



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER



Grace and Peace,

On behalf of Pastor Mary and I, our hearts are overwhelmed with happiness when we think about your commitment and faithfulness towards the Capital Campaign Destiny Ful-

filled project. "And to all who were written in the genealogy – their little ones and their wives, their sons and daughters, the whole company of them – for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness" **2 Chronicles 31:18**. Not only will our generation benefit from our new church edifice, our children's children will also reap the benefits for years to come.

The Capital Campaign Project was launched in December, 2007 and since then, we have raised over **\$10,000** to date from the various fundraising events. We will not succeed in our endeavors to raise three million dollars towards the building of a new Abundant Life Family

Worship Church (ALFWC) without your prayers, financial contributions, volunteered time, talents and expertise.

We have all proven that we are co-laborers with God. With your obedience, the Capital Campaign team has successfully completed several fundraising projects. With the help of the youth, the "Coin Drive" has been a huge success as well as the Macy's "Shop for a Cause" event. In addition, on May 10, 2008, Pastor Mary and the Women's Council sponsored the Mother's Day Breakfast, where the proceeds were donated to the Capital Campaign Project.

To date we have received over 584 pledge contributions and 2.2 million in commitments, and we are continuing to receive more. Although we have made tremendous progress in just a short period of time, we need the help of "all" ALFWC members to make this monumental project a success. ***Stay encouraged Beloved; together we can accomplish a "VISION IN MOTION."***!

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That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ."

Colossians 2:2 states (NKJV)

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LIVE UNITED



Contribution

Did you know that you can select Abundant Life Worship Church (ALFWC) as your charitable campaign for United Way?

What is the United Way Charitable Campaign?

Each year, educational institutions, government organizations and corporations solicit their employees for contributions/pledges for United Way. The United Way distributes these contributions to non profit organizations. Abundant life is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501 (c) 3 organization. This entitles you to write in Abundant Life Family Worship Church as your designation or as your pledge, even if it does not appear on the list of organizations.

How Do I Pledge My Donation to Abundant Life Family Worship Church?

Contact the HR person responsible for the charitable campaign. Inform them that you would like to select Abundant Life Family Worship Church for your donations 259 George Street, P.O. Box 870, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Corporate Contribution

Wouldn't it be great if your employer can match every dollar that you donate to the Capital Campaign Project? Wouldn't it be great if they could double your contribution?

"Corporate Contribution" also known as "Matching Gift Programs" supports their employees and in some cases, retirees in their philanthropic efforts by matching individual contributions.

All organizations must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) as tax-exempt and designated a public charity under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. **ALFWC has a 501 (c) (3) status.** The programs that are going to be offered under the 501 (c) (3) status are currently underway.

Most companies exclude religious organizations from participating in the Matching Gift Programs; however, much of the Capital Campaign initiatives are for the betterment of the community; therefore, increasing ALFWC eligibility for these programs. In addition to the services to the community, the organization must meet certain eligibility requirements.

Some organizations will match dollar for dollar in any fiscal year, employee tax-deductible donations. To name a few companies that participate in the Matching Gift Program, Merrill Lynch, PSE & G, JC Penny, General Electric (GE), Bank of America and Credit Suisse. The list goes on and on.

Please inquire with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gift Program and their criteria for eligibility. You can also access this information on your employers' website or with your Human Resources Department. If you need assistance in completing the application and to explore whether or not ALFWC meets the criteria, please contact ppearson@alfwc.org.



Making Progress



The Capital Campaign is well underway, and to date, we have raised more than **\$10,000** (not including pledges) through various church events and activities. Many of you have participated and supported these efforts and for that we say THANK YOU! Below are just some of the events that have moved us one step closer to Destiny Fulfilled:

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

More than 300 people gathered for our *Annual Mother's Day Breakfast*, hosted by Lady Mary Searight and the ALFWC Women's Council. Bishop Searight and family also joined the annual celebration, held at the Pines Manor in Edison, for a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. "Sistafunk" and Ashton Hall delighted guests with an exclusive fashion show featuring trendsetting fashions from their year-round and Fall collections.

Making Progress Continued



Lady Mary honored some special guests with beautiful gift baskets and other goodies. There was even an impromptu fashion show, where audience members got the chance to walk the runway and “strut their stuff”! The Mother’s Day Breakfast raised approximately \$3,500 to-



wards the Capital Campaign project. Thank you to Lady Mary and the Women’s Council for helping to move us one step closer to a Destiny Fulfilled!

