

Dear Four Mile and friends,

The elders have been working on fashioning a long range strategy for the health and growth of our ministry and outreach here at Four Mile. God is at work and there is much happening and worth celebrating. But as exciting as all that is we understand that we are not only to enjoy God's blessings but steward the opportunities He sets before us.

Our recent REVEAL SURVEY has given us a clear sense of where we are as a church in our spiritual life. Ministry staff is already making changes to and adapting ministry programs to maximize effectiveness in helping us all take our next steps of growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Although there is still much work to do, some key elements of the strategic plan are to:
- reach more people with the gospel, ▪ develop our Midland site ministry to the next phase and
  - put in place an effective system for developing leaders.

We will be sharing that vision with you when the necessary groundwork has been laid.

In developing the strategy we are also identifying potential hindrances and challenges that could slow us down or derail certain aspects of the vision. Primarily we see these challenges in our facilities and our financial strength. That is why we are excited to share with you details of a church wide capital campaign we are launching in June of this year!

The campaign is targeting two key areas: first, building and grounds team has informed the elders that our boiler must be replaced this year or we risk having it tagged and shut down. That would impact both our childcare and preschool programs. Bids for the work have been received and the plan is to contract to have that work completed over the summer – cost is approximately \$50,000.

The second focus is directed at beginning to pay off our church's debt. The first phase of accomplishing that is aimed at paying off the remaining mortgage on our midland site building – cost is \$80,000. So our total campaign goal is to raise \$130,000 above normal giving over the next 12 months. Any funds received over that amount will be leveraged toward lowering the principle of the remaining church loan.

Of course any size financial gift is valued – it all adds up. Finance will tally commitments in \$1,000 increments – so our goal is to reach 130, \$1,000 units committed. Some might not be able to give a full unit. Others can give far more. Together we can accomplish this.

We will be presenting more information on this new initiative at our worship time on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We would ask that if at all possible you be present for this. Our request and desire is that each of you simply take time to talk to God and ask Him to speak to you and show you what level of sacrificial gift He would have you make to this effort.

- We are calling this campaign: **Turn Up The Heat: Be The Unified Solution – (BTUs)** Our goals are:
- New boiler
  - Burn the debt on the Midland building
  - Fired up congregation for all that God has in store

In Christ's Service, Four Mile Elders