

Celebrating Our Legacy  Building Our Future

February 1, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

With great joy and anticipation, we are pleased to announce Calvary's Capital Campaign,

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Your team of vestry and lay leaders have worked diligently to assess Calvary's current needs and to envision opportunities for future spiritual and numerical growth as we work together to expand God's Kingdom. Your participation in our Small Groups will allow us to collectively ask and answer the question, "Why do we need to address these things right now and what will prepare us for Calvary's future?" Please prayerfully review the identified needs and opportunities which have been set out and which can be found on our website. I now invite you to help us meet these needs and capitalize on the opportunities before us.

Every household in our church is being asked to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to this vision. We have all benefited from the generosity of past generations, and we are blessed with a beautiful church home. Now it's our turn to pay it forward as we maintain our church home and prepare it for the future! We need your faithfulness in making a pledge for the Celebrating our Legacy - Building our Future capital campaign, payable over the next 3 years.

In the 21st chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples of the poor widow who put only a few coins into the offering plate, which was an amount far beyond her comfort zone. She gave all that she had in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness to her. In this parable, Jesus assures us that God measures the value of a gift by the sacrifice one makes and not by the dollar amount. I encourage you to do the same – give sacrificially for the future of Calvary, guided by gratitude and God's grace.

It is my prayer that our church family will continue to be led by the Holy Spirit, invigorated by faithful disciples, and empowered to transform our community and thus the world. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

Here is the website address for the church - <https://www.calvaryrichmond.org/>. On the site you will find a link that will take you to our *Sign-Up Genius* and there you will be able to sign up for one of our Small Groups being hosted near you. If you would rather, there will be one or two held at the church. If you are unable to find a Small Group near you or have difficulty attending one, you can call the church office and someone there will help you (281-342-2147).

As always, I thank you for blessing God and others with your gifts and prayers.

God's Peace be with you,



Fr. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." — Hebrews 3:4

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