

VISION OF HOPE

equal sacrifice, not equal gifts

ANNOUNCING OUR VISION OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Hope Vineyard Church is launching a new capital stewardship campaign to move forward with our plan for a major building renovation. Vision of Hope 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 continuing our growth in ministry and outreach. This is an opportunity to make an investment that will make a difference for years to come.

Those of us who first envisioned this building project knew our decision was much more than just a “step of faith” or even a “leap of faith”—it began a “journey of faith”. This capital campaign is another important step in that journey. Providing more adequate space to serve God and minister to others is the goal of Vision of Hope.

Vision of Hope officially began August 18th, 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 September 18th. (See article inside)

A special Vision Banquet, October 23rd, will climax the communication phase of the campaign. At the Banquet or immediately afterward, we will provide families with commitment cards, inviting them to make a three year, weekly or monthly commitment in the campaign. The total of all commitments will be announced at a Celebration Service, Sunday, November 6th. The goal of Vision of Hope is to provide as much of the funds needed to upgrade our facilities as possible, allowing us to save many dollars in interest. Those saved dollars can then be used to strengthen and expand the ministry to which God has called us. All who give in this campaign will be investing, but not just in the future of our Church, we will be investing in the Kingdom of God.

Our Vision of Hope capital campaign concludes on November 6th, Celebration Sunday, a time of rejoicing for all that God has led us to provide through Vision of Hope, and all He promises to accomplish in the ministry of Hope Vineyard Church for the future.



FROM VISION TO REALITY

Pictured here is an architects illustration of our Church facilities, including the new addition. Buildings are a wonderful working tool for all aspects of our ministry. Generous giving by many people will make these facilities possible.

This beautiful building will be a testimony that God is faithful. God has blessed our ministry in countless ways in the past. May He also find us faithful in the great plans He has for the future of Hope Vineyard Church.

MEET OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT

John Hessel is founder and CEO of John Hessel & Associates, a capital stewardship consulting firm that was established in 1995. John makes his home in South St. Louis County with Brenda, his wife of 44 years. They have three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

John has been in the ministry of capital stewardship since 1982. For eleven years, he worked for the Southern Baptist Convention as a Vice President of Capital Stewardship. John has led over 250 successful capital stewardship campaigns in churches throughout the Midwest. Our Church has selected John Hessel and his firm to direct our capital stewardship campaign, also.

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 currently serving as pastor of First Baptist Church of Oakville, in South St. Louis County. He has served as a trustee of Missouri Baptist University in West St. Louis County, and He has also served in several other denominational positions on both the state and national level. He has taught in both university and seminary classes, and has written numerous articles for national publications. In his free time, John enjoys golf, motorcycle riding, and traveling with his wife.

You will have the opportunity to meet our consultant if you participate to any degree in the Vision of Hope capital campaign. He will make numerous trips to our Church during the course of the campaign, conducting training meetings and assuring that our campaign functions as intended. With a heart for ministry, he is concerned that our campaign experience would be both a spiritual blessing and a financial victory.

VISION BANQUET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

Be sure to make plans to attend our **Vision Banquet Sunday, October 23rd, at 6:00PM**. The banquet will be held at Andre's for all Church families.

Preschool and younger children will also be cared for here at the church.

This Banquet will focus on the ministry we share at Hope Vineyard Church, celebrating our wonderful past, and the promise of an exciting future. Please

circle this banquet date on your calendar. Make sure that every member of your family is aware of the date and reserves it to participate in this important occasion.

IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN DATES

SEPTEMBER 18—24
*Spiritual Emphasis Worship and
Intercessory Prayer Ministry*

SEPTEMBER 25
Announcement Sunday

OCTOBER 23
Vision Banquet

OCTOBER 24—NOVEMBER 5
Commitment Response

NOVEMBER 6
Celebration Sunday Service

NOVEMBER 20
*First Fruits Sunday
(Three year Giving Period begins)*

CHURCH FAMILY TESTIMONIES

During the next few weeks in Sunday worship services, a few families will be sharing their testimonies of commitment to our Vision of Hope campaign. They will relate how they reached their decisions in response to God's leadership. The names of those giving testimonies will be listed in the Sunday worship bulletins. The first testimonies will be given Sunday, September 25th.

The testimonies will express the convictions, concerns, and enthusiasm of our people for our building campaign. Their testimonies will bless and enlighten each of us. If you feel led to witness your family's commitment, please contact Andy Bundesen, who is scheduling all testimonies.

MEET THE STEERING TEAM

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

ROBERT STOVALL, Pastor | *the inspirational and spiritual leader of the campaign.*

ANDY BUNDESEN, Campaign Director | *the campaign leader and serves as the steering team chairman.*

PATTY EPPERSON, Campaign Secretary | *provides support services for steering team members and campaign workers, and oversees the mailing and distribution of all campaign materials.*

BUD BAKER, Spiritual Emphasis Director | *directs the special spiritual emphasis through our worship, and an intercessory prayer ministry, that is the spiritual foundation for our Vision of Hope campaign.*

SHERRY HATTON, Commitment Director | *directs the commitment emphasis immediately after the October 23rd Vision Banquet, encouraging participation by all church families.*

LU OROS, Fellowship Director | *arranges for refreshments and a meal for selected campaign meetings.*

JOE WAND, Banquet Director | *directs all banquet and children's party preparations for the October 23rd Vision Banquet.*

ANNIE MONETTE, Promotion Director | *prepares all campaign promotional and printed materials.*

JOE COLEMAN, Follow-up Director | *encourages continuing commitment and the involvement of new church families in our capital stewardship campaign during the three year giving period that begins November 20th.*



SPECIAL PRAYER MINISTRY TO BEGIN

Soon, you will begin to hear about the most important part of our Vision of Hope capital campaign—a ministry of prayer that begins September 18th. The objective of this spiritual emphasis is two-fold: first, to call our church family to prayer, seeking God's help and blessing on our capital campaign effort; and second, to reach out in an intercessory prayer ministry to all of our Church families.

Leading this ministry of prayer is Bud Baker, Spiritual Emphasis Director for Vision of Hope. He is working to create a foundation of prayer for our Church and our Vision of Hope campaign. This ministry will begin September 18th. Our goal is to involve every family in this special prayer emphasis, and to minister through prayer to every family, as well.

A special worship emphasis is planned for September 18th, in our worship service. Printed materials will support the prayer ministry. A team of prayer warriors will offer intercessory prayer for any concerns that are expressed by member 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.

HOPE VINEYARD CHURCH

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I HAVE A QUESTION!

Q: What is our Vision of Hope capital campaign?

A: *It is a three month effort to challenge our congregation to give sacrificially to provide additional funds to begin renovation projects, including the remodeling of our sanctuary and expanding our lobby within 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 October 2nd, and climaxes with the celebration of our Vision banquet, October 23rd. 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 Banquet, most families will be invited to make their commitments during the week that follows the banquet.*

Q: Why don't we just borrow the money and make payments on the new building?

A: *We may need to borrow some money but our significant giving now to the Vision of Hope campaign will ultimately reduce the amount of interest paid. That is money that can be channeled into kingdom ministry.*

Q: Do you have a question?

A: *There are no secrets about any aspect of our Vision of Hope capital campaign. 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 for all to view in the Church office.*