



April 25, 2022

Dear Church Family,

I spend a lot of time at church on Sunday mornings. I start at 8 AM with a band rehearsal in the Family Life Center (FLC) in preparation for the contemporary service that starts at 9 AM. The stage, attractive lighting and exceptional sound system in the FLC enhance the worship experience. Renovated restrooms and flooring also make the space welcoming. After the 9 AM Worship Service, I, like many others, enjoy Sunday School in space that was renovated in the last three years. Then, after Sunday School, I walk through the Main Building to the Sanctuary. Along the way, I remind myself of how nice it is to walk down the well-lit main hallway on flooring that is not lifting from its base, past renovated space. I sometimes smile during the 11:15 AM service every Sunday, when I remind myself occasionally of all the improvements made to the Sanctuary in the last 6 years to create a lovely worship space and experience: wall finishing, altar/choir space renovation, new carpet, etc.

All these improvements were paid for in several capital campaigns. We are currently moving to the end of a capital campaign which finishes May 31, 2022. Unfortunately, the loan will not be paid off at that time. With the approval of the Church Administrative Council, we have a request. If you are currently participating in the capital campaign with a three-year commitment that started in 2019, I hope that you would prayerfully consider extending payments for that purpose by one year, to May 31, 2023. If you did not pledge three years ago, I would invite you to consider doing so now in the form of a one-year second-mile commitment.

I know you must have questions regarding this request. The Finance Team has prepared a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) sheet which is enclosed along with a commitment card. Please look over both. I hope that all or most of your questions will be addressed.

There will be a short informational presentation given at the April 24 and May 1 worship services. We are asking you to turn in the enclosed commitment card at any of the worship services on **Sunday, May 8**. Alternatively, you may drop off the commitment card at the church office, mail it in (Manchaca UMC, P.O. Box 460, Manchaca TX 78652), or complete an online version of the commitment card at the church website (<https://www.manchacaumc.org/bsg2extension>).

I love Manchaca UMC and have for over 30 years. I pray that you, like I, will continue to find the church to be a comfort in grief, a place to worship in community, a gathering place for fellowship and discipleship, and an outlet for mission and service. I appreciate your help in enabling the church to be the church.

Sincerely,

Dave Bourell
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