



Frequently Asked Questions

What is "Out of the Box"?

"Out of the Box" is the theme of our capital campaign to raise money to pursue a renovation, expansion and improvement project with the goal of *Changing More Lives*. This project includes renovations to our present facilities, building additional classroom space and enhancing the outside façade of our "boxy" building to make it more welcoming to the community. The "Out of the Box" campaign is a response to our current pressing ministry needs and the exciting opportunities for Sycamore Creek's expanding ministry in our community.

What is a capital campaign?

A capital campaign is a specific effort to raise new money for growth initiatives, new infrastructure and programs associated with our strategic plan and mission.

Why do we need to expand and renovate our current facilities?

Our SCC family is growing. We are approaching the capacity of our Worship Center and Kids Live areas. Our young adults face the most pressing need as they do not have a designated space of their own. We also need space for adult programs, service activities, and fellowship. An expansion and enhancement of our facilities would allow us to continue to become the church God wants us to become to reach the people he wants us to reach. More than bricks and mortar, the "Out of the Box" campaign will nurture our church and strengthen our ability to serve and grow.

How will "Out of the Box" further Sycamore Creek Church's mission to change more lives?

- A warm and inviting entrance will help catch people's attention as they travel along Refugee Road, encouraging them to worship, learn, serve and become part of God's people at SCC.
- A wider foyer area for better traffic flow will also allow people to sit and talk encouraging everyone to mingle with each other and become a closely knit community.
- An outdoor activity area will give children, youth, and adults a safe place to relax and play.

What is the financial goal of the campaign and how will it be achieved?

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$1,150,000. We are asking for a three year commitment that can be re-evaluated year by year. In this campaign, we will only spend what we have in pledges. We feel very strongly that the church should not go into any more long term debt to fund this improvement. This building project will be paid for by the people of this church.

When does the campaign begin, how long will it last, and how will it be conducted?

Selection of the leadership was done in November 2009. Communication began at the end of December 2009 with a letter sent to all SCC members. The development of an education program and home visits will be conducted starting in February 2010. Newsletters will be sent out bi-weekly and a campaign kick-off event is being planned for sometime in March 2010. Everyone in the congregation, as well as donors who are not members, will be asked to give. An attempt to contact every member through personal visits will be made.

There is going to be no hard-selling and all pledges will remain confidential. We believe this campaign will succeed because you see your gift as the means to ensure the continued development of the nurturing faith community we have at Sycamore Creek Church. Members will be given a three-year period to pay their pledges.

How does a gift to the Campaign differ from regular contributions?

A gift to the Campaign is a special pledge or financial commitment that should be viewed as being above and beyond the weekly offering which supports the day-to-day operations of the church. The Capital Campaign is a special way to meet the needs of the church that cannot be met through weekly tithing.

These funds are used specifically for the new capital projects.

Who will be asked to give to the campaign?

Anyone who considers Sycamore Creek Church home! This is our church and our project. We understand that not everyone is as financially fortunate as others. Because SCC members have varying material means and varying financial demands, sacrificial giving will mean something unique to each member. Sacrificial giving means "not equal gifts, but equal commitment." Every gift, no matter how small, is both appreciated and needed. We want everyone to be able to experience and feel a part of the joy of seeing SCC *change more lives*. Furthermore, all SCC members, despite their financial resources, can contribute to this campaign through prayer as we ask God to guide us and our leaders to conduct this campaign in a God-pleasing way. In the end, the amount of each member's gift is the amount that God leads each to give as a result of prayer. Everyone's gift is equally important to the success of the "Out of the Box" campaign and equally appreciated by Sycamore Creek.

How much will members be asked to give on average during the capital campaign?

If every *family* who calls Sycamore Creek Church home gave \$25 weekly for the next three years, we will make our goal. However, each family needs to examine their own personal situation and make an investment consistent with their ability to give.

How can I commit to a pledge when the economy is so shaky?

Pledge an amount that feels appropriate and that takes your concerns into consideration and reflects your current prospects. As your circumstances change, and improve, you can always increase the amount you have pledged. As stated in 2 Corinthians 8:11-14 "*Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need...*"

I can only make a modest gift. What difference will it make towards such a large goal?

Every pledge is important to the success of the campaign and the future of Sycamore Creek Church. While each pledge varies in size, what is most important is for all of us to prayerfully consider what we can do. We will make our goal if everyone participates. Ask God what he wants you to do.

Acts 4:32 All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they felt that what they owned was not their own; they shared everything they had. 33 And the apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favor was upon them all. 34 There was no poverty among them, because people who owned land or houses sold them 35 and brought the money to the apostles to give to others in need.

I have a question...

If you have a question about how "Out of the Box" will further Sycamore Creek Church's mission to *change more lives*, you may submit them to outofthebox@sycamorecreek.org.

If you would like a personal response, please include your name and the best way to contact you.