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S P E C I A L E D I T I O N

Growing Gains

It's hard to believe that we have been in our new facility for just over four years. What may be even harder to believe is that we have already outgrown many areas of our building since moving in. But while we are experiencing growth pains, we can turn them into growth gains!

Enter The LC2

What areas have we outgrown? First, the classrooms are so packed in tight with kids on many Sundays there are no options for adults to use them either. Second, the atrium has little room for info tables, fellowship or anything else we'd like to do that requires much size. Third, the kitchen is too small to invest money and equipment to make it the full-service area we need. Finally, we have no large multipurpose area for use by so many people at so many times and in so many ways.

That's where the Lakeshore Community Center (LC2) comes in. This 18,600 square foot addition will meet all these growth and space issues with strategic solutions that will allow us to grow to well over double our current size.

Finishing The Work... Together!

The "Home Improvements" campaign that began in December 2005 and will be ending this year helped us raise about 1/3 of the costs of construction for the LC2. This is a great start! But we need to raise the balance (or as much of it as possible) to build the LC2. The "Finishing The Work" (FTW) campaign will help in this journey. This Fall it is critical for all of us to finish this work (hence the campaign name) together! The leadership of Lakeshore is sensing that now is the time to take this next step of faith.

Two Main Objectives For "FTW":

1st) To all grow deeper spiritually together as a church.

2nd) To begin building the *Lakeshore Community Center* in Spring 2009 debt free.

Ultimately, "FTW" is not about building a building, but building people. We need the *Lakeshore Community Center* for our children, for our church family, and for the community and the great commission— people who desperately need to hear the life-changing message of Christ.

Our hope and prayer is that everyone will help us turn our growing pains into "growing gains" so we can complete the phase one vision for our campus through "Finishing The Work"!

Warmly—
Pastor Vince

Vince



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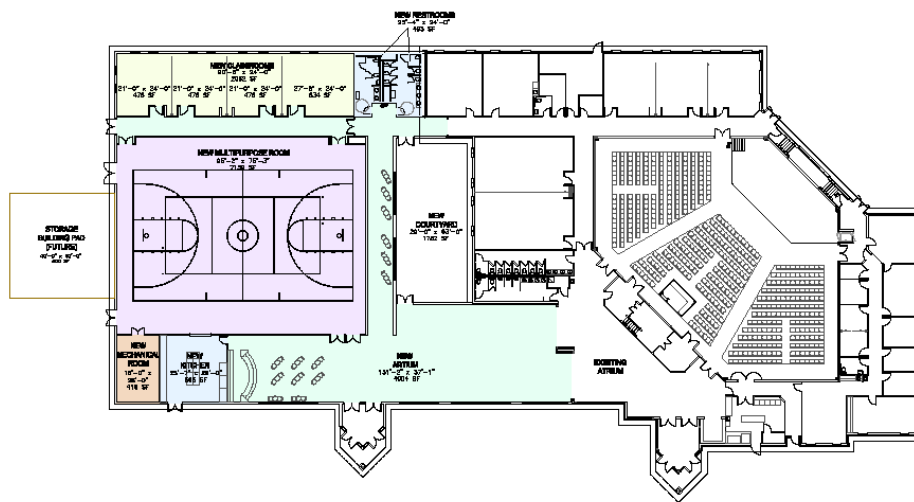
Schedule of Key *Finishing The Work* Events:

Finishing The Work Campaign begins Sunday, October 26 (during services):

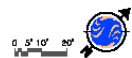
Finishing The Work begins with the spiritual growth emphasis series, "Finishing Well". We'll begin with a special dedication event after each service on the site where the *Lakeshore Community Center* will be built.

Finishing The Work "Vision Meetings" Mon, November 3 – Thursday, November 13 at church from 7:00 - 8:30pm):

These casual meetings are small group meetings led by Pastor Vince. We will provide information on the campaign (including a *Finishing The Work* campaign packet and other materials) to help you understand "FTW". You'll better grasp the need and how the campaign will help Lakeshore's future. You'll also be informed of the contribution process.



LAKESHORE COMMUNITY CHURCH
COMMUNITY CENTER AND EXISTING CHURCH FLOOR PLAN
July 10, 2008
Total Gross Square Footage: 18,041



You should have received an invitation to a "FTW" Meeting by now. Please RSVP as soon as possible. If you have not received an invitation, please contact the church office at 392-LAKE. Pastor Vince and the entire "FTW" team asks that everyone at Lakeshore attend a meeting.

Finishing The Work Day of Prayer event Saturday, November 15:

We are asking everyone to take part in a one-hour time slot. Sign up at the "FTW" table in the atrium. If you attend a Community Group, you should sign up at the same time as your other group members. If not, sign up with others you know together. Regardless, this will be a great time to pray for your needs and the needs of LCC with others.

