

LENGTHEN THE ROPES ISAIAH 54:2

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS “LENGTHEN THE ROPES”?

“Lengthen The Ropes” is the title of our capital campaign for phase one of our “Enlarge The Tent” Vision Plan.

WHAT IS A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

A capital campaign is a special effort to raise funds for a specific project(s)—usually, renovating or expanding a building or other construction—that requires substantial time and resources to complete.

WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL GOAL OF THE LENGTHEN THE ROPES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Our financial goal is to raise at least \$500,000 in gifts and 2-year commitments that are over and above our regular tithes and offerings.

WHY ARE WE IN A CAMPAIGN?

We are raising funds for the following projects:

- To help purchase & renovate two downtown buildings to be used as a coffee & ice cream shop for a community gathering space, meeting space for bible classes, and ministry center that includes a food pantry and counseling center.
- To purchase lights for our softball field to allow for expansion and opportunities to bring more people onto our campus to introduce them to Cornerstone.
- To purchase a 15-passenger van to provide transportation to our current ministries as well as an opportunity to start a van ministry.
- To upgrade our church's entryway to create a more welcoming and functional lobby area to greet the congregation and guests.
- To partner with other local churches in our Association to revitalize Welcome Baptist Church in Statesville.

By raising additional money above and beyond general tithes and offerings, we can protect our budgeted programs, ministries, and mission initiatives. We will also save a tremendous amount of money in interest costs by not borrowing the amounts that we raise.

WHEN WILL THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BEGIN? WHEN WILL I MAKE MY COMMITMENT?

The Capital Campaign will officially kickoff on February 12, 2023, Commitment Sunday!

The congregation is asked to bring their completed pledge cards, sealed in the privacy envelope provided, to church on Commitment Sunday, where we will have a time of prayer and lay the cards at the altar.

If you are unable to attend Commitment Sunday, you may place it in offering plate on any Sunday morning or mail it to Cornerstone Baptist Church, 200 Clearview Rd, Cleveland, NC 27013.

WILL MY GIFT BE CONFIDENTIAL?

Every gift and commitment will be confidential. Once members complete their pledge cards, they will place them in privacy envelopes that will only be opened by the church's treasurer and ministry assistant.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO PAY MY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE?

The Capital Campaign giving period is two years. Pledges can be paid over a two-year period in a variety of ways. For example, a Capital Campaign pledge can be paid all at once, or you can pay your pledge annually, quarterly, weekly or any other way that works for you.

WILL THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE BE IN ADDITION TO MY REGULAR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH?

Yes. It is vital that we maintain support for our day-to-day operations and programs. The Capital Campaign donations are separate from tithes and offerings. This sacrificial giving campaign is over and above your regular tithes and offerings.

CAN I CHANGE MY PLEDGE?

While you can change your pledge at any time, please remember that we are basing our spending on campaign projects on the funds we have available. We do realize that financial circumstances change, and it may be necessary for you to adjust your pledge. Your pledge is not a legal or binding contract.

DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD?

Yes. It helps us to decide what we can spend on the various projects of this campaign. You may download a copy of the pledge card at www.cornerstonenc.org/lengththeropes or you may request one by emailing the church office at office@cornerstonenc.org.

WHO ARE THE CHURCH MEMBERS ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM?

Jacqui Schuberth: Co-Chair

Catie Tansey: Co-Chair

Daniel Ritch

Delane Davis

Roy Huss – Adviser

Carey Brown – Adviser

Pastor Michael Rakes– ex-officio

HOW CAN I PAY MY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE? WAYS TO GIVE?

Your tax-deductible contributions may be made via check, cash, money order or credit card.

Ways to Give:

1. Online: www.cornerstonenc.org/lengththeropes
2. App: Download the Vanco Faith App on your electronic device.
3. By Mail: 200 Clearview Rd, Cleveland, NC 27013
4. In-person: Place in the Sunday offering plate.

Please make sure funds are designated towards the "**Lengthen The Ropes Campaign.**" Checks can be made out to Cornerstone Baptist Church.

WHAT IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

Please contact any of the members on the Capital Campaign Team, the church office at office@cornerstonenc.org, or Pastor Michael at michaelrakes@cornerstonenc.org.

Also, please be on the lookout for Lengthen the Ropes updates that will be emailed to you periodically and posted on our Lengthen The Ropes webpage at www.cornerstonenc.org/lengththeropes.

To be added to our email list, please contact the church office.

WHAT WILL I BE ASKED TO DO?

You will be asked to pray about your gift and respond to the Holy Spirit's leading in determining the amount and method of your gift. You may give an outright gift or make a commitment to give over a two-year period, beginning February 12, 2023.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Prayer is the first work we do. Our campaign also has work that requires hands, feet and voices. The more people who volunteer, the lighter the work for everyone. Also, the more involved a congregation becomes in its campaign, the greater the results that are achieved.

We anticipate having several campaign events during this 2-year campaign, if you are interested in helping, please contact the church office at office@cornerstonenc.org.