

CAMDEN MISSIONARY CHURCH
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DATES TO REMEMBER

INFORMATIONAL DINNER
Thursday February 18th 6:00pm
CMC Outreach Center
RSVP by February 14th to church office

ADVANCED COMMITMENT FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP

This event is at **7pm on February 23, 2010** at the Outreach Center. Everyone is welcome. We would like for everyone to bring favorite finger foods. This is the first time we will give opportunity to make a vision campaign financial commitment through a confidential commitment card.

Concert of Prayer
Friday **Feb 19th 7:00pm** in sanctuary
24 hour Prayer Vigil
Feb 19th-20th

Final Hour Saturday **Feb 20th 6pm**
If you haven't signed up for a time & would like to,
please call the church office!
Remember to bring your prayer request cards!

CELEBRATION BANQUET
MARCH 19
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
MARCH 21
FIRST FRUITS OFFERING
MARCH 28

REACHING THE FUTURE TIMES

NEWSLETTER THIRD EDITION

February 7, 2010

CATCHING THE VISION

A poet penned his view of things:

*"In controversial matters
My perception's mighty fine.
I always see both sides of things.
The one that's wrong and mine."*

Many of us have been caught in such a quagmire, but vision meetings have been helping us "get a bigger picture" that inspires us to look to a great future.

George Bernard Shaw once wrote: *"Some people see things as they are and ask why. I dream dreams that never were and ask why not."*

Every generation, sooner or later, is called to make sacrifices and investments that exceed their own day. **"Reaching the Future"** stretches us into tomorrows....!



MOVING TOWARD COMMITMENTS

"Reaching the Future" campaign is challenging us to do three things:

- PRAY!** God is the only one who can correctly direct us in our giving. He alone knows what we will have and even whether we will be here. He defines the gift—it is ours to respond.
- SACRIFICE!** When the Lord called His disciples, it was not to comfort, but to the cross. Serious giving ultimately took Jesus to the cross and will take us there with Him. What is a gift that means "take up MY cross and follow HIM?"
- TRUST!** "Without faith it is impossible to please HIM...." Hebrews 11:6 Whatever God calls us to, it is always beyond ourselves...something we cannot do without Him; something He will not do without us. God's call always takes us beyond our "comfort zone!"

These days are times of prayer as we seek to determine what God is saying about our giving to **"Reaching the Future."**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. Malachi 3:10

CAN'T AFFORD TO TITHE....

A.A. Hyde, a multi-millionaire manufacturer, said he began tithing when he was \$100,000 in debt. Many men have said they considered it dishonest to give God a tenth of their incomes while they were in debt. Hyde said he agreed with that thought until one day it flashed upon him that he was in debt to God first. Then he began paying God first. Eventually, all whom he owed were paid in full and his net assets moved into the millions.

IF you haven't tithed, it will take faith to begin. Malachi 3:10 tells us to "put God to the test." In other words, try it and see if God does not bless you in unusual ways.

WAYS TO GIVE

Ways to give can range from "A" to "Z" literally, e.g.: Automobiles, acreage, antiques, annuities, bonds, beach houses, boats, bargain sales, bequests, condos, collections, cattle, crops, computer equipment, diamonds, dividends, dirt, estates, endowments, electronics, farms, farm equipment, furniture, gems, gold, houses, heirlooms, intangibles, interest, inventories, insurance, IRA's, inheritances, jewelry, kitchen appliances, land, labor, landscaping, lumber, livestock, metals, motorcycles, motor homes, mutual funds, notes, necklaces, options, office equipment, property, plumbing, quick assets, rings, real estate, refunds, royalties, stock, silver, savings bonds, trusts, tithes, town houses, televisions, timber, underwriting, vacations homes, VCR's, watches, works of art, Xerox machines, and Zippo lighters (collectibles).

WHAT IS MY PART?

As the Commitment Emphasis gets under way, many will be asking, "Just what is my part?" Actually, this is a question that only you can decide. No effort will be made in this campaign to tell any person what he/she should or should not give. That discussion is between you and God.

Frankly, there is only one way for each of us to determine our commitment. It should be large enough to represent a real sacrifice. It must grow out of prayer. It must be a part of your very life. Our commitment should show our willingness to do without something we had planned to have.

Commitments are the fabric of life, from our marriage vows to mortgages on our homes. Visa cards would go bankrupt in an instant without commitment. Commitments are a way of life, even in church, until the subject of giving enters the conversation.

Is the issue "commitment" or is it the surrendering life's resources to God?

Some things you need to know about the commitment process:

- Commitments are private: only the treasurer who does the giving records for our church will handle them.
- Commitments may be changed either upward or downward by calling the church treasurer should occasion warrant.
- Quarterly reports will be sent privately to you by the treasurer, Sandy Reamer, the same person who currently handles confidential giving records.