

# A Few Short Words...

by Pastor Phillip Short

I have some very promising news to report. The Stuart First United Methodist Church has some good news in regards to *The Honor Campaign*. We have crossed a milestone. *The Honor Campaign* sought to raise three million dollars that would be set aside to accomplish three goals. We wanted to:

- (1) Renovate the sanctuary,
- (2) Pay off the debt on the property,
- (3) Participate in an option to purchase an additional connecting parcel of land, and
- (4) Raise money that would start new ministries.

Where are we now? What is the status of *The Honor Campaign*? Where do we stand?

One of the first steps that we as a church decided to do was to eliminate the fourth goal of *The Honor Campaign*. We had planned to raised \$750,000 for new ministries. When the Church Council voted to close this part of the campaign, our new goal was lowered to \$2,250,000. Gifts from generous members and friends have steadily come in to make payments to the two remaining goals of *The Honor Campaign*. I thank each and every one of you who has been faithful and supportive.

We now owe less than \$1,000,000 on the property on Kanner Highway. To be precise, we owe a total amount of \$733,034. We are still looking for some pledges to be honored, and this will of course lower the debt even more. I'm like you. I would love to see this debt paid off and *The Honor Campaign* brought to a glorious and successful end. How can we make that happen? Read on ...

We have approximately 500 giving units here at the Stuart First United Methodist Church.

If each giving unit decided to tackle that debt, that would amount to \$1,466. There are 18 months remaining in the campaign.

This would amount to \$81.45 per month.  
This would amount to \$18.80 per week.

If you have not completed your pledge, now would be a good time to do this. If you have not started giving, let me invite you to take a "share" or two in *The Honor Campaign*. We want to see this paid off so that we can get busy being a church, a whole church, and nothing but a church that honors God in thought, word and deed!

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