

# ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"To make disciples for Jesus Christ through  
our witness, worship, and work."*



May 15, 2011

To Our Dear Church Family,

As we press onward toward completing our campaign, we encourage you to remain focused and committed to the mission of our church: *"Striving to be a vigorous, flourishing, congregation for Jesus Christ."*

We thank you for your continued prayerful support and generous commitment to our capital funds campaign, *"Our Time Now."*

## **BY THE NUMBERS as of MARCH 31, 2011:**

Campaign Goal: \$675,000  
Total receipts: \$276,661.21.  
Total Number of Pledges: 49  
Total Pledges Paid in Full: 19  
Total Pledges: \$375,270.00  
Total Pledge Receipts: \$150,702.35, (40.16% of Pledges)  
Remaining Pledges Outstanding: \$224,567.65  
Total Non-Pledged gifts: 174  
Total Non-Pledged Receipts: \$119,036.50  
Interest Income: \$6,922.36

Our campaign started in November 2007 and was extended until December 2012 due to the volatile economy. Since then, our church has purchased a new parsonage, of which a large portion has been paid, and exceeded our general fund budgeted receipts for both 2009 and 2010.

At our recent service celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church, Reverend Winston Jay started his message by recalling the beginning days of our church, trying to imagine the excitement of entering the first sanctuary in 1911. Somewhere prior to 1911, someone had a dream, yet they went beyond that dream and were willing to make a commitment to see that dream realized. We cherish our memories, but they are of no value unless we allow them to equip us to fulfill our dreams for the future. Dreaming alone doesn't accomplish anything. Anything great is the result of someone's dreams and their commitment to fulfilling that dream. It is the experiences of the past coupled with the glorious dreams of the future that enables us to dare make a bold stand for the cause of Christ in our community and our world. We know what God has already done in the past and we have hope for what He will do in the future. So we live a life of commitment which will equip us for the great things God has in store for us.

With our commitment to Him, our dreams and visions will insure that our church never becomes just a memory. As Christians there is no place for the sounding of retreat, only to call for advance, to catch the spirit, pick up that beat, pick up that cross, and follow Him who has led us safe thus far. Through faith we persevere!

Through faith, our continued commitment will serve God's will for this His church. So we join you our church family with a renewed commitment to press on toward the goal that has been set before us.  
It truly is....."*Our Time Now.*"

Through Christ, we are sincerely yours,

Daniel Stephens and Eddie Kelley  
Your Campaign Directors.