

With God's Grace and Guidance

*Praise for the Past...
Faith for the Future*



Annual
Stewardship
Campaign 2010

Capital
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2009-2012



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From Your SENIOR PASTOR

Many years ago, close to Christmas, I was working in Chicago and trying to make ends meet on a secretary's salary when I encountered a Salvation Army ringer at a store. Instead of averting my eyes and hurrying by or dropping a quarter in the bucket, I reached into my wallet and gave the only bill I had – a twenty.

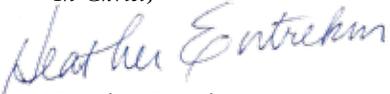
My generosity surprised me, but it shouldn't have. I'd been learning it at church. My church challenged every member to obey the greatest commandment – to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength *and* your neighbor as yourself. I saw others doing it by giving and I saw how generosity makes God real in the world and in the giver.

How wonderful to have a chance to practice that generosity in stewardship *and* capital campaign giving at Prairie where we can see and be part of the difference it makes. Some of you have taken this path before with our congregation or at other churches. For others, this will be a first. For all of us, it is an opportunity to give the best gift we have, as many have done before us, so that we can meet the challenges of serving God today and in the future.

You will see exciting annual stewardship and capital campaign goals in this brochure. They are the fruit of prayer, imagination, vision, strategic planning, hope and plain old hard work of many, many dedicated members of our church. We offer them in trust and faith that we are following the path God has cleared.

So please read this brochure carefully and prayerfully. On Sunday, December 6, bring your completed commitment card to worship to join with all the church in a celebration of joyful generosity. Let the words we sing each Sunday be true, "O may all who come behind us find us faithful." Thank you for all you do for Prairie Baptist Church and the kingdom of God.

In Christ,



Heather Entrekin
Senior Pastor



From Your STEWARDSHIP BOARD

Each year we present the opportunity for Prairie Baptist members to step forward and up to support our Annual Stewardship Campaign. This year the campaign for 2010 coincides with our Capital Campaign to renovate our church.

Last year, 152 member households made pledges to the Annual Budget, and through the end of the third quarter, more than \$355,000 in pledges have been remitted toward our \$613,000 budget. We thank all members who made pledges last year as well as those who contribute without pledging.

While we speak of these pledges in terms of dollars, we really need to think of them in terms of our Christian beliefs and values that are exemplified in our worship, ministries, song, mission, relationships and our individual journeys of faith. When we pledge, we write down a number. That number, however, comes to fruition through prayer and how we work in our church to make a difference.

So this year, as you think about making a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign, begin by thinking about your faith and how God wants you to make a difference. Listen first to your heart before you look at your checkbook. Together we can nurture our community and the world beyond. And then, we will all rejoice as we return the first fruits of our labor to God.

In Christ,



Frieda Smith
Stewardship Board Chair

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From Your CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRPERSONS

When the two of us were asked to serve as chairpersons for this campaign, we didn't know each other very well. We are also separated in our experience by several generations. However, as we talked, we discovered we were both excited about this campaign and what it will mean for us individually, our families and future generations.

We also discussed what it would be like if we never had to make any capital improvements. What would it be like if nothing ever wore out or if we had an annual budget that covered all repairs and upgrades?

That would indeed be a different world. One way to achieve that would be to lock the doors and figure out a way to protect the physical structure from the elements. In doing so, however, it would mean we were not fulfilling our mission.

The reality is that we do need to make mandatory improvements to our facilities, and our sanctuary and classrooms are in need of renovation. These plans are detailed in this brochure. We are looking forward to these improvements, and we ask you to join us in making a pledge to the campaign.

If you have any questions about the campaign, one of the campaign Ambassadors will be contacting you prior to our Commitment Sunday on December 6. We are also available to answer your questions.



