

Greater Impact

For: The Lost, The Seeking, The Growing

A Greater Impact Update for the Phillipsburg Alliance Church family

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A Celebration Event!

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The weekend services of November 19th and 20th were historic and full of celebration. The cause for celebration was to officially kick off our Capital Campaign for Greater Impact in reaching the Lost, the Seeking and the Growing as well as to celebrate your Church's 90th year of sharing the Gospel to the people of Greater Phillipsburg and beyond.

We hope all could attend. But chances are some were unable to be here for the event. The Saturday evening and Sunday festivities began with a noticeable difference about the church. From the time, you entered through the door way, up the stairs, into the foyer and then the sanctuary you couldn't help notice God is on the move at Phillipsburg Alliance Church. It was even evident in the lyrics of a song which could be heard as you entered the Church, that "God is on the Move"! Energy filled the sanctuary in anticipation of the services and what exactly we were celebrating. The theme of the evening was, "The Past, The Present and The Future". The theme kick started a dive into how God has used us for Greater Impact in the Past, the Present and how we believe he is moving us for Greater Impact in the future. Pastor Randy's messages always come packed with power from God and the messages for these services did not disappoint. We heard about how the Church began, the story of an unimposing lady with a tremendous heart for sharing the Gospel to those who are Lost, Seeking and Growing. Her name was Idabel Murphy and she began our church in 1926. We heard about how our church grew to

84 attenders in those early years and the need to expand to Washington, Belvidere, Easton, Quakertown, Philadelphia and even how Ms. Murphy and her daughter went to Africa to minister to others. We then heard about the number of Church plants your church has been directly involved with as well as mission work around the world. We listened to how God has impacted countless number of people lives through YOU the people of Phillipsburg Alliance Church as we heard testimony after testimony be told.

The services were indeed a celebration.

If you missed the celebration, we hope to have photos and

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Phillipsburg Alliance Church Vision is to...

Effectively communicate God's grace to all people

"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 4:15

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information regarding the evening through our church website Capital Campaign link in the weeks to come. Keep checking the site as information will begin to update often.

Thank you to all who made the services possible. Those who attended the services, all the members of the Event Committee of the Capital Campaign, the Elders and our pastors. You all played a role in making the services special. May God, bless you all.



Current Capital Campaign Commitment Update...

As of Sunday, December 11th, there have been 65 commitments totalling:

\$310,275.00

We encourage all to participate in the Greater Impact Campaign so we may reach the Lost, the Seeking and minister to the Growing. Please seek the Lord in Prayer as to how you may be used in this Kingdom Growing honor! God Bless You!

The very nature of our Greater Impact Campaign does not allow for anyone to be pressured into giving. You will never be told what you should give... not at any point in the program. Your financial involvement is a decision between you and the Lord. Giving is a part of worship, but giving must come from your heart to please God, not from your checkbook just to satisfy a program.

CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CARD

It is my/our intent, with the Lord's help, to financially commit to the Greater Impact Ministry Campaign according to the following detail:

Initial Gift by December 31, 2016 \$ _____
 Year 1 – January 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017 \$ _____
 Year 2 – January 1, 2018 – Dec 31, 2018 \$ _____
 Year 3 – January 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2019 \$ _____
Total 3-year commitment: \$ _____

I/we are also considering a special gift such as appreciated *stock/bonds/securities or other tangible property. Please contact me/us to discuss this option.

*Outright gifts of appreciated assets, such as real property or stocks, if given directly to the church have the potential for significant benefit to the donor and/or the church. Normally all capital gains taxes can be avoided and the full current value of the asset may be tax deductible regardless of the amount originally paid for the asset. Please seek counsel from your financial advisors and confirm the church's willingness to accept the asset before making this type of gift.

I/we understand:

- This commitment is for the three years ending December 31, 2019.
- This commitment is over and above our regular giving.
- Phillipsburg Alliance treats this information with the same level of confidentiality as all other giving records.
- We will receive an annual accounting of this commitment and amounts contributed towards it.
- This commitment is not binding to Phillipsburg Alliance Church in the event my/our financial situation changes.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Impactful Prayer & Praise

God, please search my heart and reveal to me how I may of service to the campaign; Through my involvement, my sacrifices, my skills you have so blessed me. Amen.

“He will make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us.”

II Corinthians 9:11

FAQ's

Q. How much do we need to raise and how long do we have to raise the amount?

A: The Greater Impact Campaign's first goal is to pay off the existing mortgage and obligations - about \$830,000. This alone will free as much as \$120,000 per year in payments that can be used towards expanded ministries and some towards facility expansion. The second goal will be to have cash available to begin site work on the property. Our overall base goal for the campaign is \$1,500,000 with a stretch goal of \$2,000,000. The capital campaign will be conducted over a three-year period.

God changes people through us...

“From Him the whole Body grows...as each part does it's work”

Eph 4:16

Q. How much do we expect to borrow?

A: Before we even consider how much we will borrow, we need to first pay off the existing mortgage and other obligations, and have cash on hand to start work on the new property. The eventual mortgage on the new facility, if needed, will not be more than the church body can handle.

