

Taking Steps of Faith

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I remember the first time that I traveled over the completed bridge on US 119 between Williamson and Logan. The bridge was one of the last to be opened on US 119. I had traveled that road many times...each time paying attention to the orange barrels and signs that diverted traffic off the four lane into back roads toward Logan. After the bridge opened, I remember saying to Leigh Ann as we came to where the barrels were, "I hope the bridge is really completed!"

Sometime we are faced with situations in life where we ask similar questions. When we are faced with a new road to travel and new opportunities, we wonder what it will be like and what will happen. For our church, the goal of raising \$118,000 in our Capital Funds Campaign is a step of faith. We have never done this before...yet we are doing it now! I believe with all my heart that God is at work in our church and that the completion of this goal will be a reality. This corporate step of faith is only made possible as each of us takes personal steps of faith. How can I give a gift of significance? How can I make a difference? It will require sacrifice and discipline to make this happen, but I am confident that God will do this work through us all.

Is your faith being stretched? The scripture speaks to this issue of faith. Jesus said, "... *if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you*" (Matthew 17:20, NIV). The disciples were only relying on what they could do themselves and not what the power of God could do through them. We are so easily blinded and held back by our own limitations. We must learn to see God's movement in and around us each day and respond to His call and plan in our lives. If we come with faith in God who is bigger than our need, I know that we can move mountains. I hold to the last part of this verse which reminds us that "*nothing will be impossible for you!*" With God we can do all things...we can do mightier acts of love and kindness and do seemingly impossible projects when the work of God is our priority.

In the days ahead, I want you to see God at work. Through our collective steps of faith, we will see God continue to provide for the needs of our church and our community. Be alert to how God is speaking to you. Be aware of God's plan and purpose to make disciples right here where we live. Be assertive in living your life in faith...not just trusting in what you think *you* can do...but BELIEVING IN WHAT GOD CAN DO!

Let's travel this road of faith together...keeping our energy focused on our mission "***To Know Christ and Make Him Known!***" To God be the glory...Great things He has done...and *will* do as we give our lives to Him.

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