



Pursuing God's Dream: Creating Space to Gather and Grow FAQ's

What is a capital campaign?

Churches often do capital campaigns to raise financial resources to generate needed funds for a specific project, often one that is large enough to require resources beyond the usual giving that fuels the regular budget. That is where we find ourselves at Catalyst.

Our *Pursuing God's Dream* campaign is a generosity campaign designed to help us create much needed space to gather and grow as we seek to continue to serve our community. All of us who are part of the Catalyst community will be given the opportunity to participate in this campaign. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you will contribute. You can make an up-front gift, make a commitment to be fulfilled by the end of the year, or both. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

Why are we doing a capital campaign?

One big reason we are stepping out in faith to do this campaign is that we just don't want to complete the renovation projects by borrowing money. It has been a long-term commitment by the leadership team at Catalyst to be good stewards of the financial resources you give and God entrusts to us.

We need to create space! Our kids ministry is bursting at the seams. Student ministries continue to grow, and that means more space is needed. Room for us to meet, connect, and grow together is inadequate. Kitchen space is a must, and so are additional restrooms. We want to create this needed space to gather and grow, and this campaign can make it happen – that is, it can make it happen as we all do what we can as God leads us!

What does it mean for me to make a commitment?

We are asking all of the folks who call Catalyst home to consider making a commitment to *Pursuing God's Dream*. Sometimes these commitments are called pledges. Maybe one way to answer the question about what it means to make a commitment is to say what it doesn't mean. This is not a contract; we understand commitments are made based on what we know when we make them. It's not a bill! But, it is an expression of your commitment to give over the designated time at least the amount of money you pledged to give.



Why should I consider an up-front contribution to the campaign?

Up-front giving is huge! Since we are not going to borrow money for this renovation project, the greater the up-front giving, the quicker each phase of the project can be completed. Having working capital early on will be a huge momentum builder for us as we *Pursue God's Dream* together.

Can I give a one-time gift up front and make a commitment as well?

Of course! In fact, we encourage that. In doing so, you are multiplying the impact of your generosity. That up-front gift will get us going, and the longer term commitment will keep us on track to a successful finish.

Can I shift my regular giving to the campaign for now?

While your giving to Catalyst comes from a personal decision, we do not encourage making that shift. As we embark on this adventure, our regular expenses go on. Funding ministry is a high priority at Catalyst, and your giving is vital to that.

One of the phrases commonly used in church capital campaigns is "over and above giving." All this means is that our gifts and commitments to the campaign are beyond what we regularly give.

Another phrase often used in campaigns is "not equal gift but equal sacrifice." We understand that no two families have the same capabilities to give. But we can all participate to the best of our abilities. The sacrificial giving of every single one of us will collectively put us over the top of our goal, and the space we create for gathering and growing will be used by God for years to come! Your gift matters – we need you!