

Dear Fellow Church Member,

No doubt you are aware that our church is beginning a Capital Stewardship Campaign with the hope of adding to our existing Sanctuary building, to include restrooms and classrooms. In order to prepare ourselves to make wise decisions and plans, a special ***Prayer Emphasis*** is being planned.

Attached you will find a **prayer calendar** and a **prayer bookmark** which have been developed to assist you in praying seriously for your church during the weeks leading up to Commitment Sunday, November 18th. Various leaders, groups and needs have been included for each day during this period to be the specific recipient of our prayers. It is hoped that our own faith in Christ and dedication to the church will be increased during this Prayer Process.

You may want to put your **prayer bookmark** and **prayer calendar** in your Bible to have it handy in your daily devotions, or by your bed, or wherever you spend your prayer time so that all our prayers might combine to strengthen our personal faith and that of our entire congregation. A prayer is printed on one side of the bookmark which may assist you as you remember your church and church family.

Some of us who are older are quite satisfied with our church life and experience. We have those who went before us to be thankful to, that this wonderful place has been prepared for us. However, it is now our turn to be sure we leave adequate preparation to those who will follow us, that their facilities and opportunities for worship and service in Elba will have been equally well provided for.

Right now, during this time of planning and preparation, we need also to be **PRAYING:** that wisdom and discernment prevail, that understanding and unity be present, and that all is being done for the sole purpose of holding up the name and person of Christ. It may well be that our church will prove to be as strong and effective as the prayers of its members.

Love in Christ,

Prayer Emphasis Team

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