



***First Baptist Church of Ames
150th Anniversary Capital Campaign
November 2017-December 2019***

As we approach our 150th year as a congregation, we are grateful for those who have gone before us and thankful for the continuing faithful ministry of this church. Over the years, our church has been a spiritual home to both longtime Ames residents and to students and others who are here for a few years and then move on. With God's help, this church has touched many lives.

Even as we bless the past, we look ahead to the future. We continue to have a life-giving, life-changing ministry with meaningful worship, excellent music, and participation of all ages, from children to college students to young adults to seniors. We are involved in mission in our community and beyond in a variety of ways. We look forward to what God has in store for us next!

Our current facility is now 67 years old. Our building is used not only for our church’s ministries, but we host community groups doing important work, including groups for people with Parkinson’s Disease and training and support for low-income women. Our former parsonage is rented to our longtime tenant, the Center for Creative Justice. We have maintained our facility well over the years, but there are some significant needs. We undertook an assessment of our facilities earlier this year and found that **our biggest facility need is our parking lot.** There have been numerous patches made over the years, but large portions of the lot are original. As we celebrate our 150th year, we are entering into a capital campaign to support needed repairs to our facility – so that we may continue our legacy of vital and compassionate ministry.

In our 150th year, we seek to raise \$150,000, to be used as follows:

- \$125,000 completely new parking lot with curbing
- \$4,000 new entry doors on east side of building
- \$4,000 new carpeting in lounge and library
- \$2,000 new flooring in kitchen
- \$2,000 entry door awning over north door on east side
- \$2,500 rain garden to mitigate stormwater run-off
- \$10,500 Contingency
- \$150,000 Campaign Goal**



Funds received beyond our goal would allow us to address further building improvement and maintenance needs. Projects include front porch window repair and painting, soffit and downspout repair, window well repair, and a canopy cover over the ramp entrance. All funds raised will go toward facility maintenance and improvement; we would love to exceed our goal and do even more!



To reach this goal, we will draw \$50,000 from existing funds. We believe that this is a good use for some of the funds we currently have on hand.

This leaves \$100,000 to be raised. We are asking for pledges and gifts over the 26 months extending from November 2017-December 2019 (this will include three tax years). You may give a lump sum at the outset of the campaign or make contributions as you desire over the course of the campaign.

We cannot all contribute equally, but we all can contribute. One scenario for reaching this goal might be:

1 gift of \$15,000 (in hand)
2 gifts of \$10,000
3 gifts of \$6000

4 gifts of \$4500
6 gifts of \$3000
15 gifts of \$500-1500

Various gifts of under \$500

The cost for a single parking space is around \$1500. You might think in terms of providing funds for one parking space – or 3 or 4 or 5 spaces!

Our intention is for work on the parking lot to begin as soon as ISU classes are out in the spring of 2018, and for most of these improvements to be completed in time for our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming, July 1, 2018.



We encourage you to prayerfully consider your participation in this Capital Campaign. We ask you to complete a pledge/gift card and return it in worship on Sunday, November 19, or send by mail or drop off at the church office at any time.

Former members and those who have benefited from the ministry of First Baptist over the years are also invited to make a contribution to this campaign as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration.

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