



Restoring Sacred Spaces

Together We Rebuild and Renew

THIS SACRED SPACE

“There have been many who came before us who prepared these sacred spaces of Kirkwood Baptist Church. In 1947 they bought this land where the Woodlawn Hotel stood. In 1949 they laid the cornerstone of their new church building, which is now our Fellowship Hall. In the 1950s they added classrooms, removed the hotel and built our current worship space. In the 1980s they added classrooms and the music suite. In the 1990s and 2000s they renovated the sanctuary, repaired the steeple, bought and installed the pipe organ. In the 2010s they made the building safer for children, more welcoming and accessible for everyone. Through all the years, they loved our church family, and made this a home for our church. Many, many people have prepared these sacred spaces for us today. In these sacred spaces, we study God’s word, and sing, rejoice, learn, pray, and worship. In these sacred spaces, we have married and have welcomed children. In these sacred spaces, we have played together, and made the best of friends, friends who became our family. In these sacred spaces, we have mourned the loss of our beloveds, and joyously celebrated their beautiful lives. Most of those who prepared these sacred spaces for us have passed on. They entrusted this great gift to us. Now is the time for us to care for these spaces to make them ready for those to come.”

-Phil Maxwell

“VICTORY” AND “CHALLENGE” GOALS EXCEEDED! “HALLELUJAH” GOAL IN SIGHT!

As we praise and thank God for commitments exceeding \$790K to preserve and care for Kirkwood Baptist Church, our *Restoring Sacred Spaces* capital campaign will conclude this Sunday, November 19th with a Celebration Service filled with worship, thanksgiving, music, testimony, and fellowship. We will have much to celebrate as we at Kirkwood Baptist Church continue to reach for our “Hallelujah Goal” of \$1M. We will take time to acknowledge the work that has been done in the campaign, the commitments of our church family, and most importantly, we will praise God for His great blessing on our capital campaign effort.

The Commitment Response phase of the campaign also concludes this week, and we encourage any remaining families who have yet to return their commitment cards to do so. If you need a commitment card, you can pick one up from the Church Office Lobby. You can also email your commitment to our bookkeeper, Becky Davidson, at bdauidson@kirkwoodbaptist.org.

Every family is encouraged to return a commitment card, even if you are unable to give at this time. Every response helps when we talk with our lenders about interim financing on major projects. Lenders gauge the success of a campaign by how many families participated, not just how much families gave, so simply returning a commitment card *is* a way to help our Church.

The grand total of all *Restoring Sacred Spaces* campaign commitments will be announced at this Sunday’s Celebration Service. Not only will we celebrate God’s provision and our families dedication to strengthen KBC’s ministry and impact, but we will continue to seek God’s leading and direction for the wise and discerning use of these funds as we faithfully strive to serve the Kingdom of God and its people.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. -Ephesians 3:20-21

YOU MAY BE ASKING...

When do we begin giving our Restoring Sacred Spaces commitments?

The three-year giving period begins Sunday, November 26th, one week after Celebration Sunday. Of course, each family will determine their own giving schedule, whether weekly, monthly, or in lump sums. Several families have already begun giving. Others may postpone their giving until later. That decision is really each person’s to prayerfully make, just like the decision about your commitment amount.

How may I give my commitment?

You may give your commitment by check or in an envelope, clearly marked, *Restoring Sacred Spaces*. You may also give by using the special campaign envelope found in the pews. These envelopes are available for you to begin your giving whenever you are ready. Online giving is also available through the giving portal on our website.

What happens if I need to change my commitment?

Most families will be able to give what they commit. A few families may have to revise or suspend their commitments when faced with unexpected adversity. Some families may decide to give more than they commit because of unexpected blessings. If you need to change your commitment, you may simply adjust your giving, as God leads you and makes you able.

Can a family give without establishing a commitment?

Yes. However, we encourage you to make a commitment. To do so will: 1) encourage you to set a goal for your giving; 2) strengthen your intentions to give; 3) supply important financial information to help with planning each restoration phase to our building; and 4) add joy in your giving!

FOLLOW UP EMPHASIS BEGINS



Immediately after Celebration Sunday, November 19th, the campaign follow up process will begin. This effort is being led by our Follow Up Coordinator, Jon Hickman, assisted by Campaign Coordinator Alton Lacey.

The Follow Up initiative will ensure that new individuals and families, who come to KBC during the three-year giving period, will learn about *Restoring Sacred Spaces*, and will have an opportunity to participate and pray about making a capital stewardship commitment. Additionally, periodic campaign updates will be given along with project restoration progress reports.

GIVING
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Restoring Sacred Spaces
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Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Kirkwood Baptist Church, Kirkwood, MO 63122 (314) 965-2049

GIVING BEGINS NOVEMBER 26

The official beginning of the three-year giving period for *Restoring Sacred Spaces* starts Sunday, November 26th, one week after Celebration Sunday. Envelopes like the one pictured above are available for your use.

OTHER FORMS OF GIVING TO CONSIDER

You might be wondering, "How can I give more for our Church's future?" Perhaps your family may be able to give by means other than cash. Consider the following ideas:

- Give an asset (real estate property, stocks, bonds, other investments) directly to the church for resale. If you are unable to give an asset in its entirety, perhaps you might sell it to the church at a bargain price. (Giving appreciated stock can help avoid capital gains taxes as well as being a contribution.)
- Set up a charitable remainder or revocable living trust, a gift or deferred gift annuity, making the church the ultimate beneficiary of the trust.
- Give through your corporation rather than from personal assets and income.
- Make the church the beneficiary of an insurance policy that is no longer needed for the protection of your family.
- Provide for the church through your will.
- If you give by cash, consider giving the tax savings which your gift allows as well.

Before making a decision about which option(s) may be best for your family, always consult with a qualified tax professional, e.g., an attorney, CPA, trust officer, etc., for advice.

LIVING AND GIVING

I first learned about the love of God through my parents who taught me to seek God's will at all times in my life. They taught me to pray and ask for God's guidance in my life. They taught me and showed me how to talk with God, asking God what he wanted me to do, listening for God's answers and then living those answers. This has been my practice for over seventy years. Rhonda and I asked what our commitment should be toward Kirkwood Baptist's campaign for *Restoring Sacred Spaces*. And we listened for God's answer.

As a member of the Property and Space Committee, I've been up inside the steeple, down in the boiler rooms, looking at roofs, and realizing that we need to do a lot of work on our physical building that will require a lot of money. We also need money to improve the security of our buildings. The question is what will it require of us. The answer is sacrifice. Giving up some things that we've been working and saving for all these years. I learned about sacrificial giving through my mom and dad who taught me to tithe and to give beyond tithing. Sometimes it meant Dad would never go on his special fishing trip or Mom would keep using the shoes with cardboard in them where the holes were. I also learned the blessing that comes from giving when at Christmas I accompanied them as they took food into homes where they had none. That experience was a real gift to me.

Rhonda and I believe we've heard God tell us what to commit towards *Restoring Sacred Spaces*. It will be a sacrifice. I will be anxious about what we will have left. Still, I thank God for being here with us as we walk down this path of life because we are going with God the way Jesus did.

When I was a kid, my dad was always asked to give his tithing testimony at the church. He always ended it the same way: "Remember, you can never, ever outgive God!"

Darrell Pitt

