

Chris Campbell

“Commitment”

Today I want to talk about commitment. Those of you that know me you will probably be aware that many, many years ago I was asked to be on Mutual Ministry. Before that point I really did not do much very much in the church besides just come here on Sundays. I mean church is important. Church is one of the foundations of our lives. But I would come to church and then I would leave. Someone thought that I had some good ideas every once in a while. So they asked if I would be on Mutual Ministry which is kind of a conduit between the congregation and the pastors. So after that somebody had the idea for me to join the council and somewhere along those lines these people decided for me to be president. As president of the council I started to look at the way the church is doing business. The council is kind of the business side of the church the pastor is the spiritual side. It was through my work there that I really started to understand what was going on with the finances in the church, what was going on in the building here at the church and that is when I became committed to having a capital campaign. We needed one. But we also had a pastor that retired and we needed a pastor, so the Capital Campaign got pushed aside for while we searched for Pastor Heidi. Well, Pastor Heidi is here now. I rolled off council a while ago but the commitment remains. When I was asked to chair the Capital Campaign I had no choice inside my soul but to say yes. That is where we are here today. So that is my story, that is why I am here, that is why the Capital Campaign is important to me. As we go forth into our Palm Sunday service, I challenge you to think about some things. Look at Jesus. Look at Jesus’s commitments to us. Think about as we remember the Last Supper, as we remember Jesus’s triumphant journey into Jerusalem, as we remember his sacrifice, as we remember his rebirth, as we remember the rebirth of the church. Think about what your role is with RLC and the rebirth of this building, which I would like to remind you is the Lord’s house. Think about that. Enjoy the day, enjoy the triumphant return and enjoy this most holy of weeks. Thank you.

