



August 29, 2011

We are excited to be embarking on our ***Faith is Building*** Capital Campaign! Our three-year campaign will run from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2014. The purpose of this letter is to invite your participation and support!

As a growing, vibrant and caring congregation, we face the wonderful problem of “inadequate space” for worship, fellowship and learning together. We also have a decade’s worth of deferred-maintenance items that can be addressed most economically in conjunction with the Phase 1 building project.

OEUMC’s leadership team has worked hard to put our dreams and needs into concrete goals and plans. Our ***Faith Is Building*** fundraising goal is \$4 million. Church leaders and staff already have taken the lead and spurred us to action by personally committing more than \$800,000!

Please take a few minutes to watch the enclosed DVD, which explains our ***Faith Is Building*** project. We have presented detailed architectural plans and costs for this project to the congregation over the past few months. For more information, you can go to our church Web site www.oeumc.org to review the many steps and decisions that have gotten us to this exciting point.

In addition, from now through the end of September, Capital Campaign Committee members will be available, along with Building Committee members, on Sundays between services in the Parlor to answer questions. Members of both committees also have scheduled two evenings to view the DVD with you and answer questions: Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor and Monday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in The Oasis (upper level of Emory Hall).

We hope that every Oakdale Emory family will make a financial commitment—big or small, payable over three years or as a one-time gift—to support this important project and be part of our church’s ongoing legacy of ministry to the Olney community. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment and return the enclosed commitment card to the church on or before September 25. Remember that your contribution to the capital campaign is in addition to your commitment to our annual ministry budget.

We are planning a special Celebration Sunday on September 25 to honor our ***Faith Is Building*** Capital Campaign commitments and celebrate God’s rich blessings on all of us.

Giving generously and sacrificially is a spiritual adventure and reflects our growth in Christlikeness. As the 19th-century missionary Amy Carmichael said, “One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving.” Our prayer is that God will use this building project to increase our faith, expand the reach of our ministry, and serve as a testimony to God’s faithfulness. It is with great excitement and joy that we ask you to take up the challenge of deepening your own experience of faith and furthering the mission of Jesus carried out through the people of Oakdale Emory.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin M. Baker".

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Senior Pastor

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Kevin J. Lewis
Capital Campaign Chairperson