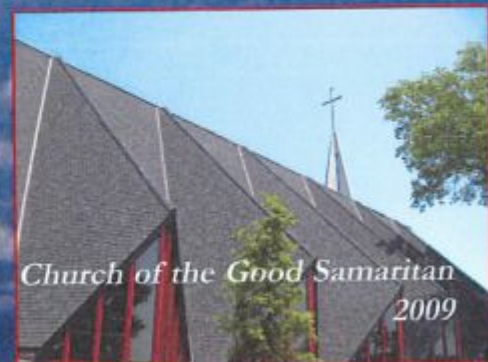
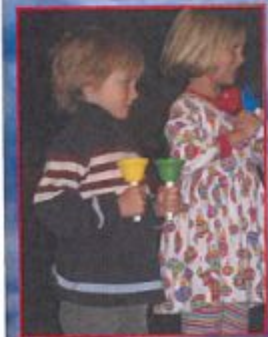


# Making Church Happen We Need You



Church of the Good Samaritan  
2009

*The Church of the Good Samaritan*

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*“MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN”*

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# "MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"

## Introduction...

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

*(Acts 2:42-47)*



Perhaps the most explicit description of the early church, Luke's account is both a reminder and a challenge to the church today as we seek to understand how God calls us, as a community, to be His hands, feet and heart in a broken world. Looking closely, we realize that whether it is time spent in devotion, prayer, worship, teaching, compassion, service, discipline, generosity, fellowship, hospitality, or evangelistic outreach, we are all called into action.

For more than 135 years at Good Samaritan, faithful men, women and children have responded to the call to follow Christ and become participants in His glorious plan. Today we gather as the body of Christ in Paoli to proclaim the Good News and serve the last, the lost and the least with humility, compassion and love. As the body of Christ, we are many, joined together in common purpose. At Good Samaritan, we take seriously the legacy of our name and the associated responsibilities and challenges.



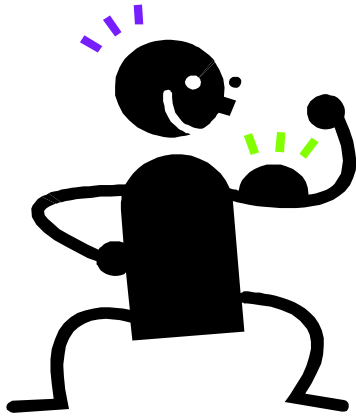
As we look to the coming year, we begin by giving thanks for the blessings and provisions that have been entrusted to us. We also pray for wisdom and discernment as to how we are to invest the resources of time, talent and treasure for His glory and the building of His kingdom.

We give thanks for you and your faithful presence and participation in our church community. As the body of Christ we need you to be part of His plan for Good Samaritan as we seek to *Build Up the Body and Move Forward in Mission...*

May God bless you and your family.

## *“MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN”*

### Building Up the Body...



- *WORSHIP: With the help of the Holy Spirit, we seek to enter into and participate in ever deepening worship, praise and adoration of the triune God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- *PRAYER & PASTORAL CARE: Accepting the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we seek an active and lively life in the Spirit.*
- *FELLOWSHIP: As a community of faith, we commit to be a Fellowship of Believers.*
- *DISCIPLESHIP: As “followers of Christ,” we commit to actively engage in a process of maturing our faith.*

For the church, the body of Christ, to grow and become strong, it must be fed, nourished and encouraged. Central to this process is our commitment and passion to be a worshiping community. Recognizing that it's ALL about Jesus is first and foremost in our worship life. Corporate worship each Sunday is our common call to give glory and thanks to our lord and savior. While each of the four Sunday worship services is the outward and visible sign of that praise and thanksgiving, it must be remembered that whether it's the Altar Guild or the Greeters, the Ushers, the Choir, the Readers, the Chalice Bearers, the Sacred Dancers, the Verger, the Bulletin Folders and Stuffers, the Preacher, the Custodian...It's ALL about Jesus!!!

Our common life together is also rooted in praying and caring for each other and for the community we serve. As The Church of the Good Samaritan, our corporate DNA contains the compassion and love for the last, the lost and the least of our brothers and sisters. Stephen Ministers, Prayer Warriors, Financial Counselors, Grief Counselors and Career Counselors are the incarnational hands, feet and heart of Christ in a hurting world.

In addition to worship and prayer, our call to be a “fellowship,” a community of faith, is central to our understanding as to how the body is strengthened. At Good Sam our life together extends far beyond Sunday. Life Groups, Home Groups, Women's Bible Studies, Men's Bible Studies, Fair Days, the Parish Picnic and Men's, Women's and Youth Retreats are all but a sample of how we come together to lift each other up.

