

capital campaign update



WE WILL! Build in Faith campaign starts strong

Jay and Michelle Shearouse were announced as co-chairs of St. Mark’s Church and School “WE WILL! Build in Faith” capital campaign at a special kick-off event in November. The Shearouse’s have deep roots at St. Mark’s. They have been parishioners for over a decade, and their son, Eric, is an alumnus of the school. “We are honored to lead this important campaign,” Jay remarked. Michelle adds, “I encourage you to get on board – it’s going to be a great ride!”

Already on board to lead in faith are **Sid and Annette Stubbs**, honorary co-chairs; **Jane Coleman**, church family chair; **Sean and Erin McGould**, school family co-chairs; **Michael and Stephanie Cassatly**, vestry co-chairs; and **Bob and Tricia Dorfman**, school advisory board co-chairs.

Even before the leadership was been announced, the campaign was off to a tremendous start. In anticipation of the campaign, St. Mark’s has been receiving contributions large and small. **More than \$1.3 million – 11% of the construction budget – was in hand before the official launch!** It’s easy to move forward in faith with this sort of support! For more information about how you can get involved or contribute to the campaign, please contact us at wewill@stmarkspbg.org or 561-622-1504 ext. 232.



Jay and Michelle Shearouse

Construction update: slab poured for youth center & gymnasium



The new youth center and gymnasium is quickly taking shape as the footers are in and the slab is poured! Boasting an **indoor gymnasium, fully equipped locker rooms, expansive gathering areas and offices**, the new building will bring St. Mark’s facilities that will not only make the school more competitive, but also provide the church unparalleled opportunities to expand its youth and outreach programs.

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What is a “meaningful gift?”

We hope that each member of the St. Mark’s family will give a meaningful gift to the WE WILL! Build in Faith campaign. A meaningful gift will look different for each individual or family. Here are some examples of how people, according to their own abilities, are making meaningful gifts to the campaign:

A student turning 13 asked that in lieu of gifts, guests make a contribution to the capital campaign. **From that birthday party, nearly \$800 was raised.**

Each staff member of St. Mark’s was asked to make a personal gift to the campaign. One staff member decided on his meaningful gift: **for every year he has worked at St. Mark’s (10), he gave \$100.** His faithfulness adds up to \$1,000 for the campaign. **(Collectively, church and school staff contributed more than \$100,000!)**

We all imagine the day we’ll have a windfall. Well, it happened to one family at St. Mark’s. **Instead of holding on to their unexpected blessing, they opened their hearts and anonymously gave \$1,000,000 to the campaign!** By sharing the gift God had given them, their generosity will touch countless lives for years to come.

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Church and School family kick-off campaign with special events

Sean and Erin McGould hosted 65 people at their home in early November for a campaign leadership dinner. Guests heard about the plans and learned how they can become involved in the new St. Mark’s. The



Erin and Max McGould

McGould’s son, Max, shared his excitement about the new St. Mark’s facilities.



Tricia and Bob Dorfman, school advisory board co chairs

School and church families gathered at the historic Bonnette’s Hunt Club for fellowship, food, fun and festivities. Those riding the mechanical bull took a break to hear Father Cook discuss the new campus and see their friends in the campaign video.