Dave Maughan & Brian Smith
Capital Campaign Co-chairs



Your campaign leaders (left to right): Heather Entrekin, Tony Cosby, Brian Smith, David Maughan, Frieda Smith and Bruce Morgan

*Gracious God, we love because you first loved us.
We praise your Holy name and come
to you as servants seeking your promise
to hear our prayers.*

*We thank you for those who have gone before us
and pray for your guidance and wisdom as we
continue to serve as Prairie Baptist Church.*

*May our hearts be open and ready as we strive
for unity and purpose. Create in us a desire
to pray diligently, give generously, serve willingly.*

*Through times of plenty or in times of need,
your abundance is evident in our lives.
Make us eager stewards of all that we have.*

*We need you,
We trust you,
We love you,*

*In the spirit of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*



*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,
but everything they owned was held in common. Acts 4:32*

*What does
Prairie Baptist do
throughout the year?*



If you only came to church on Sunday, you would experience only a small part of Prairie Baptist's mission to be "a Christian community committed to transforming the world through: worship, service, and spiritual formation." Prairie Baptist Church seeks to be an open, caring, and intentional community engaged in spiritual practices that enrich our journey and deepen our connection to God, to one another, and to the world.

Within our church you can find a niche where your interests, beliefs and skills can be sustained and called upon in service to our immediate and greater community.

What can you do at Prairie Baptist?

MUSIC & WORSHIP. Two Sunday morning worship services, a monthly Taizé service and special services throughout the church year led by Prairie House Band, Chancel Choir and an intergenerational variety of gifted choirs, instrumentalists and ensembles with assistance of dedicated ushers, greeters and technology support volunteers.

YOUTH. A caring, inviting group of peers and leaders growing in faith, caring for one another and serving others.

PASTORAL COUNSELING. Provided by clergy staff as a service to church members and others in need.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION. Sunday School classes, groups, Faith Steps Class, Vacation Bible School and special events for spiritual growth and discipleship at all stages of life.

SMALL GROUPS. Bible study, social, service, and prayer groups for all ages.

PRAIRIE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER. Serving children 16 months through 5 years.

CARING CONNECTIONS. The body of Christ serving one another in love.

PRAIRIE SENIORS. A lively, generous group of elders who are faithful in prayer, biblical study, fellowship, worship and compassion.

FAMILY LIFE. Bringing the church and community together through an Easter Egg Hunt in the park, a Fall Festival, Christmas events and other special occasions.



*Through your time, talent and treasure,
you can support the ministries of our church.*

MISSION. Serving God throughout the world through faithful and generous financial giving and face-to-face ministry of Interfaith Hospitality Network, Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity, Bethel Neighborhood Center, disaster response, emergency assistance, denominational service, support of international missionaries, ecumenical service and much more.

JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH. Accompanying and supporting a new church plant on the Central Baptist Theological Seminary campus in Shawnee.

PRAYER. Daily prayer by e-mail and a prayer chain for special concerns.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN. Supporting local, regional and international ministries financially and personally while providing fellowship, study and care for church members

AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN. Meeting regularly for fellowship and service to the church and community.

WEDDINGS. Providing a beautiful place and professional services for weddings throughout the year.

FUNERALS/MEMORIAL SERVICES. Serving families and friends in times of sorrow and loss.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. Meeting regularly to care for the administration and stewardship of our facilities and ministry to further the church's vision and mission.

“Prairie is a supportive part of our lives. You hope that there is just a little good you could do by being a member of a mission church like this. I've been a member of this church for 56 years. I remember my grandfather getting up in a Baptist church and talking about what giving had meant to him. For my folks, husband, all the family ... it's been born into us.”

— Barbara Stepp

“Church has been an important part of my life since I was a child, but Prairie has been a church home like no other. I love the people, I am moved by the music, and I feel cared for by our pastors. Sunday services inspire me and the sermons challenge me. Our ministries inside and outside the walls of the church motivate me to be part of this force for good in this world. In all honesty, one of our biggest reasons to continue living in Kansas City is that we love being part of Prairie Baptist Church.”

— David Grummon



What does all of this cost?

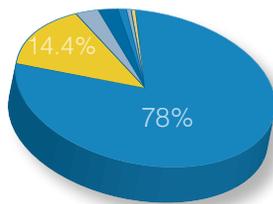
Staff, utilities, maintenance, office equipment plus the funds that are used for direct services to members and community members will add up to more than \$600,000 this year as shown in the budget below.

2009 BUDGET

Ministry	2009 Budget
Board of Missions	\$101,670
Salaries	\$329,242
Board of Deacons	\$5,000
Music Committee	\$4,496
Office Operations	\$24,250
Congregational Council	\$1,400
Board of Finance	\$3,464
Stewardship Board	\$3,000
American Baptist Women's Ministry	\$2,000
Board of Family Life	\$2,500
Board of Christian Education	\$23,825
Board of Building and Grounds	\$112,404
BUDGET TOTAL	\$613,251

What is the source of our revenue?