As we raise, train and equip the “saints,” we remain committed to the call to be “disciple makers.” Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Discipleship, the 10:24 class, and Chris Hall's class are all designed and dedicated to building a strong foundation. Hundreds of teachers and volunteers fuel the body, as we read, mark, study and inwardly digest God's word.

## *“MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN”*

### *Moving Forward in Mission...*



- *EVANGELISM: As witnesses to the glory of Jesus Christ, we seek to be bearers of the message of salvation within our community and to all nations.*
- *MISSIONS: As a “missional” church we accept, embrace and seek to foster the premise that the work of missions is to walk out the Word in the world.*
- *STEWARDSHIP: Acknowledging that all we have is from and for God, we seek to incorporate the biblical stewardship model as part of our common life.*

*“Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members.”*

This quote, by former Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple, perhaps more than any other, embodies the call to “Move Forward in Mission.” As the body of Christ is built up, the call to proclaim the good news is not only natural but central to our common life as Christians.

As we both individually and corporately are transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ, how can we not share this wonderful news with a desperate world? Alpha, Good Works, The Furniture Store, Short Term Mission trips to Bolivia, Pittsburgh and North Dakota, Urban Serve and Marketplace/VBS, the list is long but the fruit is bountiful. Good Samaritan has a long and rich tradition of proclaiming this good news in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth. Local, national and international ministry initiatives continue to thrive as a result of the faithful giving of time, talent and treasure to the proclamation of the good news.

For us, as The Church of the Good Samaritan, Jerusalem is here in Paoli. Over the last few years, as faithful stewards, we have focused our attention on refurbishing, renovating and even expanding our facility (in some cases for the first time in 50 years). Now as we look forward, we must renew and rededicate ourselves to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. This recommitment was first articulated in the congregational visioning workshops and then confirmed in both the staff and vestry gatherings.

While there have been significant increases budgeted for both Mission and Outreach in 2010, the real challenge will be answering the question, “Where is God calling you to serve?” The Great Commission begins and ends with you and me telling our story of how Christ’s sacrifice has paid our debt and set us free!!!

## *"MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"*

### Our Resources...

**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Good Samaritan is uniquely poised to continue to carry out the work of serving the congregation and the community here in Paoli and around the world. Our buildings are in excellent repair and are well-suited to serve as a physical base for all we do. What is not generally known or appreciated is that our buildings are in use from 8:00 am to about 10:00 pm seven days a week. We are widely recognized as a visible resource within the community. The Boy Scouts, Community Bible Study, Main Line Macintosh Users Group, PMB Rotary, Alanon, Fencing Club, and various parenting groups all use our building every week, and we are the western Main Line anchor for Weight Watchers. These outside users are in addition to the many Good Samaritan ministries based in our space that are dedicated to serve our parish family, the community and the world.



Our recent construction effort provided us with new and renovated spaces that have proved perfectly suited to our worship and ministry needs. We have been able to incorporate the latest in energy efficient technologies. High efficiency fluorescent lights, insulation, and computer controlled HVAC do make a difference

**STAFF:** Whether the clergy team or the custodial team, each of the twenty men and women who make up the full-time staff of Good Samaritan have answered the call of service to our Lord. For some the call to the mission field takes them to far away places, for others it's right here in Paoli. Tad or Todd, Jenn or John, Barb or Betsy, Susan S. or Susan C. - this dedicated group of servants have each made an intentional decision to step into a life of service. Working with the vestry, the staff takes the lead in defining and carrying out mission priorities and programmatic initiatives.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Central to the church's ability to fulfill its mission and ministry, volunteers are the hands, feet and heart of the church. As stated in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 855) the ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and His church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the church. Good Samaritan is richly blessed by gifted individuals and families who bless others through their willingness to step up and in to service as volunteers. Making Church Happen is only possible through the time, talent and treasure of those who answer the call to step up and serve Him!

