



## Set Free To Grow

Oak Hill United Methodist Church

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### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE “SET FREE TO GROW” CAMPAIGN?

The goal is to reduce Oak Hill United Methodist Church’s \$1.7 million debt to free money for expanding ministries and make needed campus improvements.

#### HOW DID WE ACCUMULATE THIS DEBT?

The church owes money to the Texas Methodist Foundation for loans related to the construction of the Adult Education and Children’s Buildings and expansion of the sanctuary. The church currently budgets \$125,000 annually for interest only payments on these loans. This number is forecasted to exceed \$250,000 annually when principal payments resume.

#### WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE CAMPAIGN?

Gifts will start being received in January 2025, and conclude in December 2027, so a total of three years.

#### WHAT ARE KEY CAMPAIGN DATES?

Throughout August and September, a leadership group has begun addressing campaign logistics. In October, the congregation will participate in worship to celebrate different aspects of what it means to “Set Free to Grow.”

- Oct. 13 – Gratitude Sunday
- Oct. 20 – Ministry Sunday
- Oct. 27 – Prayer Sunday
- Nov. 3 – Sacrifice Sunday
- Nov. 10 – Commitment Sunday

#### WHAT AMOUNT SHOULD I GIVE?

All members of the church family are invited and encouraged to participate as they are able. Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts, is sought to assure the financial well-being and healthy ministries of this shared sacred space for years to come.

## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You have several options. You may pay your pledge as a one-time full payment or you can set up payments that work for you on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis.

## IS THIS IN ADDITION TO MY REGULAR GIVING?

Yes. The church uses your regular gifts to operate its day-to-day operations. This pledge goes beyond to ensure we alleviate debt to meet God's call for expanded ministry.

## HOW DID OAK HILL UMC'S WORSHIP SPACE GET TO WHERE IT IS TODAY?

Credit Jimmy and Martha Dunks for asking: "God, what do you want to do through me?" They heard the answer, offered their home, and Oak Hill UMC began around their dining room table on February 12, 1979. With growing membership, the church sought larger space. After meeting briefly in facilities in the Travis Country Subdivision, it moved to the Silver Dollar South bar, later renamed the Double Eagle. Sunday School was often referred to as "Happy Hour".

In 1980, Oak Hill UMC purchased land off of U.S. Highway 290 West. The current Fellowship Hall building was built the following year. Its large main room was used for Sunday worship and fellowship events. In 1994, a smaller version of today's sanctuary was built to meet the needs of a growing congregation, and a master plan was soon developed. The sanctuary was expanded in 1998.

## WHY AND WHEN WERE THE ADULT EDUCATION BUILDING AND CHILDREN'S BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED?

The Adult Education Building, which opened in 1998, was built to provide space for adults to gather for Sunday School classes, small group meetings, and choir rehearsal. Around the same time, a portable building was acquired to house classes for children and youth. That temporary building is today's Missions Building. By 2010, with church worship attendance in excess of 500 and space for children and youth Sunday morning gatherings overflowing, planning began for a new Children's Building. It opened in January 2012.