



MAINTAINING OUR MOMENTUM

In the field of physics, “momentum” is a “property of a moving object,” involving force, velocity, speed of movement, or impetus. Every endeavor in life depends on and takes advantage of momentum for success. In sports it is called the “Big Mo.” It can quickly shift and be lost or gained. Momentum can describe the course of events and the spiritual movement in the Lord’s work. Our present momentum at Lake Harbour Drive is evidenced in increased worship and Bible class attendance, contributions exceeding the budget, and more importantly, souls being saved and new members being added to the church family. We are experiencing new faces in our assemblies every Sunday. A harmonious, loving, and joyful spirit prevails and pervades our fellowship among young and old. Momentum has been building at LHD for months!

Taking advantage of this spiritual momentum within the church family in spite of economic conditions from without, has led our leadership to make a decision to go forward with a Capital Stewardship Campaign. We

must continue to act on faith and not be controlled by fear! In order to help build our spiritual momentum, we chose the theme of “Setting Up A Pillar Of Service.” Our heart’s desire at LHD is to serve God and share the Gospel with others. The ultimate goal of our four-month long stewardship campaign leading up to Victory Sunday, May 31, is to be able to joyfully celebrate in the largest three-year financial commitment by our membership that we can possibly give on Commitment Sunday, May 17. Lord willing, our sacrificial gifts will help underwrite the expenses of expanding our facilities that will begin once the campaign is successfully completed. Whatever material blessings God provides as he works through us will be used to glorify God by growing his church as a pillar of service.



Thank you one and all for your willingness to volunteer in the various committees that are busy at work. As we wrap up the training for the various tasks of our Stewardship Campaign and move into the Spiritual Awareness phase during April, leading up to the commitment phase in May, my prayer is for God to help us maintain our momentum.

John Pigg

IMPORTANT DATES

Awareness Gathering - April 5

40 Days of Prayer begins - April 6

Stewardship Class begins - April 19

Leadership Response Event - May 6

24-Hr. Prayer Marathon begins - May 8

Commitment Sunday - May 17

Celebration and First Fruits - May 31

Begin 36 months of giving - June 7

10 REASONS WHY WE'LL CONTINUE TO GROW

"If you build it, they will come!" is the visionary slogan made popular by the movie, Field of Dreams. But will they really come? Most of us can cite examples of where someone's dream turned into a nightmare. That alone gives us pause when we prepare to take a "leap (or even a small step) of faith."

The scriptures teach us to be prudent stewards:

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?" (NIV) Luke 14:38.

Lake Harbour Drive's elders are calling each of us to be "Pillars of Service." They've initiated an aggressive and exciting campaign aimed at provoking us to examine ourselves and the work of the body of Christ that meets here. Will I grow stronger in my Christian walk? Will Lake Harbour Drive continue to grow in number and deeds? These are great questions that I hope you're prayerfully pondering daily.

As for me, I'm firmly convinced the effort to "Set Up A Pillar of Service" will be a rousing success. Lake Harbour Drive's membership will continue to grow in service and number!

Here are my Top 10 reasons for believing so:

10 – Location. Location. Location. Professional economic developers always say those are the three most important things when considering going into business. Well, it's important to growing the Lord's Church, also. We have a convenient location in one of the fastest growing areas of Mississippi. The City of Ridgeland's plans to 5-lane Lake Harbour Drive will make it even more accessible to everyone in the Metro area.

9 – Warmth and Hospitality. Our members practice hospitality just as Paul admonished us to do in Romans 12:13. Visitors and new members are always made to feel welcome...because they sincerely are.

8 – Uplifting Worship. Hebrews 10:24 states that we must "provoke" or "spur" one another on to good works. That is but one of many obvious reasons why God wants us to gather together. Let's face it, everyone wants to be plugged into a congregation where we can get "our batteries charged" when we gather. LHD is such a place with dynamic preaching, passionate singing, caring prayers, and Action Teams that promote fellowship and service to each other.

7 – Bible Classes and Programs. These encourage individual growth. No matter one's age or level of understanding, LHD has a meaningful Bible Class staffed with a "heart-of-a-servant" teacher to help us grow in knowledge and application of the Holy Scriptures.

6 – Emphasis on Youth Programs and Activities. There's not a week goes by that the LHD Bulletin doesn't include a list of numerous youth-oriented activities. Proverbs 22:6 offers sage advice to "train up a child in the way he should go..." Societal and family structural changes make it even more important for the Church to aid parents in meeting those responsibilities.

5 – Dedication to God's Word. It's very obvious that members at LHD are dedicated to God's Word. I've never heard a class discussion, sermon or planning meeting where the inspired Word of God wasn't emphasized and held up as the standard. Per Acts 17:11, many of our brothers and sisters are like the Bereans who searched the scriptures daily.

4 – Prayer Rules. LHD is a praying congregation. Our Elders meet every Sunday morning before Bible Classes for prayer. Some of the most touching and meaningful prayers I've ever heard have been offered during worship services. Email alerts help us include urgent needs in our daily personal prayers.

3 – Evangelistic Zeal. A firm belief in the saving power of Jesus Christ and love for others causes us to want to share 'the good news' with everyone, especially anyone in danger of spending an eternity in Hell.

2 – Godly Shepherds. Lake Harbour's elders always have God's flock at heart. They lead us spiritually in word and deed. They have the courage to take bold courageous actions on our behalf but never without wisely and prudently counting the cost. Respect for them makes it easy for members to submit to their leadership.

1 – It's for the Glory of God. "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalms 127:1.

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