

*If as one people
speaking the same language
they have begun to do this,
then nothing they plan to do
will be impossible
for them.*

Genesis 11:6



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I really dislike this time of year. I am not in any way, shape or form a winter person. I like spring, I love summer, fall can be OK, but I don't like winter. At least today as I write this, the sun is shining. That's certainly something.

So, how do I get through it? I'm taking an exercise class a couple days a week. That helps the attitude and gets me moving. I also try to concentrate on accomplishing things around the house I know I won't get done when the weather is nice. A feeling of accomplishment is a boost. Then I plan. I plan for trips that will allow me to get out of the winter weather for a break. And now, my husband and I are beginning to plan for a day when jobs no longer require us to live where winter is a factor. That time is still a few years off, but planning for the future makes surviving winter days now more tolerable.

It's good to plan; we've all got to have plans of some kind. The church also has plans. Plans to provide child and adult education, plans to support local ministry work and ministries in far off places, and plans to expand our building. The plans of the church, like many of our plans, need financial support to see them through. We currently have received pledges for 2010 totaling \$1,380,000. In addition to this, we normally receive \$200,000 of additional receipts. Combining these two indicates receipts of \$1,580,000. With a receipts budget for the year of \$1,730,000, we could be \$150,000 short and some of those plans may need to be reconsidered.

A total of 465 pledges have been received, which represents about 60% of the total possible pledges from the congregation. This represents a huge potential for us to reach our goal and give the church the opportunity to fulfill its plans (our plans) for 2010. If you have not yet made a pledge for the 2010 year, I ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do. Please make the church's plans part of your plans.

Laurie Hockenberry

*St. John's
Stewardship*

*Ministries
Alive*

So in Christ, all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22b

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts Budget for 2010	\$1,730,000
Budgeted Monthly Receipts	\$144,000

A CHURCH ALIVE! Capital Campaign

Receipts (through Dec. 2009)	\$700,000+
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