

# WIDE-OPEN DOORS TO A GREAT WORK

THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE MISSION OF DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 9, 2017



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CHURCH

## PASTORS

Rev. Dr. J. Todd  
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## Elder Class of 2017

Jack Brooks  
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Bo King  
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Rachel Reiff Ellis  
David Holbrook  
Jeanie Mehlhop  
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Dear Friends and Members of Decatur Presbyterian Church,

On Sunday, January 8, (despite a bit of snow and ice!) we kicked off the “Congregation – wide Phase” of the capital campaign for the mission of Decatur Presbyterian Church! After years of preparation, we now enter the public phase of an effort that will enhance the ministries of DPC for generations to come. By God’s grace alone, what was once only “possible” has now become a reality!

During years of preparation, many have worked hard to consider every ministry, be faithful stewards of old buildings, and enhance connections with our community. As a result, we have received overwhelmingly positive response to the plans and generous support. I am pleased to announce that during the “Leadership Phase” of the campaign, we received \$2,123,200 in commitments toward the total campaign of \$4,000,000, and of those pledges, \$649,538 is already in hand! Thank you sincerely to those who have already committed to this campaign.

Over the coming weeks, you will be invited to a Wide Open Doors Gathering to enjoy warm fellowship, learn more about the campaign, and receive informational packets that will include Commitment Cards. I strongly encourage you to make every effort to attend at least one of the gatherings and to consider prayerfully your generous financial support. I encourage you to listen in prayer for some creative way that might enable you to do more than you may have anticipated. One congregant has already offered real property as their gift; another committed a financial asset that had been lying dormant; still another is planning to part with a collection of some value.

Our mission is clear: *to share Jesus Christ’s love for the world.* Everything we do at DPC in some way seeks to fulfill that mission along with our Bicentennial 2025 Goal: *Every child of God – belonging, engaging, being transformed.* This campaign promises to transform our physical environment for the sake of enabling our mission. Beginning in the summer of 2017, DPC will become more hospitable and accessible, ministries with children and youth will be improved, and aging buildings will be protected for the long-term benefit of members, friends, and those yet to grace our doors.

I invite you to contact Elizabeth Orth ([eorth@dpchurch.org](mailto:eorth@dpchurch.org)), our volunteer Campaign Coordinator, or me with any questions or input you have regarding this effort. Also any member of the Capital Projects Task Force or Capital Campaign Team can assist you. Thank you for your part in enabling a GREAT WORK for the mission of DPC.

Grace and peace to you,

Rev. Dr. J. Todd Speed