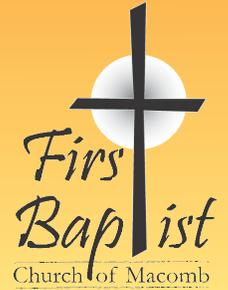


# Vision 4 TOMORROW



Introductory Newsletter

August 6, 2018

## ANNOUNCING OUR CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

### *Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts*

**F**irst Baptist Church of Macomb has launched a new capital stewardship campaign to reduce the debt on our new church home. *Vision 4 Tomorrow* is the name we have chosen for this campaign. This name acknowledges a tremendous opportunity we have to magnify Christ and minister to this region by utilizing our new church facility for ministry and outreach in the present and for growth in the future. This is an opportunity to make an investment that will make a difference in our lives, in our community, and in eternity.

Those of us who first envisioned relocating our church facility knew ours was much more than just a “step of faith” or even a “leap of faith”—it would be a “journey of faith.” Our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* capital campaign is the next important step as we continue that journey.

*Vision 4 Tomorrow* officially began *July 5th*, when our campaign steering team was enlisted and equipped to lead this capital campaign effort. The first major step in the campaign is the Spiritual Emphasis that begins *August 19th*. See the exciting details inside.

The goal of *Vision 4 Tomorrow* is to continue shrinking the debt on our new church as soon as possible, allowing us to save many dollars in interest. Those dollars saved can then be used to strengthen and expand the ministry, which God has called us to do. All who give in this campaign will be *investing*, not

just in the growth of our Church, we will be *investing* in the Kingdom of God.

Our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* capital campaign concludes on *October 21st, Celebration Sunday*, a time of rejoicing for all that God has led us to provide through *Vision 4 Tomorrow*, and all He promises to accomplish in the ministry of *First Baptist Church of Macomb* for the future.



### *From Vision to Reality*

*Pictured here is our new church building. It has proven to be a wonderful vehicle for all aspects of our ministry. Generous giving by many members and friends through the years has made this facility possible. This beautiful building is a testimony that God rewards our faithfulness. God has blessed our ministry in countless ways in the past and now. May He also find us faithful in the great plans He has for the future of First Baptist Church of Macomb.*

## MEET OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT

John Hessel is founder and CEO of John Hessel & Associates, a capital stewardship consulting firm, which was established in 1995. John lives in St. Louis County with Brenda, his wife of 51 years.



John has been in the ministry of capital stewardship since 1982. For eleven years, he worked for the Southern Baptist Convention. John has led over 250 successful capital stewardship campaigns in churches all across the Midwest. John is no stranger to First Baptist Church of Macomb - he was the consultant for our two previous campaigns, *The Time Is Now*, and *New Beginnings*. Our Church has selected John to direct *Vision 4 Tomorrow*, this capital campaign, as well.

John is a native of Alton, Illinois, and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Illinois, and Missouri. He has a pastor's heart and a passion for assisting churches to fulfill their vision for their ministry through his ministry of guiding capital stewardship campaigns.

John is pastor of First Baptist Church of Oakville, in South St. Louis County. He is also a Trustee of Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, and he has served in several other denominational positions on both the state and national

level. He has taught both university and seminary classes and has written numerous articles for national publications. In his free time, John enjoys golf and traveling with his wife.

You will have the opportunity to meet our consultant if you participate to any degree in the capital stewardship campaign. He will visit our Church throughout our campaign journey, conducting training sessions while assuring our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* campaign is fruitful as intended. With a heart for ministry, he is concerned that our campaign experience will be both a spiritual blessing for our Church family and a financial victory for our future.

### Vision Luncheon Sunday, September 30th

Please add our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* Luncheon *Sunday, September 30th, at 12:00 pm* to your calendar! The luncheon will be held in our Multi-purpose Room, for all families in attendance. Preschool and younger children will be cared for here at the church, as well. *First Baptist Church of Macomb's* ministry is the focus, celebrating our successful past, and God's vision for our exciting future. Watch for upcoming details.

## WITH THANKSGIVING . . .

Do you remember the thrill and blessing we experienced when we broke ground, and then as we moved into and dedicated our new church home? We see a beautiful visual reminder of that blessing every time we enter.

The three-year giving period of *New Beginnings* concludes this Fall, and our new campaign, *Vision 4 Tomorrow*, has begun. As we take this next step in our journey of faith, we want to pause to say **THANK YOU** to all of our church members who have given sacrificially through the years, because you believe in this ministry. In this next three-year campaign, some will continue faithfully to give. Others may give more or less, according to their present circumstances. Still

others may step up alongside you and begin to give in *Vision 4 Tomorrow* for the very first time.

