

Frequently Asked Questions

IS MUCH AND MORE JUST ABOUT MAKING MONEY?

Absolutely not. Much and More is about allowing God to use this time to grow us as disciples who have been “entrusted with much...envisioning more”. It is also about being in position to take the next steps in God’s vision for Grace Church as we move into the future. A significant part of this vision will be reaching our collective OIKOS more effectively.

WHY ARE WE HAVING ANOTHER CAMPAIGN?

The purpose of this Capital Stewardship Campaign is to position us to move forward in Reaching our Oikos and Discipling one another in the decades ahead. Our goal is to gather funds which will allow us to pay off the mortgage on the children’s wing, freeing these financial resources for other ministries.

WHY ARE WE ENLISTING THE HELP OF INJOY STEWARDSHIP SOLUTIONS?

We believe our campaign will have a greater impact for God’s work by gleaning the wisdom of those who have gone before us. Injoy provides experience and resources that we do not possess. Injoy was founded by a pastor, John Maxwell, and is focused on encouraging God’s people to grow in the area of biblical stewardship. Their philosophy and heart for ministry match ours, making them an effective partner in this campaign!

ARE WE BECOMING TOO LARGE?

The Great Commission tells us that we are to be in the process of “making Disciples”. (Matt. 28:19-20) In the book of Acts we see “The Lord added to their number”, including 3000 on Pentecost. 2Peter 3:9 tells us that God “is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance”. God calls us to be faithful in sharing the Gospel. He then will add to our number as members of our OIKOS come to saving faith in Christ. Our desire should be to see Grace Church grow, especially through the addition of new believers!

WHEN DO WE BEGIN?

In truth, we have already begun. You will begin to hear more details about Much and More, and there will be communication materials mailed to your home.

WILL WE BECOME IMPERSONAL WITH CONTINUED GROWTH?

The size of a church does not determine if it is personal or not. It is the connectedness of individuals with each other that promotes intimacy. Studies show that most people know 67 others in their church with any depth. That is why our small group ministry is so important! These communities enable you to connect with others in a way that promotes true fellowship and mutual growth in your walk with God. This will be true regardless of how much Grace Church grows over the coming years.

MAY WE ADDITIONALLY GIVE NON-CASH GIFTS TO THE CAMPAIGN?

Certainly. Many people choose to supplement their financial commitment with an ‘in kind’ gift. If anyone wishes to make a contribution other than cash, such as stocks, bond, real estate, vehicles, boats, jewelry, etc. please add this to the appropriate place on your commitment card. In many instances there may be tax advantages for you giving in this manner.

HOW WILL THIS CAMPAIGN BE FUNDED?

We will be asking each household to prayerfully consider making a 3 year commitment to give above and beyond your current level of giving. Through this step of obedience to God, He will provide through the families of Grace Church.

WHAT WILL BE ASKED OF ME?

- 1) To be informed. Take the time to read and watch the materials we will be making available explaining Much and More. We will be looking to use every available method to get information out and answer the questions you may have.
- 2) To be involved. In order for Much and More to be effective, we need many of you to get involved. Be ready to prayerfully consider saying ‘yes’ when called upon. Also, plan on attending the information meetings, concerts of prayer and Celebration Sunday, along with any other gathering that is scheduled as part of the campaign.
- 3) To take three key steps. Join the Elders and others in taking these three key steps:
 - 1) Pray – Have an open heart and mind as you ask God to tell you what part He wants you to have in the Much and More campaign, including through your finances.
 - 2) Listen – What is God telling you to do?
 - 3) Obey – Now step out in obedience and follow through with what God tells you to do.