



Campaign Theme

The Ephesians 3:20 theme for the 2017 Campaign is **“More Than We Can Imagine”** and we ask the question “Lord, what do you want to do through me?”

What Is This Campaign?

This campaign is a 2017 Annual Budget Campaign and a 3-year, above and beyond, Debt Reduction Campaign.

Explanation and Purpose of The Debt Reduction Plan

The current debt for the Education Building and Welcome Center is \$928,000. The original loan was for 1.6 million dollars and will be paid off in 2029. Our current monthly payment for the debt is \$8,107.00 per month. We are seeking to reduce or retire this debt so that we can engage in the ministries we are called to in our neighborhood, the Weatherford community and beyond. At present, our debt obligation constrains us from being the church God has called us to be.



This Journey is...
grounded in ***Gratitude***
revealed in ***Prayer***
lived in ***Faith!***
“More Than We Can Imagine”
Timeline...

- October 31 - November 10***
You will receive a phone call asking you to pray about this campaign and to help you receive answers to your questions about the 'More Than We Can Imagine' debt reduction campaign.
- January 8: Gratitude Sunday***
- January 15: Ministry Sunday***
- January 22: Celebration Sunday***
- January 28: Prayer Event***
- January 29: Commitment Sunday***
- February 12: First Fruit Offering***
- February 19: Announcement Sunday***



*Lord, what do You
want to do
through me?*

***Not an equal share
but an equal sacrifice!***

Dear Church Family,

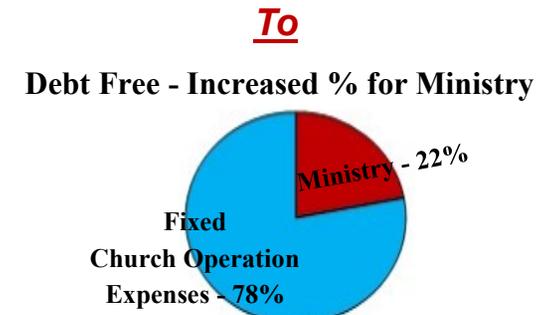
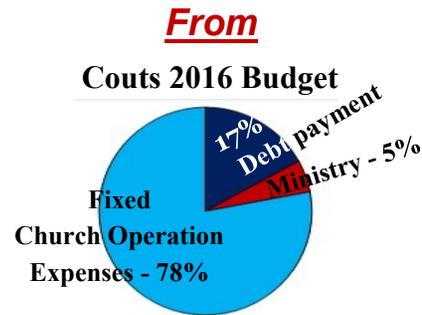
Imagine: over the next ten years Coutts UMC prepares *one million* meals for Kids Against Hunger. (That's 100,000 meals a year for ten years!). Imagine: Coutts UMC has two or three block parties to get to know our neighbors every year! Imagine: Coutts UMC sending equipped and trained volunteers to the scene of every wind, flood or fire event happening within 50 miles of Weatherford, Texas. Imagine the relationships that will be formed and the lives that will be transformed! Imagine the people that will commit their lives to following Jesus!

Our campaign theme is "More Than We Can Imagine" and is based on Ephesians 3:20 which says "*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us*". This campaign has a dual purpose. The first is supporting our annual ministry budget. Our month-to-month expenses of youth, children, Sunday School, worship, Bible studies and upholding United Methodist mission and ministries around the world are made possible by your faithfulness each week. The second is asking you to prayerfully consider an above-and-beyond gift to pay down or pay off our debt of the last 16 years. This above-and-beyond gift is over a three-year time frame. (e.g., a \$15,000 commitment paid over a period of 3 years is \$5,000/year) Imagine if everything mentioned above and even more was in our annual ministry budget connecting with people and transforming lives!

I have been personally praying about how God is planning to use Coutts UMC in transforming our community. I want you to join me in that prayer. Expect a prayer team member to call and encourage your prayers – they will not be asking you for money. Ask God: "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" In the days ahead keep our congregation in your prayers and look forward to this January as we make our commitments and begin to see what God plans to do through us. God will transform lives and this community in which we live. Join me in this journey that is revealed in prayer, grounded in gratitude, and lived in faith.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Matt Hall

'Imagine' A Shift



Lack of relevant neighborhood ministries

Donations provided 20,000 meals for hungry children.

Working on connecting with CCA families

Involvement in our community

Providing staff and volunteers to welcome our neighborhood children and provide mentoring.

Providing 100,000 meals per year for hungry children.

Providing parenting classes, tutoring, mentoring, volunteering, scholarships and being holy listeners for children.

Plugging into more existing ministries (Homeless, Law Enforcement, Manna, Center of Hope, Grace House, Crossroads and...)

What can I do now?

Pray - In the months to come, your family will be asked to pray for guidance, seeking God's will in determining your role in this critical time in **our** church. As you pray, you will discover what God has planned for you and your church family and this campaign. When praying, reflect on **our** campaign prayer, "**Lord, what do you want to do through me?**" (*A magnet is included in this mailing - please place it in a prominent place to remind you to pray daily*)

Praise - Praise God for future opportunities He will bring and the lives that will be touched.

Plan - The campaign team is prayerfully planning the future of **our** church. Each member of **our** church family is invited to plan and pray in order to seek God's guidance. Plan to be involved. Plan your calendar around the special events that are designed to provide information and celebrate this campaign. And, plan to be a part of the future God has intended for **our** church!