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# VISION VIEWS

Spring 2018

A Publication of Vision Ministries

- Now Scheduling Capital Fund Campaigns for Fall 2018 & Spring 2019
- Get your request in early and secure your preferred dates
- 29 years of CFC consulting experience

### Contact the Vision Ministries office for more details

*Although Vision Ministries specializes in working with Church of God congregations, our CFC services are available to churches in various denominations.*

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.visionministries.org](http://www.visionministries.org)

Find out more about:

- The Keys to a Successful CFC
- The Pitfalls of Self-Led CFCs
- Getting a free CFC Quote

"Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraints." Proverbs 29:18 (ASV)

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)





## A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR **JIM WALTERS**

A visitor to Lambarene in Africa found the great Albert Schweitzer pushing a wheelbarrow as he helped build a new road. The visitor was surprised to find this famous missionary doing such a menial chore. He asked, "Doctor, how is it that you push a wheelbarrow?"

Schweitzer replied, "It is really very simple. All you do is to take a shovel, load the wheelbarrow full of dirt, then take hold of the handle and push."

This is the way much of the Lord's work gets done! There is not much glamour in our day-to-day conduct and commitment for Christ and his Kingdom work. Yet, we need to know that most of the victories in the Christian life are won in the daily round. Being a Christian does not relieve us of the work and responsibility, struggle and conflict, but rather gives us the resource and resolve to be victorious in the midst of it.

Jesus said it this way . . .

***If any of you wants to be my followers, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow me.*** (Luke 9:23)

God has called us to a committed life of service and sacrifice. Be assured, there is no greater investment that we can make in all of life than with the Lord and the work of His kingdom. The rewards are truly life changing and eternal. So . . .

**Pick up your shovel, load the wheelbarrow, and push. The time for rest will come later.**

If the need for a Capital Fund Campaign is in your church's future, please keep Vision Ministries in mind.

Blessings,

*The product of a pastor's home, Jim has a love for and understanding of the local church, having pastored Church of God congregations 31 years prior to founding Vision Ministries. His three pastorates included a new church plant for 14 years. Jim led his own congregations through nine such successful capital fund campaigns. He brings a heart and passion for how these campaigns can bring strength and focus to the church's vision and ministry. Jim has been serving as a Capital Fund Campaign consultant since 1988.*

# BENEFITS OF A CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

- Provides a unifying spiritual experience for the church
- Fosters a deeper sense of community within the church
- Implements a strategic plan for raising funds to meet the church's goals and needs
- Develops good Christian stewardship in the church
- Calls people to a higher level of commitment & life in the church
- Helps expand the work of God's kingdom through your church

### ABOUT OUR CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGNS

- Raise funds for building, capital, & ministry projects
- Effective, proven methods based on Biblical stewardship principles
- Multiple on-site visits by our consultant
- Consultation and follow-up through the duration of the campaign

### CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

- Pledges are normally made for a three-year period
- Persons are asked that their pledges be over-and-above what they regularly give to their church's general ministry
- Focus and Appeal: "Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice"

### SCHEDULING A CAMPAIGN

- Early scheduling is recommended to secure a favorable date
- Quality, effective campaigns at comparatively reasonable rates

# Congratulations!

## Central Heights Church of God Columbus, Indiana

Last November the Central Heights Church finished the initial pledge phase of their three-year Capital Fund Campaign with Vision Ministries. The intent of their campaign is to raise sufficient funds to make the church's mortgage payments over the next three years. Their pledge total exceeded that amount!



## East Side Church of God Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada

In their recently completed three-year Capital Fund Campaign with Vision Ministries, the church raised an incredible amount of money for a church of their size. With it, they not only paid off a significant mortgage on their downtown youth center, but also have strong financial reserve in place to launch them into their next major facilities addition which they look to construct within the next year or so. Kevin Snyder is the church's lead pastor



## South Meridian Church of God Anderson, Indiana

The South Meridian Church recently completed their three-year Capital Fund Campaign with Vision Ministries. With the funds raised, they finished the second phase of their three-phase major renovations project. Their CFC funds enabled them to install new, energy efficient windows, update their HVAC system, and do a major redesign/remodel of their children's and youth ministries' facilities. The church's lead pastor is Ed Hyatt.



## Sunny Place Church of God Addison, Illinois

This past December, Sunny Place held a special Celebration Sunday to mark the completion of their three-year Capital Fund Campaign with Vision Ministries. Vision Ministries' Director, Jim Walters, was the guest speaker for the occasion. With the money raised in their campaign, the church was able to replace their deteriorating parking lot, remodel the church parsonage, purchase new video projection equipment, remove several dying trees on the property, and make other miscellaneous improvements. The church's senior pastor is Pete Weber.



## SPRING 2018 CAMPAIGN

### Hillcrest Community Church of God Cedar Springs, Michigan

The Hillcrest Church is having the pledge phase of their three-year campaign this spring, using Vision Ministries' services. The purpose of the campaign is to raise funds to install air conditioning in the church building and make needed improvements to their parking lot. Kristi Rhodes is the church's pastor.



## Ways Churches Use Their CFC Funds

*(raised with a Vision Ministries CFC)*

- Purchase new property
- Construct new facilities
- Replace deteriorating parking lots
- Roof replacement
- Upgrade church facilities
- New church equipment
- Pay down / pay off mortgages
- Outreach ministries

## Vision Ministries' 2019 Barbados Mission Work Camp

January 5-15, 2019

### Limited to 20 People

- Work on the ongoing construction of the Silver Sands Church of God
- Great worship and interaction with the Barbados people
- Spend the final 3 days/nights at the Divi Southwinds Beach Resort for some R&R
- Other optional activities: Island tour, famous Oistins Fish Fry dinner at the fish market, Sunday Bajan buffet and All-Star Steel Drum Band, three days of free time for other cultural experiences.
- Enjoy beautiful, tropical, balmy, warm Barbados in January!

For more information, contact Vision Ministries or visit our website.

