as we seek to expand those ministries by providing larger facilities. It makes little sense to provide expanded facilities if we have to curtail the ministries for lack of funds. The contributions to the "*imagine...*" campaign are not a substitute for your regular tithe.

What if I feel led to indicate an amount that I do not possess; or what if I support the buildings but God leads me to not give anything; or less than I expected?

God knows the future and we desire that you would walk in faith to how He leads you. Our desire is that you provide an indication when you are ready. Please act as God leads you and not because people have pushed you into anything or out of fear of the future.

Why aren't we expanding our worship facility and adding more seats?

At this point in our journey, we cannot afford what we ultimately need. That will have to come later with more people who can financially support it. We can always add more services but we have no space for other outreach environments that will eventually lead to a larger worship facility. While one will be included in the master plan, we do not believe now is the time to tackle it unless God provides the huge amount that would be needed to do so.

What happens if we don't raise "enough" money?

By definition, however much we raise, we will have raised "enough". However much God gives us is what we want to raise and that is sufficient. We are going to celebrate and wisely spend the amount raised through the "*imagine...*" Stewardship Campaign according to the initiatives we have presented. We will prioritize projects and proceed with what we have.