The chart here shows our sources of income for the year 2008.



General Fund Pledges	78%
Non Pledge Offerings	14.4%
Miscellaneous	3%
Endowment Allocation	2.4%
Building Usage	1.1%
Interest Income	.6%
Plate Offerings	.5%
	100%



How do you pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign?

On the left side of the commitment card, there is a space for your pledge. Fill out this portion of the card to make a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign. **(See the sample on page 11.)**

The Board of Missions has a proposal before the church to continue generous mission support by allocating 15 percent of incoming undesignated funds to United Mission of American Baptist Churches USA and local mission.

Our Goals for the **Capital Campaign**

In order to proceed with the renovation projects, we are conducting this campaign with two goals:

1. **The monetary goal for the Capital Campaign is \$1.6 million. These funds will be used exclusively for the renovations and improvements outlined in this brochure.**
2. **Participation by all members of Prairie Baptist Church.**

“I noticed things I’d never seen before when my daughter was going to be married in our church. Before that, I hadn’t looked closely enough to see that some things looked tacky, are falling apart or need paint. It’s important to keep God’s house at least as well as your own home. None of us would put up with carpeting that looks like Prairie’s. And then we have a lot of “gotta dos.” I support that.”

— Marilyn Boydston

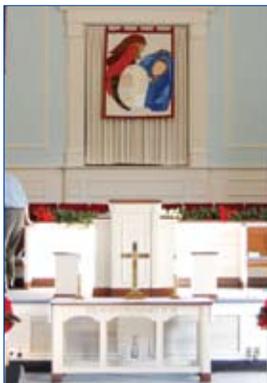


Doing It Right

As Marilyn points out above, there is a lot to do, but it's not a matter of going to the paint store or home repair store and coming up with a redecorating or renovation plan. We have engaged the services of Gould Evans, a highly respected architectural firm that has come up with an exciting master plan for the renovation and improvement of our space. Imagine welcoming all of our current members, visitors and community members into our new home once it is completed.

Please read the details on the following pages carefully, and bring your pledge envelope to worship on **Commitment Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.**

If you have questions, a member of the Ambassador Team will contact you prior to Commitment Sunday.



The Plan

The Exterior

Improvements are planned for the exterior environment as part of the overall plan. These conveniences and enhancements will serve our members as well as present a welcoming atmosphere to visitors.

- Covered walkway at the preschool entrance and a new drop off area
- A new driveway alignment and improved paving in the parking area
- Accessible parking
- Accessible youth entrance

The Sanctuary

Of main interest to many are the improvements slated for the area most associated with a church—the sanctuary. Our goal is to enrich the worship experience through these upgrades.

- New carpet and paint
- Refurbished pews
- Enlarged chancel
- Renovated baptistry
- Relocated and updated audio control booth
- New organ

Youth & Adult Learning

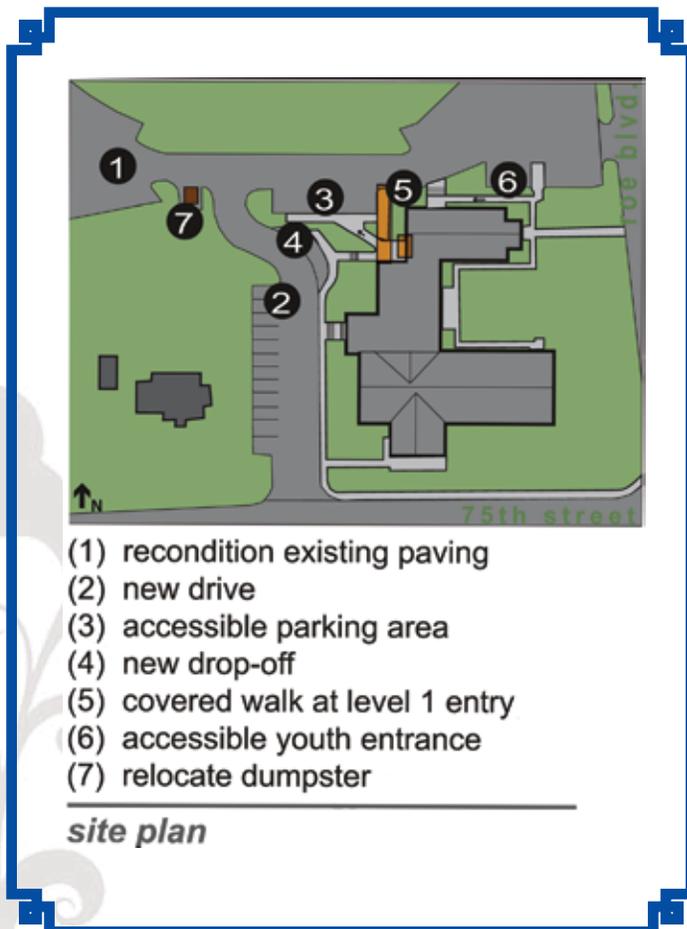
Education is a large part of our church. Both youth and adults need space well designed and equipped for that purpose, and we have the following elements included in the plan:

