



October 24, 2008

Offer Them Christ

Capital Campaign Newsletter

An Introduction to Our Campaign

What a beautiful addition to our church!

When the congregation of KIUMC voted to go forward with this building project it was because we had some of the same needs as the congregations of the three original churches. Most prominent among these needs was the lack of space. As Kent Island has grown, so has the number of people using these facilities. The church's commitment to reach out to those in our community has grown as well. In our first "Offer Them Christ" campaign we raised more than one million dollars to get the project started. Now that the Phillips Building is a reality we still have a thirty year mortgage of approximately \$3.1 million*. Monthly payments on this amount are approximately \$20,000*. The purpose of this capital campaign is to raise enough money to cover the mortgage payments for the next three years, and hopefully, to raise enough capital to be able to pay down some of the principal as well. We can't do it without you.

With the present economy in turmoil many are wondering about their financial future. How can I make a three year commitment in these uneasy economic times? Start with prayer. Is my gift a prayerful gift? Through prayer we seek God's will in our lives.

To paraphrase what Rev. Bennett said in his recent Simply Christian sermon series, *Simply Give – Give generously, willingly and expectantly.*

*Amounts represent updated figures.

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2 Corinthians 9:7



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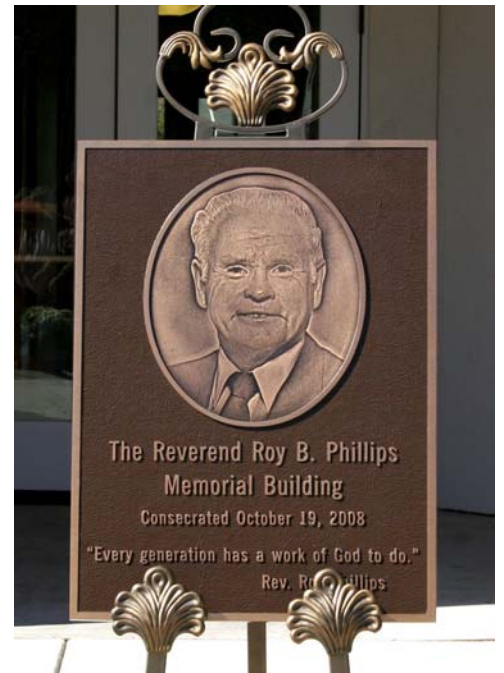


2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT) states, "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure, for God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

In a pamphlet which was given out during the fund raising campaign for the construction of our original building Rev. Phillips wrote, "We are doing a great work here on Kent Island. The Church accepts the opportunity to bring life to this community and the world through the person of Jesus Christ. . . . **Those of the past have sacrificed that we could know Christ as Lord and Savior. We must do likewise to guarantee such a heritage to our future generations.**"



Russell Phillips, son of Rev. Roy and Thelma Phillips, reads scripture at the consecration service.
October 19, 2008



Reverend Roy B. Phillips Memorial Building Plaque