SHOP FOR A CAUSE



On Saturday, September 20th, the Capital Campaign joined forces with Macy’s annual “Shop For A Cause” to help raise additional dollars towards the new building fund. “Shop For A Cause” is Macy’s way of giving back to the community: not for profit organizations “sell” 20% discount shopping passes for \$5 each and keep 100% of the proceeds. ALFWC sold more than 300 passes, and hosted a special ALFWC hour from 11am-12pm at the Woodbridge Macy’s in Woodbridge, NJ featuring Bishop George Searight, Royal Priesthood and Radical! In the midst of the housewares department, ALFWC made “His Presence known” before an excited crowd. It was awesome!!! Bishop Searight autographed copies of his new CD, “Make His Presence Known” (available at www.royal-priesthood.com) and his new book The Dwelling Place (available at www.alfwc.org).



Signature ALFWC candy bars, gift bags and prizes were provided for members of the audience, and the store management even requested a second evening concert (maybe next year!). The “Shop For a Cause” event raised over \$1,500 towards the Capital Campaign. Thank you to members of the Core Team and volunteers for helping to move us one step closer to Destiny Fulfilled!

PLANNING TO GIVE by Tyretta Meadows



As we all work toward meeting our individual and collective capital campaign goal(s), I thought I would share a few suggestions on how you can make your individual finances work toward a collective goal. I believe that long term giving can and should be a planned event. Below I have listed a couple of suggestions on how you can make sure to meet your commitments consistently without falling behind personally:

1. Create a BUDGET (example: A plan for your monthly spending, saving and giving). **If you don't have one, please follow the next three steps:**

- A. Write down your monthly income.
- B. Write down ALL of your monthly expenses (example bills, groceries, eating out, pet cost, medical costs, etc.) Please keep in mind, this should be your actual spending habits, not what they should be.
- C. Subtract your expenses from your income. **INCOME-EXPENSES= NET INCOME**

Note: **If you end with a positive \$\$** - You should plan to give some of your excess and save the rest (I'll leave the division up to you) or **If you have a negative \$\$** - You need to make some adjustments to your expenses and/or potentially increase your income before you can consider committing to a pledge. (Helpful hints: control spending, start working to pay-off your debt, start saving).

2. Tithe and Offering Comes First

If you have a budget but find that you struggle to consistently give a tithe & offering, this should be your first goal prior to committing to a pledge. You may need to adjust your budget or even make different decisions about your current lifestyle expenses (rent, car, phones, etc.) to make this happen. **Note:** Any pledges, gifts, etc. should be above and beyond your tithe and offering.

3. Giving Is a Sacrifice and Should Be Planned

Ideally, your giving should come out of your excess and you should give what you can afford. If you have no excess but want to participate in the campaign, then you should adjust your budget and figure out what you will consistently cut back, reduce and/or reallocate in order to give your pledge/gift.

4. Don't Forget to Save

While you are making this sacrifice to give, also make sure you have a financial plan for your own family emergencies and needs. You want to make sure that you continue to put yourself in a position to be the lender and not the borrower.

Saving Considerations: \$1000 Emergency Fund, 3-6 Months Savings, Retirement Plan, College Funds.

It is our hope this helps you take one more step toward individual financial freedom, which can only help us all take a collective step toward achieving our Capital Campaign goals.



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Youth ZONE

Hey ALFWC Kids!

It's me, Amber Alleyne reporting from the **Youth Zone** giving you an update on our progress for the Capital Campaign to date. So, let me tell you what we have been doing!



My favorite fundraiser is the **"Coin Drive"**! The kick off for the



"Coin Drive" was Sunday, June 29th. Minister Dwayne Jennings made up a rap song for our kick off! It was great! We distributed 1,500 coin cards. Each card equaled \$5 when filled. We had

two coin donation boxes for all loose coins, which were available during the offering times at each service.

The coin card portion of the coin drive ended on September 7th. With the help of the Abundant Life Family members and friends, the youth have raised over \$4,000 as of 8/3/08 for our new church and youth! Isn't that wonderful!!! I believe this has made Bishop and Pastor Mary very happy!

Oh yeah, in case you didn't know, we have a Youth Capital Campaign team . . . and I am a part of it! To be a part of "Destiny Fulfilled" makes me feel proud. Just knowing that I am a part of my ALFWC's future makes me feel like I want to do more and more! I may be a 10-year old, but I feel like a very blessed 10-year old!

Love ya! Until next time,
Grace and peace!

Amber Alleyne
Youth Capital Campaign
Member



Please continue to return your coin cards at the welcome station on the lower level.