- New relocated nursery
- Additional adult and youth classrooms
- Renovated existing classrooms
- Additional storage
- Renovated, refurbished youth area

Administrative & Other

A productive, comfortable and safe work environment enables our staff and volunteers to function as effectively as possible. We also want to provide comfort and safety for all members and guests who use our facility on Sundays and throughout the week.

- Office upgrades and improvements
- New library shelving in the Founders' room
- New multipurpose room
- New secure doors with card readers
- Refurbished, accessible restrooms
- New carpet in a new choir room
- Passenger bus transportation
- New air conditioning system



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THE COST

The cost for all expansion and improvements totals an estimated \$1.6 million.

Construction Costs

Building renovation construction (35,440 sq ft)	\$883,402
General site improvements (parking lot, covered entrance)	\$281,849
Contingency and inflation allowances	\$69,000

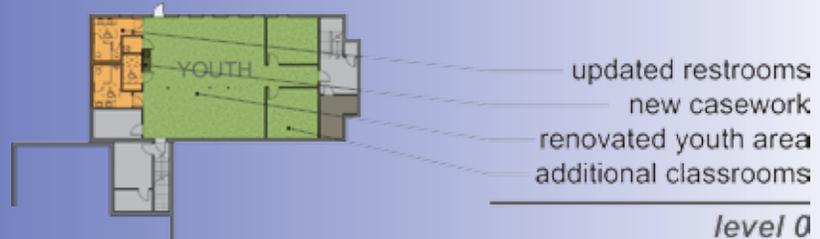
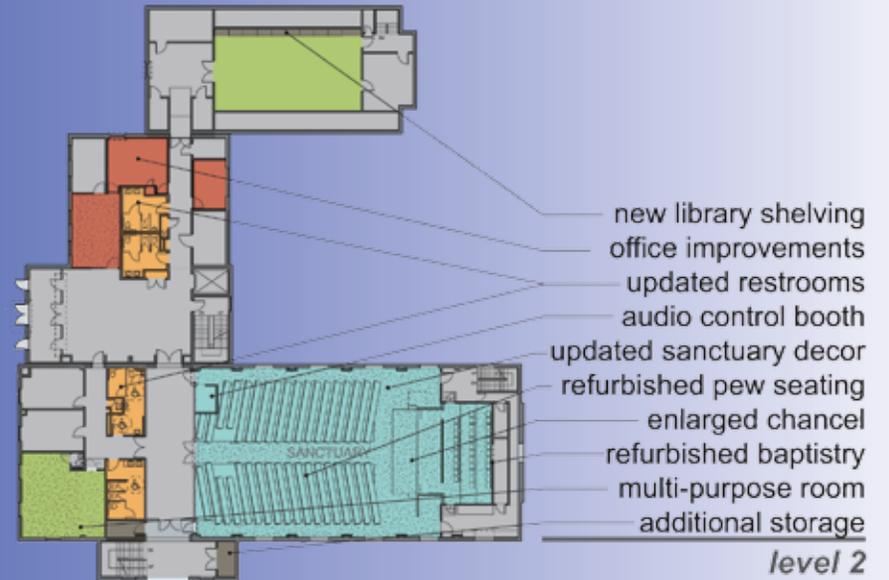
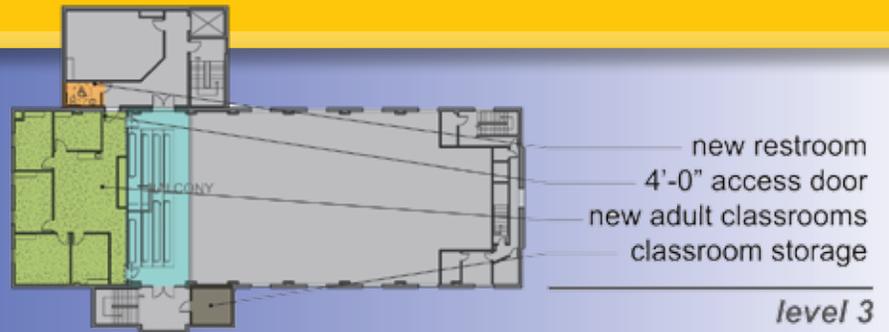
Sub-total \$1,234,251

