



Dear Church Family,

For many of us it seems as if the Life Center has always been here. It is hard to believe that it has only been a part of the life and ministry of this church for a little over seven years. In those seven years, we have seen our ministry expand in wonderful and meaningful ways:

- the Life Center is also the home of our largest single worship service on Sunday morning;
- having space available for church and community events;
- use and availability of classrooms for Sunday school, Bible Studies and other small group meetings;
- the use of laundry and showers available to those in need in our community.

The Life Center was built at a cost of \$2.5 million. Our indebtedness on the building is \$916,500 as of January 9, 2017. In a little under eight years we have paid off well over half the cost of the original loan. We are now entering our final push to pay off the building once and for all.

We are stepping out in faith with a new capital campaign. The primary purpose is to reduce our indebtedness to a place where it is manageable. This will allow us to budget accordingly in the years to come as we seek to understand and live out God's vision for us at Little River UMC.

The theme of our stewardship campaign is "*Standing in the Promise*", with our scripture coming from Acts 2:46 – "Every day they continued to meet in worship. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." It is my prayer that as we will give with glad and sincere hearts, God will further reveal his vision for those of us who call this church our home.

The leadership team is already at work planning for the events of the next few months. Be in prayer for them and for our church as we seek to live God's vision for us. You will be asked to make a commitment as a part of this campaign. Each of us has taken the opportunity to stand in the Life Center and participate in various activities. Prayerfully consider your commitment to help pay off the debt and to stand in the promise of God.

In Christ,

Rev. W. Russell Freeman, Sr.