

capital campaign update



Construction is in full-tilt



You may have noticed that the youth center and gymnasium has risen right up out of the ground this month. Tilt-wall construction requires months of work to prepare the solid concrete walls, but lifting them in place seems to have happened overnight.

“Because all folks see is the walls being stood into place, they often don’t realize how much effort it took to get to this point,” said Walter Wharton, the project superintendent for Kaufman Lynn Construction who is overseeing phase one construction on our campus. “My guys have been working hard since we broke ground to get us to this point.” That work has included creating molds for pouring the panels, putting footings in place, and then pouring the ground slab.

Getting the panels hoisted into place is no small effort either. Lifting the panels requires a crane, hefty cables, a skilled crew to guide the panels into place, and quick bracing to secure the panels to the footings.

Seeing the walls go up excites youth director, Dave Stankiewicz. “We need this space. Everyone knows we have outgrown this upstairs room. The new youth center will give us the room to run our small groups effectively and enhance our youth ministry with a focus on my three passions: youth ministry, recreation, and missions. On that



note, we’re so excited about the opportunity the new building presents to host other youth groups coming to the area to do mission work.”



Since students have arrived back from break, each class has had the opportunity to view the progress made on the walls and learn from Walter and his team about the process of creating the walls. Two things have both intrigued the students while also stumping them. The fact that the new youth center and gymnasium is going to be a “green” building (as in environmentally friendly) when the school colors are blue and white is lost on some. Equally incomprehensible: the fact that the panel a class watched being hoisted into place weighed 30,000 pounds. Fortunately, kindergarten teacher Mrs. Tomes was able to make better sense out of that – it was like lifting up 15 elephants at the same time!

Did you miss the walls going up? Visit stmarkspb.org/campaign to watch a time-lapse photo sequence.

Naming opportunities announced

We all desire to leave a legacy, and what better place than at your spiritual home or your children's school? Now you have the opportunity to select from a variety of spaces throughout campus where you can exhibit your support for the future of St. Mark's.

The naming opportunities, which were approved by the Vestry in its December 2010 meeting, range from \$25,000 to \$2 million, the top naming being reserved for the youth center and gymnasium building at Robb Field. Some sample opportunities include:

- the memorial garden and columbarium, \$500,000
- the fitness center, \$250,000
- the kitchen and lunch room, \$100,000
- the nurse's clinic, \$75,000
- the church nursery, \$50,000
- the rector's office, \$25,000.



For a complete list of naming opportunities, please call Mary at 561-622-1504 x. 232.

"Naming opportunities offer a unique way to honor a loved one, whether it's your child's favorite teacher or your own father," said Sid Stubbs, honorary chairman for the campaign. "We know that not everyone will want to post their name on a wall, but many people believe it is important to be able to visibly express their support for the campaign to show others that they stand behind the project and have chosen to invest and leave a legacy right here at St. Mark's."

Donors standing with St. Mark's

Since the kick off of the campaign, nearly 150 donors have gladly chosen to support the WE WILL! Build in Faith capital campaign. *Their generosity has added up to nearly \$1.6 million!* To date, the majority of the gifts and pledges have been made by the church and school staff, members of the Vestry and school advisory board, and some excited donors who upon learning about the campaign wanted to get involved immediately.

Only at the beginning of our multi-year campaign, we are working diligently to contact every member of the St. Mark's community. Please be assured, if you have not heard from our capital campaign team yet, you will, and we look forward to meeting with you at that time. It is our goal to educate everyone with a stake in this project, because as important as it is for every parishioner and school family to make a gift, it is equally important for everyone to be well-informed about the campaign so you can be willing ambassadors.

If you are eager to have your meeting to learn more about the project and talk about your pledge to the WE WILL! Build in Faith campaign, please call Mary at 561-622-1504 x.232 or visit the campaign office.

Gifting securities

There's no big secret – making a gift of appreciated securities is a great way to give a meaningful donation while also reaping certain tax benefits. "Ron and the campaign office made it extremely easy to make our gift, and on a time-table that met our needs," said a recent anonymous donor who gifted stock to the campaign. To make a donation of appreciated securities to the WE WILL! Build in Faith capital campaign, contact Ron McElhone in the St. Mark's business office by calling 561-622-1504 x.289.