

# Frequently Asked



## **What is the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

Freedom to Grow is a capital campaign designed to allow Sycamore Creek Church to return to their original God-given vision of *Changing Lives*. This two year campaign will enable SCC to make monumental steps toward the reduction of debt and the use of operating funds for the growth and development of church ministries and members.

## **Who is responsible for the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

Those calling Sycamore Creek home are all responsible for sharing in this endeavor. Jeff Fee, an SCC member, has been named the team leader for the campaign and there will be dozens of others working to make the campaign a success.

## **What will it take to accomplish the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

Everyone will be asked to make a financial gift towards reducing the debt of SCC thereby releasing funds to do more ministry. Offerings are encouraged in both one time gifts and pledge giving for the duration of the campaign.

## **What is the schedule of the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

Church members and regular attenders will be contacted throughout October 2007. Everyone will be invited to make a pledge toward the campaign in November. Committed giving toward the campaign will begin December 2, 2007 and last for 2 years.

## **Why is there a need for the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

When the church purchased the 78 acres of land and built the current facilities, it was expected that a large portion of the unused land would be sold to pay for the remaining acreage. When this plan did not come to fruition, it left the church with a large amount of debt prohibiting the church from using funds for ministry.

## **What is SCC doing with the money that is raised during the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

From 2000-2001, over twenty families put their homes on the line and the church used their home equity as a bridge loan to make the move to the property. These families were promised that they would be paid when the land was sold. The church has continued to pay the interest payments, but since the land has not sold, they are still owed their money. Paying these families back will be the primary focus of this campaign. We will also catch up on two mortgage payments and back real estate tax. Basically, this campaign will be used to get the church's financial affairs in order so we can focus on what really matters.

## **Have any other solutions to the debt situation been explored?**

Yes. For over 5 years the portion of the property rarely used by the church has been on the market. Despite some interest and several contracts, the land has never sold. Other solutions have also been examined and the church remains open to doing what God wants with our property.





### **Why do the Freedom to Grow campaign now?**

The leadership of Sycamore Creek Church unanimously agrees that the timing is right for the church to enter into such a campaign. There is renewed excitement and a return to the church's original vision. We have tried for years to find other solutions to this debt situation. We now stand staring at a roadblock to our future that must be removed before the church can grow and touch even more lives.

### **Is everyone expected to give?**

While giving to this campaign is not a membership requirement, everyone who calls SCC home is urged to prayerfully consider giving to the campaign.

### **Will I be pressured to give?**

Absolutely not. Everyone will be invited to freely give as God directs. You will be given ample time to prayerfully consider what God wants to do. During a church wide celebration event in November, you will be asked to make a pledge for the next two years.

### **If I cannot give money, will anything else help?**

We believe that every amount will make a difference, so don't consider any pledge too small. As the campaign progresses there will be other opportunities to help generate income to pay down debt but in the early stages of the campaign, we are emphasizing making pledges toward committed giving.

### **Should I give to the church or the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

The Freedom to Grow campaign is separate from the weekly tithes and offerings to Sycamore Creek. The dollars generated from the campaign will not go toward the general operations of the church, therefore the weekly offerings remain vital toward the day to day ministries of the church. We're asking everyone to prayerfully consider an appropriate combination of giving to both – maintaining giving to the church while allowing God to stretch your faith in also giving to the campaign.

### **Why should I give to the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

We believe that God is calling everyone to be involved in this campaign on some level. Our desire for total involvement goes beyond the fact that it will be more money and more debt will be released. It is much more about the unity that comes from tackling such an issue together as a team. No one individual stands to profit from this. This is a Sycamore Creek issue that must be overcome by Sycamore Creek. By being a part of this campaign, you will be helping to change lives for years to come.

### **What are the goals of the Freedom to Grow campaign?**

We have set a three-tiered monetary goal for the totals of this two year campaign: Victory: \$500,000, Challenge: \$750,000, and Miracle: \$1,000,000. The true goal, however, goes far beyond a dollar amount. Ultimately, the goal of this campaign is allow the church to take its vision and mission to the next level in reaching our community by creating Freedom to Grow.

