



IMMEASURABLY MORE

Capital Campaign begins September 29th



Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

Now to Him who is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

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How does a Capital Campaign Deepen Your Journey with Jesus?

Students

Raising middle and high school students to live more fully alive here at Gloria Dei involves guiding them to cultivate a deep relationship with Christ and embrace the spirit of generosity through the church. By nurturing their spiritual growth, students can develop a strong sense of purpose and identity. Encouraging and assisting them to engage in prayer, worship, and Bible study helps them connect with Christ on a personal level, fostering resilience and empathy.

Incorporating acts of service and generosity within the church community further enhances their sense of fulfillment. Participation in church-led outreach programs and volunteering opportunities allows them to experience the joy of giving and the impact of their contributions. This combination of spiritual growth and active service equips youth with a profound understanding of their role in the world, instilling values of compassion and stewardship. Integrating these practices into their daily lives empowers students to live fully alive, grounded in faith, and driven by a spirit of generosity. We will weave these principles into our "Sunday Night Live" gatherings during the month of October.



Kids

As we are about to embark on this journey together, we know from Ephesians 3:20-21 that God can do IMMEASURABLY MORE through Gloria Dei, including our kids, parents and caregivers. As this capital campaign places a large focus on the future for our kids and students, we would love to see our kids get involved in this process. This includes introducing the idea of stewardship and generosity to our kids not only from a financial perspective, but through the giving of time, gifts and passions. We want our kids to develop a confidence that no matter how young they are, they can make a difference in their church and community through their generosity. They can then take that confidence with them as they grow up to become generous adults.



On October 6th, we will introduce our kids to these values and encourage them to grow in their generosity. We invite all K-6th grade students and their parents to join us on this day to participate in minute-it to win-it-games that introduce these concepts.

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Adults

What might God achieve in us, beyond what we can ask or imagine, if we commit to daily engagement with His Word, listen for His Voice and respond with obedience. The following Bible Studies will begin on September 29th:

- What Lutherans Believe About Stewardship taught by Keith Chuvala for five weeks.
- God's Abundance and Stewardship in the Minor Prophets taught by Richard Zalesak for five weeks.
- IMMEASURABLY MORE Discovery Bible Study taught by Jason Phelps for five weeks.
- Blessed and Blessing taught by Tina Hergenrader in her home for seven weeks.

Small Groups Options

Small groups are such an integral part of the faith and community life at Gloria Dei. As we dive deeper into the Capital Campaign, the small group team wants to make sure that groups are given a few options to help them focus and grow in stewardship and God's plan for generosity in our life. Below are some recommendations from our team.

Pastor John Kieschnick bible studies and handouts located on our website at gdlc.org/more:

- 1 Chronicles 28-29 bible study.
- 2 Corinthians 8-9 bible study.

RightNow Media Video

- The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn.

If you already have a RightNow Media account, go to rightnowmedia.org. If you need an account contact Stephanie Knea at sknea@gdlc.org. If you are a small group leader or would like to join a small group, please contact Stephanie Knea at sknea@gdlc.org.

Biblical Principles of Giving

In considering your gifts, you may find it comforting to know that God has given us several principles that we can apply.

The Stewardship Principle

Stewardship is recognizing that God already owns all that we possess, providing the resources for our lives and the life and ministry of Christ's church through us. We are accountable for what God has given us.

- **Proverbs 3:9** Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces.
- **Deuteronomy 8:18a** But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

The Voluntary Principle

No one in our church is going to determine the amount of another's gift.

- **2 Corinthians 9:7** Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The Sacrificial Principle

The word sacrifice can be defined as "to set apart" or "to make holy." Jesus chose those who gave sacrificially as models for giving. Further, scripture makes clear that God measures the gift not in comparison to others but in relation to one's resources and what is left over after the gift.

- **Mark 12:41-44** And He (Jesus) sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called his disciples to Him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord God Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10

How Do We Reach Our Goal?

Through prayer and sacrificial giving. Indeed, our campaign involves “Not Equal Giving, but Equal Sacrifice.” Clearly, we don’t all have the same resources, but we can all sacrifice. The amount of your sacrifice is strictly between you and God.

- **1 Chronicles 29:5, 6, 9** “Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?” Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.

Thinking About Gift Levels

Some Ways to Give

- Cash, Stocks or Bonds
- Cash values of Life Insurance Policies
- Income Tax refunds
- Irrevocable or Revocable Trust
- Matching company funds
- Average pay increase, etc.

