

The God's Plans, Our Hands Campaign confirms our commitment to be faithful in sharing God's love and grace to our community and beyond. It is a sign of:



"Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples...teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded" (Matt. 28:19-20)



God has asked us to reach the hearts of those around us with the life-changing news of Jesus Christ. That is God's plan. The 2015 capital campaign will equip our church to live into the plan God has for us.

Will you join?



### It's About the Future and Life-Changing Ministries

The church has always intended for facilities to be funded with special gifts above and beyond tithes and offerings. Paying down debt honors that intent. Our Good News UMC family has expressed a strong desire to see the church in full ministry with facilities called for in our master plan. Taking this step to lower existing debt will position us to move forward with our vision. It also helps assure Good News UMC can continue to provide effective ministries to meet life needs, equip disciples and reach out to others with God's forgiveness, grace and love.

Our God's Plans, Our Hands Campaign allows us to unite together in prayer and giving to fulfill the work God has prepared for us to do. God does some of the best work in our lives when we are called upon to trust God without reservation. The real story, as a result of what we do together in the God's Plans, Our Hands Campaign, will be the change in our hearts as we draw near to Christ through devoted prayer, offering ourselves to God first and then our gifts to transform lives through empowered ministry.



God's plan for us is clear. We are to reach and make new disciples for the transformation of our families, homes, neighborhoods, communities and world.

### Two Vital Reasons for the 2015 Campaign

### 1. Keeps Ministry Strong

Capital campaign gifts for paying down building debt assures the right proportion of our tithes and offering remains available for daily ministry. This will allow our ministries to grow. Special gifts above our tithes and offerings go to fund debt, otherwise, building payments must come from our daily operational budget.

#### 2. Frees Us To Talk About The Future

When our debt is reduced to a more manageable level, as guided by Texas Methodist Foundation, we can begin serious conversation moving forward with our master plan for added facilities which are already needed. As wise stewards, we will not move forward until our debt load is reduced.

CURRENT BUILDING DEBT Total Loan Balance: \$883,860 (December 2014) Lender:
Texas
Methodist
Foundation

Interest Rate: 3.75% Monthly
Payment:
\$2,917
(Interest Paid From
Church Budget)



### Life Changing Ministries are a Direct Result of Debt Reduction

The pledge period from our previous campaign is ending in the spring of 2015. If it became necessary for us to pay down the principal on our building note from our church's daily ministry budget that would mean tens of thousands of dollars over the next three years would have to be directed from ministry to building payments.

Simply stated, our church could not be the church God is calling us to be, nor the church we are today. Life changing ministries attract people and retain the families we have. God's blessings are evidenced in all we have accomplished. We are faithful, so let's "finish the work", honoring God and celebrating our mission. The campaign goal of \$500,000 includes applying \$313,421 toward debt reduction, plus the needs on the next page.

# Parking Lot Expansion \$112,663

To improve ingress and egress, the drive will be extended to LaJaita. We will also extend the drive to the east and add 13 spaces. Electrical work will make provision for two parking lot lights. Necessary architectural and engineering services and site development are included.

## Digital Signage \$25,823

We live in an information culture. The ability to greet people as they drive by the church is a plus. This site feature will be an attractive and efficient means for sharing inspirational thoughts with our community, distributing announcements and welcoming people to our church. The sign will have a white acrylic top with the church logo and a full color LED message center display.

# Architectural Design \$20,000

From the early days of occupying our church home, we have seen the ever growing need for flexible space in which small groups, Bible study and various church family and community gatherings could be held. This seed money will begin the process of designing such a facility called for in our master plan.

## Kitchen Improvements \$28,083

Hospitality is a hallmark of Good News UMC. Kitchen improvements include a four-burner gas stove, griddle and vent system. This amount also includes full installation of the necessary plumbing, exhaust system and carpentry for roof repairs needed as a result of the exhaust installation.