Development Costs

New Organ (\$70,000 less organ fund of \$30,000)	\$40,000
Transportation (purchase/lease/rental of 2 buses)	\$70,000
Church Development contract	\$63,000
Architectural services	\$111,000
Furnishings and equipment	\$20,000
Land survey/abatement study	\$15,900
Inspections/permits	\$12,000
Printing/program costs	\$11,000
Computers, classroom Audio/Visual, Sanctuary Audio	\$25,000

Sub-Total \$367,900

GRAND TOTAL\$1,600,000



YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

Recall all the blessings God has given to you, not for your personal use only, but to build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Pray to discern what sacrificial gift God is asking you to give in this capital campaign. Remember that we are challenged to regularly make adjustments in our lives in the way we use our time, energy, creative gifts and finances to grow people into spiritually mature, Christ-like disciples.

Know that every gift, regardless of the size, will be an important contribution to the capital campaign.

Discuss your family's participation with all members of your family and what it will mean to you.

What is the best gift I can give to the Capital Campaign?

As noted above, the decision is one that involves you, your family and God. As you decide, however, consider the following:

Faith: Move forward in faith.

Certainly we are in uncertain economic times, but our faith enables us to trust God to guide us and provide for us.

Sacrifice: Just as Christ sacrificed for us, we are now called upon to offer a gift.

We all recognize God's blessings and abundance in our lives. This is an opportunity to return to God the first fruits of our labor—not what we have left over.

Commitment: Every gift will be important and needed in the capital campaign, no matter what the size.

- Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift of 3 percent to 5 percent of their annual income for each of the three years of the capital campaign which is over and above their regular giving to the church.
- For those on fixed income, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving 3 percent to 5 percent of your household assets, either as a lump-sum gift or spread over three years. Household assets are items such as property, investments and the like.
- Please remember: All pledges, no matter the size are welcomed—and all sacrifices are equal in the eyes of God.
- Please remember, your capital campaign pledge is in addition to your regular support of Prairie Baptist Church ministry budget.
- The charts here show how your commitment can be fulfilled annually, monthly or weekly.

Three-Percent Giving Chart

Annual Income	3% Weekly Commitment	3% Monthly Commitment	3% Annual Commitment	Total 3-Year Commitment
\$30,000	\$17	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$75,000	\$43	\$188	\$2,250	\$6,750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$150,000	\$87	\$375	\$4,500	\$13,500
\$200,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000

Five-Percent Giving Chart

Annual Income	5% Weekly Commitment	5% Monthly Commitment	5% Annual Commitment	Total 5-Year Commitment
\$30,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$50,000	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$72	\$313	\$3,750	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$144	\$625	\$7,500	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$30,000



*May I give stock instead of cash?
What are the advantages to giving stocks?*

Donating appreciated stock or property is an optional way to give. You can save paying capital gains and get a tax deduction.

Pension Protection Act of 2006 (extended through 2009)

The 2006 Pension Act (as amended) permits an IRA holder who has reached the age of 70½ to make a distribution tax-free directly from his or her IRA by transferring any amount up to a total of \$100,000 to a qualified public charity, such as Prairie Baptist Church. Normally this withdrawal would be a taxable event, but the Act allows this distribution, tax-free, this year only. The IRA holder does not increase his adjusted gross income by the amount contributed (and thus does not take a deduction on his tax return), while the charity receives the total amount. Such withdrawal must be effected by December 31, 2009. Please consult with your financial advisor prior to making a transfer.

If you have questions about any of the alternative ways of giving to the church, please call Dave Maughan at (913) 522-1319.