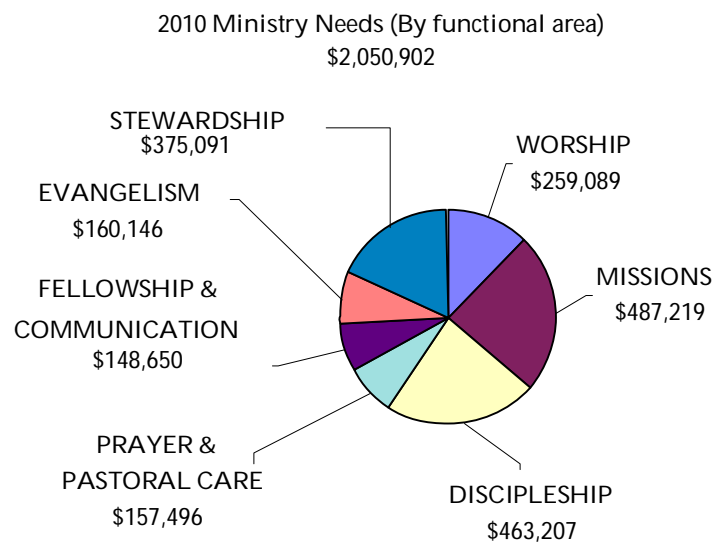
## “MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN” Our Ministry Financial Needs...

ALL HR COST REFLECTED IN HR EXPENSES	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2009	2010
	Budget	Budget
Worship	34,720	33,700
Parish Growth	4,550	10,750
Pastoral Care	1,000	8,100
Fellowship	2,750	3,500
Communications	1,000	1,000
	<b>44,020</b>	<b>57,050</b>
Children's Education	10,700	11,150
Youth Education	19,050	20,400
Adult Education	10,230	9,660
	<b>39,980</b>	<b>41,210</b>
Administration & Finance	160,878	165,698
Stewardship	5,760	8,800
Buildings & Grounds	55,650	88,850
Fixed - Non Program	161,918	160,798
	<b>384,206</b>	<b>424,146</b>
<b>Total Program Exp</b>	<b>468,206</b>	<b>522,406</b>
<b>Missn/Outrch/Dio Expense</b>		
Local Service Ministries	69,450	100,703
National & Global Ministries	94,500	129,340
Seminarian Support	15,000	15,000
Diocesan -Req'd	76,440	71,780
Diocesan Program Pledge	6,000	6,000
Parish Partnership	15,000	15,000
<b>TOT - Missn, Outrch &amp; Dioc</b>	<b>276,390</b>	<b>337,823</b>
<b>TOTAL - Church Programs</b>	<b>744,596</b>	<b>860,228</b>
<b>HR Expense</b>		
Salaries	930,404	928,520
Benefits & Taxes	301,414	324,404
Reimbursements	-51,000	-62,250
<b>Total HR Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>1,180,818</b>	<b>1,190,674</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,925,414</b>	<b>2,050,902</b>

This year, for the first time, an intentional decision has been made to develop, propose and pass a budget prior to any “pledge campaign” asking for congregational investment.

In order to consider prayerfully how God is calling us to respond, it is important that there be clarity as to what the need is. Investment of our time, talent and treasure requires a clear sense of what the need is.

In 2009 we received pledges of support from 304 families within our congregation. Our hope is to increase this figure by 25%. Our prayer is that everyone who is part of our church community will choose to support the ministries, infrastructure and programmatic initiatives that serve us all.



## *“MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN”*

### Our Ministry Financial Needs...

To summarize, in order to Make Church Happen we need \$170,000 per month to cover our costs and invest in new initiatives. It's important to note that this requires an increase in regular church giving of approximately \$10,000 per month. It should also be noted that this represents a 9% increase over 2009 giving. Acknowledging that the economy remains in flux, our ability to meet this challenge requires everyone to share the burden. Just like the early church in the book of Acts; *“They all shared”*.

Over the next few weeks, please take the time to reflect, plan and pray and see how you might be a part of Making Church Happen.

#### SOME PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Did you know that pre-paid pledges make a significant difference to us?

Giving by pre-paid pledge makes our cash flow more reliable, and helps the church leadership be wise in budgeting for a new year. At present the church receives approximately \$24,000 per month in pre-paid pledge giving, and on average a further \$125,000 comes in through the collection and in one-time gifts. The unpredictable nature of the church's income makes it hard to be wise about our commitments.

Alternatively, please consider Automatic Funds Transfer (AFT). AFT is available through your bank (or call the church office for more information) and provides for regular giving on a predetermined schedule, which assists the leadership in budget management.

#### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

Now that you know the elements that go into the resourcing of our church, we hope you will take the time to think, pray and plan about how you can play your part in Making Church Happen in 2010. Over the next few weeks, take the time you need to reflect on this information. On November 22<sup>nd</sup> we invite everyone to commit to serving with their time, talent and treasure. Please begin to think and pray now, so that you will be ready to say how you can contribute.