Whatever the response, we will always be grateful to those of you who led the way, who had the vision, the courage, and the generosity of sacrificial giving in the previous campaigns to help us along on this journey. May God's will move us forward and His blessings flow as we listen and obey.

**Give**  
thanks



## MEET THE STEERING TEAM

Our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* campaign is being directed by a steering team of volunteers. These people are giving sacrificially of their time in order for the church to achieve a great victory. Please pray for them each day. Please be responsive when they ask you to assist with their work.

**Claudia McCain**, our Interim Pastor, is the inspirational and spiritual leader of the campaign.

**Judy Hurt**, Campaign Director, is the team leader and serves as the steering team chairperson. She will also function as the Follow-up Director, encouraging continuing commitment and the involvement of new church families in our capital stewardship campaign during the three-year giving period that begins *November 4th*.

**Leann Walters**, Campaign Secretary, provides essential support services for steering team members and campaign workers.

**Tammy Carson & Sharon Sample**, Promotion Directors, will design and produce attractive campaign promotional and printed materials.

**Rob Wallace**, Spiritual Emphasis Director, will build and direct the intercessory prayer ministry team, and plans other special spiritual emphases of the campaign.

**Mike & Jane Coplan**, Commitment Directors, will build and direct the commitment response team that will contact church families about their commitment after the *September 30th* vision luncheon.

**Paula Black**, Fellowship Director, is directing all luncheon and children's activity preparations for the vision luncheon on *September 30th*.

## SPECIAL PRAYER MINISTRY TO BEGIN

Soon, you will begin to hear about the most important part of our *Vision 4*

*Tomorrow* capital campaign - a **ministry of prayer** that begins *August 19th*. The objective of this spiritual emphasis is three-fold: first, to call our church family to pray in a worship emphasis on *August 19th*, seeking God's help and blessing



on our capital campaign effort; and second, to minister to our Church family through an intercessory prayer ministry by telephone, August 24th thru August 31st. We want to create a spiritual foundation of prayer for the capital campaign, and that God will continue to bless our church.

Leading this ministry of prayer is *Rob Wallace*, Spiritual Emphasis Director for *Vision 4 Tomorrow*. A team of prayer warriors is being enlisted to help implement this prayer emphasis. Our goal is to reach out to every church family in this special prayer ministry, to not only pray for the church, but to pray for each of our families.

In Colossians 4:2, Paul urges, *continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving*. As we covenant together to pray for the continued growth of our church, let us heed this *Call to Prayer* with expectant faith that God has blessings in store for us.

### *Important Campaign Dates*

**August 19th** — Spiritual Emphasis Sunday

**September 2nd** — Announcement Sunday

**September 4th** — Campaign Brochure mailed

**September 11th** — Special Newsletters begin

**September 18th** — Advance Commitment Event

**September 30th** — Vision Luncheon (Potluck)

**October 1st thru October 20th** — Commitment Response

**October 21st** — Celebration Worship

**November 4th** — First Fruits Sunday (Three year Giving Period begins)

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I HAVE A QUESTION!



## **What is our *Vision 4 Tomorrow* capital campaign?**

It is a three-month effort to challenge our congregation to give sacrificially to provide additional funds to reduce the debt on our church home over the next three years. Campaign gifts are to be in addition to any present support of our church's budget and missions. The communication phase of the campaign begins *September 2nd*, and climaxes with a luncheon, *September 30th*. Families are encouraged to seek God's leadership as they determine a three-year, weekly or monthly commitment for their giving. Though people involved in campaign leadership will make their commitment decisions prior to the vision luncheon, most families will be invited to make their commitments during the three weeks that follow the luncheon.

## **Why don't we just make payments on our Church facility from our regular budget?**

Sure, we could do that, however, that would take \$6,640.12 off the top each month from all our ministries/outreach. This campaign will help us "keep our eyes on the prize." When we rally together toward a goal, we will meet or exceed it. Additional money raised will be applied directly to the principal of our loan or to pay for materials to complete Phase I. For every extra \$1.00 we can apply to the principal, we will save \$2.00 in interest alone. That is money we can re-invest in ministry, so important to our future growth!

## **Do you have a question?**

There are no secrets about any aspect of *Vision 4 Tomorrow*. If you have a question, don't hesitate to ask any member of the steering team. They will answer your question or direct you to someone with the answer for you. A campaign manual is also available in the Church Office for all to view.



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