



S.T.A.R.T.* CAPITAL

CAMPAIGN

*Supporting Today's Advancements, Renewing Tomorrow



Chronicles 29:14 – “For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.”

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Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With hearts full of anticipation and gratitude, we joyfully announce the launch of the **S.T.A.R.T. Capital Campaign**—a sacred invitation for each of us to *dig deeper* into a place of generosity, vision, and faith. Rooted in the eternal truth of 1 Chronicles 29:14, we are reminded that every gift we bring is merely returning to God what is already His. All that we possess flows from His boundless grace.

Campaign Overview

The **S.T.A.R.T. Campaign** will officially commence on **Sunday, June 1, 2025**, and will recur annually from **June through November** (a six-month period) for the next few years, or until our goals are prayerfully and faithfully fulfilled.

This is more than a financial endeavor; it is a **spiritual journey of trust and renewal**—an opportunity to invest in the unfolding future of **Ben Hill United Methodist Church** and to affirm our commitment to the divine work to which God has called us.

We are called to **sacrificial generosity**—not out of obligation, but from a posture of worship, thanksgiving, and love. This campaign is a seed of faith, sown today for a harvest that will bless generations to come. In giving, we deepen our faith, strengthen our witness, and lay a firm foundation for the enduring ministry of our church.

Campaign Goals

- **35%** – To support our **operations budget**, allowing us to move from financial strain to a place of strength and stability.
- **35%** – To fund **vital facility renovations**, including:
 - *Phase 1:* Enhancements to the sanctuary and restrooms
 - *Phase 2:* Conversion of the annex into a youth center
 - *Phase 3:* Development and construction of a new Life Center
- **30%** – To establish a **long-term financial reserve**, safeguarding the church’s mission and legacy for years to come.

Through your faithful participation, we will enrich our worship experience, empower our ministries, and continue to shine as a **beacon of light and hope** within our community.

Why This Matters

By God's grace and through your steadfast giving, we have faithfully pursued our ministry goals—even in seasons marked by financial challenge. Yet, as we look to the future, we are compelled to finish strong—**with spiritual resolve, financial strength, and a renewed vision.**

This campaign is not solely about resources. It is about **revival**—ensuring that Ben Hill UMC remains a place of excellence, relevance, and transformation—a sanctuary where God's presence dwells and lives are continually changed by the power of the Gospel.

A Pathway to Giving

As each heart is led, we invite you to give prayerfully and consistently. A suggested example based on a \$100 monthly commitment:

- \$25 weekly
- \$50 bi-weekly
- \$100 monthly
- Or more, as the Spirit leads

We affirm that **every gift matters.** Whether it is \$5 or \$500, each offering becomes sacred when given in faith and unity. **God multiplies what we surrender to Him.**

A Spiritual Call to Action

We urge you to enter into this season with **prayerful intention.**

Seek the Lord's guidance: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (*Psalm 51:10*)

Meditate on His faithfulness. Listen deeply, even in times of uncertainty. Trust not in your own strength, but in the limitless power of God working through surrendered hearts.

Let this be a time marked by **faith over fear**, by **obedience over hesitation.** May the Holy Spirit align our desires with God's purpose, and may our collective steps be ordered by His divine wisdom.

Next Steps

Please make your Capital Campaign Pledge online at bit.ly/STARTPledge or via the weekly newsletter. Printed S.T.A.R.T Pledge Cards are available in the narthex or the church office. **We ask that you make your pledge by June 30, 2025** and also begin submitting your pledge amount via mobile giving by texting BENCHILLUMC to 73256 or via online at benhillumc.org/giving, or via the offering tray, if you will be giving by check during Sunday services.

Just a gentle reminder that this special giving is above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.

Thank you for your continued prayers, faithful support, and generous heart. Together, we will honor our legacy, invest in our future, and boldly pursue the mission God has entrusted to us.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Ben Hill Capital Campaign Committee