Equal Sacrifice, NOT Equal Giving

Giving is for 3.5 years,
over and above your regular giving

Campaign Giving Calculator

Weekly Commitment	Total Commitment (182 weeks)
\$10	\$1,820
\$15	\$2,730
\$25	\$4,550
\$50	\$9,100
\$75	\$13,650
\$100	\$18,200
\$250	\$45,500
\$350	\$63,700
\$500	\$91,000

Gift Level Guide

# of Gifts	IMMEASURABLY MORE Gifts
1	\$1,000,000
1	\$750,000
# of Gifts	Impact Gifts
1	\$500,000
1	\$250,000
2	\$100,000
3	\$75,000
# of Gifts	Pacesetter Gifts
4	\$50,000
6	\$45,000
10	\$40,000
12	\$30,000
# of Gifts	Sacrificial Gifts
20	\$25,000
45	\$20,000
70	\$15,000
90	\$5,000
Many	As God Enables

Capital Campaign Giving Allocation

Why allocate 10% of the campaign to external missions?

- This models Biblical stewardship of first fruits giving (giving 10% as a tithe outside of Gloria Dei.)
- Supports local community organizations and schools.
- Positions Gloria Dei for Ready Response Preparedness.
- Continues our support for Gloria Dei, Honduras and Ochuloi, Uganda CarePoint.
- Provides us the opportunity for community outreach.

Why allocate 10% of the campaign to debt reduction?

- This places Gloria Dei in an even stronger financial position to live out our mission.
- Demonstrates fiscal responsibility.
- For example:
 - In 2013, total indebtedness was \$10.3 million.
 - 2024 total indebtedness is \$1 million.
- A highly successful campaign will reduce our indebtedness to \$500K. Praise the Lord!!!!

How will the 80% of the funds be utilized?

- Strategic decision to grow and expand our kids, student and family ministry.
- Campus Infrastructure.
- Expansion of facilities.



Prayer is a conversation with God, but it is also so much more. On October 4th & 5th join our two-day Mountain Mover Prayer Workshop to expand your prayer life. Attendees will hear topics such as: purpose in prayer, how beliefs affect our prayers, speaking God's Truth, and praying boldly without arrogance.

Food will be provided both days and participants will receive a workbook to be used during each session. Participants will NOT be asked to pray out loud. Cost is \$25/person or groups can reserve an entire table for \$20/person. The workshop is open to anyone who wants to rediscover prayer - men, women, small groups, prayer teams and more!

Campus Prayer Walk

Join us on September 24th from 4-6pm for a Campus Prayer Walk. Everyone is invited to come and pray over our existing facilities and future expansions. A list of suggestions will be provided to guide you in seeking God's favor, protection, direction, and multiplication for the future of Gloria Dei. This is a come and-go style event. The entire campus and grounds will be open for you to walk and pray, the Chapel will be available for those who choose to sit and pray.

A note from Kurt Rosenhagen, Campaign Director



You and I and the rest of the Body of Christ at Gloria Dei have been tremendously blessed by God so that we can be blessings to others as we live out our calling to help more people live life with Jesus every day.

God has placed before us a great opportunity to reach a growing population of families with kids and students in the Clear Lake area. As we open our hearts to the mission field before us, God can work through us to impact new generations with the Good News of His saving grace for them.

Join me in paving the way for the ministries God has prepared for Gloria Dei by asking Him to guide our stewardship of the time, talents and treasures He has entrusted to us to invest through this capital campaign. He will do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all we ask or imagine as we respond together as His faithful stewards.

Heavenly Father, as your church family we ask you to take hold of our VISION and direct us toward a unified path for the mission of GDLC. Empower us to see a fully alive church with ongoing growth opportunities, expanded resources, room to grow, and equipped to meet the ever-changing needs of the coming generations. Draw us closer to each other and to You as we seek Your favor together in prayer to accomplish IMMEASURABLY MORE. May we be strengthened by your Holy Spirit, united together in faith and prompted to implement Your plans and purposes to Your greater glory. Amen.

Kurt Rosenhagen

Dates To Remember

Awareness Forum
September 22
September 29



Campus Prayer Walk
September 24



Vision Sunday
September 29



Prayer Workshop
October 4 & 5



Commitment Celebration
Oktoberfest
October 27



Give Thanks Sunday
November 24

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