You might need to think about your own financial situation and time commitments. There is a Financial Checklist and a Time Checklist on the following pages to help you reflect on your current commitments and expenditure.

We hope the next three weeks will be significant in the life of the church, as we commit ourselves to resourcing our ministry and praying that God might bless and honor our plans.

***"MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"***  
**Financial Checklist...**

**1. INCOME (NET, AFTER TAX)**

Salary 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Salary 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Investment income (interest, dividends etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (bonuses, allowances, rebates etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Total income: (A) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. EXPENDITURE (FROM NEXT SHEET)**

Giving: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel: \_\_\_\_\_

Living: \_\_\_\_\_

Entertainment: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Loans: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total expenditure: (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Income less expenditure: (A-B) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. ASSETS (WHAT I OWN)**

Property (market value): \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) (market value): \_\_\_\_\_

Checking account: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings (accounts, IRAs, bonds etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Stocks and shares (inc. options): \_\_\_\_\_

Other possessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Lending (money owed to me): \_\_\_\_\_

Pension/401k: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance policy / endowments: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total assets: (C) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. LIABILITIES (WHAT I OWE)**

Mortgage (current balance): \_\_\_\_\_

Car loans: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank loans: \_\_\_\_\_

Student loans: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit cards / store cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Total liabilities: (D) \_\_\_\_\_

Assets less liabilities (C-D) \_\_\_\_\_

# "MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"

## Financial Checklist...

### EXPENDITURE

#### GIVING

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### HOUSING

Mortgage / rent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Real Estate tax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Internet (AOL, broadband etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 TV / satellite / cable: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Homeowners insurance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TRAVEL (DAY-TO-DAY)

Car loan payments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car insurance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tolls: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car maintenance / cleaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parking (permits, tickets etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gas: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bus / train fares: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### LIVING

Food / groceries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household supplies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal supplies (toiletries etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prescriptions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clothes (essential): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Laundry / dry cleaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barber / hairdresser: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alcohol: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cigarettes / tobacco: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cosmetics: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beauty treatments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clothes (non-essential): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Newspapers / magazines: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Audio-visual (CDs, DVDs etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Technology (computer, hi-fi etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cinema / theatre / concerts: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restaurants / meals: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pubs / nightclubs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sports (membership, tickets etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holidays / weekend breaks: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHILDREN

Clothes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School uniform: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal supplies (diapers, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pocket money: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books and toys: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Babysitting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School / university fees: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra-curricular (music, sports etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (car seat, bike etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### LOANS

Bank loans: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student loans: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit cards / store cards: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SAVINGS

Regular deposits (IRA etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
 401K/Pension: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OTHER

Life insurance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical / dental expenses: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional membership: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your totals on the previous page

**"MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"**  
Time Checklist...

DAILY ACTIVITIES	HOURS SPENT						
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WORK / SCHOOL							
HOUSEWORK							
SLEEPING							
EXERCISE / SPORTS							
FAMILY COMMITMENTS / CHILDCARE							
PERSONAL CARE							
MEALS: PREP, EATING, CLEAN-UP							
TRAVEL							
RELAXATION: TV / COMPUTER / VIDEO GAMES ETC							
SHOPPING							
SOCIALIZING / FRIENDS							
PRAYER / BIBLE STUDY / CHURCH							
VOLUNTEER WORK							
OTHER							
OTHER							
OTHER							
TOTAL HOURS							
AVAILABLE HOURS	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
TIME LEFT							

**"MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN"**  
Our Commitment...

**MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN** **Time & Talent** **MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN**

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

**Time & Talent Commitment**

This is my first time serving and I would like to help Make Church Happen by serving in: \_\_\_\_\_

I am involved in the following area(s) and wish to confirm my ongoing commitment to: \_\_\_\_\_

*You may use the back of this card if necessary.*

Good Samaritan Stewardship 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print clearly

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Each family member should complete a Time & Talent card and return to Good Samaritan in the envelope provided.*

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**MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN** **Treasure** **MAKING CHURCH HAPPEN**

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

**Financial Commitment**

To help make church happen, in 2010, I/We commit to give:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly.

Total pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We have remembered Good Samaritan in my/our will.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send envelopes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send information on automatic funds transfer.

I/We would like to help reduce the Sanctuary Debt by giving a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Good Samaritan Stewardship 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print clearly

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please remember that you may change your commitment at any time by notifying the Parish Administrator 610-644-4040 x 219. Please complete this commitment card and return it in the envelope provided. Thank you for your participation.