Finishing The Work Commitment Sunday, November 23:

This will serve as the climax of the campaign. It will be an opportunity for everyone at Lakeshore to come together and celebrate the way God has worked in their lives and to appreciate all the multitude of blessings He has bestowed on us as a "family". This will be an opportunity for all of us to turn in our commitments to the campaign.

Finishing The Work All Church Celebration Sunday, December 7:

We'll announce the "FTW" commitment total and turn in our "upfront" financial gifts. This will serve as the climax of the campaign.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing the “Finishing The Work” effort now?

There are many reasons. First, we have grown quickly during our time in this new facility. This campaign will help us to build the “LC2” so we can accommodate the many needs we can hardly accommodate now. This is not a new idea. We knew back in 2002 when we held the PCH campaign that we would need this building. That’s why it was in the plans even back then.

Second, it will help us help our children and the adults in our church hold more events we can’t hold now because key spaces are simply too small. And Lakeshore is in need of a new building that will help us reach the community much more effectively and will help us serve attendees with higher excellence.

Third, if we can build the “LC2”, it will allow us to wait longer to build our phase two buildings. We want to max out this facility before we build again!

Why are we having this 5 week “FTW” campaign? Why not just announce that we need funds to build?

Experience in every church has shown that it takes this much time and effort to fully communicate the need, the purpose, the goals, and the vision to everyone at Lakeshore clearly, without leaving questions unanswered, all while giving people time to process the need at hand. We want to give time for people to seek God’s direction.

How will we communicate the specifics of this “Finishing The Work” campaign?

The main way we will communicate the campaign features is through “FTW Vision Meetings” where you will, in a casual environment, learn more from Pastor Vince personally and receive a packet of information. No financial commitments are made at these meetings (that will occur at the end of the campaign). We ask everyone to attend one. Invitations have been sent. If you did not receive one, please let us know so we can send you one (please accept our apologies; occasionally our database has mistakes).

Will Lakeshore become “different” or “heavy-handed” for this campaign?

Absolutely not! Simply talk to anyone who went through PPL, PCH or HI (our previous three campaigns). As is our approach to everything, we emphasize grace, not guilt. We have heard some of the unfortunate stories that others have experienced in campaigns at other churches, but we are committed to not changing our style or approach. If you like Lakeshore now, when the campaign is done, we believe you will love it. If you love Lakeshore now, when the campaign is done, we believe you will love it even more. All we ask is that you get involved as God would lead you. Each of us must ask, “Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for Lakeshore?”

Will this campaign pay for everything?

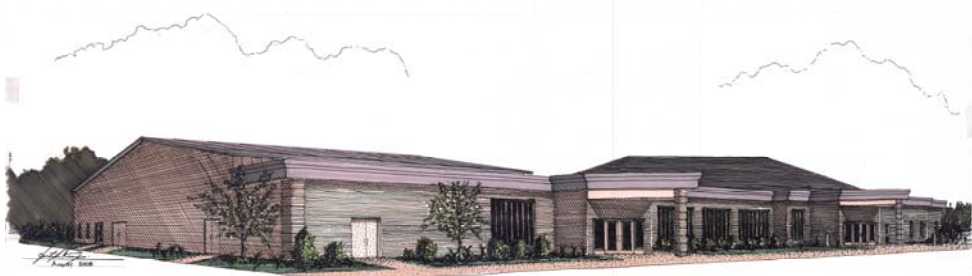
If we reach our financial goals (and our cost projections are accurate), the Lakeshore Community Center will be built debt free.

What does the building look like?

You will see many renderings in the brochure. You can also check out the “FTW” table each week at Sunday services. Our website will also have videos and pictures of the “LC2”.

What about my “Home Improvements” giving? How does it work with “FTW” giving?

We are asking everyone to complete their “HI” giving and then start their “FTW” giving. For instance, if your last monthly gift to “HI” is this December 2008, your “FTW” monthly gift can begin in January 2009. It is important that (if financially able) we consider supporting “FTW” with as much or more generosity as “HI”. Of course, each family situation is different.

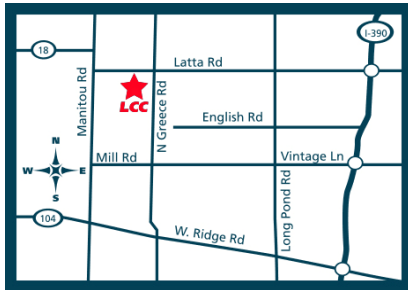




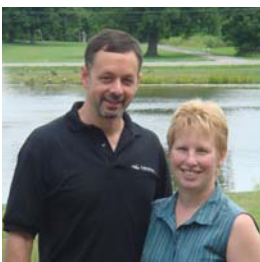
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