In Appreciation

Your contribution will be remembered long after the three-year pledge period is over. Every time someone parks in a welcoming spot, walks into a new classroom, entrusts a child to a safe nursery, worships in our beautiful sanctuary, loves God more and follows Jesus better because of our inviting building, your contribution will be recognized. As a token of appreciation, every Prairie household will receive a reusable tote bag with the campaign logo on it.

In Dedication

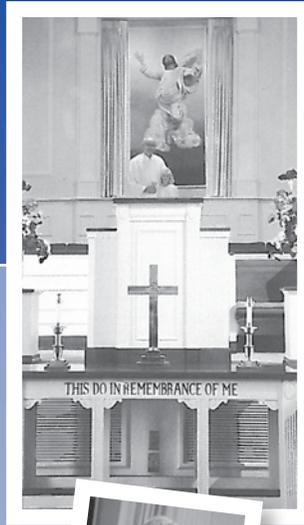
You are invited to dedicate your gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. A permanent notebook will be created to list names of donors and persons whose lives and legacy they honor. The notebook will also document accomplishments and stories of the capital campaign.

Please bring your completed commitment card with you to worship on **Commitment Sunday, December 6, 2009**, or mail it to the church to be received by then.

“I am enthusiastically supportive of Prairie’s Capital Campaign, and Nancy and I have been in prayerful consideration of our pledge. Thanks to the generosity of Prairie members through the years, God has blessed us with wonderful facilities: church property and building. But now we need to do significant repair, upgrade, refurbishing and renewing of these resources for the future. The campaign addresses needs in virtually every area of the church’s life: worship, music, Christian education, building and property and youth ministry. We are not merely “catching up.” We are also planning for the future. Nancy and I want to show our gratitude for the gifts of the past by offering our gift to ensure the future.” — Bruce Morgan

PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH *60 Years*

- 1950** Thirteen members start Prairie Baptist Church. A Wadsworth prefabricated house is used as a chapel until the first unit of the church is completed.
- 1955** First service is held in new chapel on Easter.
- 1957** Plans begin to build an educational building.
- 1963** New sanctuary is dedicated.
- 1974** Prairie Early Childhood Center is formed.
- 1975** Resettlement of about 45 Laotian refugee families begins.
- 1986** Dr. Richard Olson is called as senior pastor.
- 1994** Elevator, access to offices, hospitality area and new west entry are added.
- 1999** Dr. Heather Entrekin is called as senior pastor.
- 2004** Prairie begins Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- 2006** Prairie begins Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity ministries.
- 2009** *With God's Grace and Guidance:
Praise for the Past ...
Faith for the Future* campaign.



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Thanks to All Who Worked on These Campaigns

*Stewardship Board
Leader: Frieda Smith.*

Members: Heather Entrekin, Gary Hamilton, Mary Icenogle, Dave Maughan, Dianne Shumaker & Leonard Harmon.

*Capital Campaign
Co-Chairpersons
Dave Maughan & Brian Smith*

*Prayer Team
Co-leaders: Bob Lightner & Greg Sanders.
Members: Margaret Fleming, Barb Gardner,
Kyle Gardner, Gwen Garrigues,
Mary Icenogle, Bev Lindblom,
Dottie McCrossen & Doug Smith.*

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Janine Gravley, Leonard Harmon,
Sande Harmon, Tami Heitland,
Jenny Manning, Gloria Nixon,
Jolene Payne, Jill Pruett, Leslie Smith,
Sondra Wilson & Janet Zacharias.*

*Thanks Team
Co-leaders: Nancy Morgan & Dean Quick.
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Co-leaders: Laura Oberkrom & Carol Stagner. Members: Marilyn Bishop,
Scott Stannard, Sherri Stannard,
Becky Humphrey & Matt Humphrey.*

*Ambassador Team
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*Communications Team
Leader: Ron Stagner.
Members: Karen Brown, Sara Gardner,
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*Campaign Management Team
Tony Cosby, Heather Entrekin,
Dave Maughan, Bruce Morgan,
Brian Smith & Frieda Smith.*

*Campaign Steering Committee
Bev Cosby, Karen Fenton,
Kyle Gardner, Mary Icenogle,
Don Nelson, Ruth Rosell, plus the
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Leader: Tony Cosby.
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Entrekin, Karen Fenton, Kyle Gardner,
Andrew Granade, John Gravley, Cynthia Jarrold, Dave Maughan, Bruce Morgan,
Ruth Rosell, Frieda Smith & Brian Smith.*