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VISIONVIEWS

Spring 2025

A Publication of Vision Ministries

- Scheduling Capital Fund Campaigns for Fall 2025 and beyond
- Get your request in early and secure your preferred dates
- 25+ 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

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)

PAST CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGNS WITH VISION MINISTRIES



South Meridian Church of God
Anderson, Indiana
(church building renovations)



Salem Church of God
Clayton, Ohio
(church building & parking lot renovations)

A MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

JIM WALTERS

There was an old man who had an old mule that didn't know his own strength. He had the mule hitched to a two-horse plow. He was always shouting, "Getup, Will. Getup John. Getup, Kate, Getup, Betsy."

A neighbor hearing all those different names asked the old man, "How many names does that mule have?"

"Oh," he said, "he just has one. His name is Pete. But, I put blinders on him and call out all the other names, and he thinks other mules are helping him, and he does the work many times better."

As we "plow" through this life, at times, we feel like there is just more than we can humanly handle. Sometimes that is true. We cannot go through life with blinders on, but there is the help of someone whom we cannot see with our eyes or touch with our hands---a someone who can make all the difference.

God gives us His promise in the Bible, when he says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you!" The Bible goes on to affirm, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Also, if your church is wanting to raise funds for various needed projects, we at Vision Ministries would be glad to come along side of you and help you with a Capital Fund Campaign. Other churches have done so and found it very productive. Give it a try---give us a try.

Blessings,

Jim



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. For 25+ years Jim has been serving as a Capital Fund Campaign consultant for churches in the USA, Canada, and the Caribbean.

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

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

UPDATE

The Planting Church of God Toronto, Canada

The church is in the midst of a three-year Capital Fund Campaign with Vision Ministries. Funds raised thus far have enabled them to install a much-needed elevator in their church building. Other projects are in progress. The church is on track to raise the amount that was initially pledged. The church's pastor is Marcelle James.



GRAND OPENING!

Faircrest Church of God Canton, Ohio

The Faircrest Church of God (formerly Eleventh Street Church of God) in Canton, Ohio, held their Grand Opening at the new location on February 2nd. This comes after years of fund-raising for this relocation project.

They recently conducted two consecutive three-year Capital Fund Campaigns with Vision Ministries. Their CFC giving over the six years exceeded their pledges by 23%. Congratulations Faircrest Church! Louie Pantelis is the church's pastor.



CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN TESTIMONIAL

"With Jim Walters' leadership and the fresh approach, we not only met our goal of \$600,000 but also blew by it to have pledges in excess of \$1 million. The campaign not only exceeded our financial expectations but also generated a renewed spiritual enthusiasm for God and His Kingdom work. We are so thankful to Jim and the leadership of Vision Ministries in this campaign."

Kevin Snyder, Pastor
East Side Church of God
Swift Current, SK, Canada

