

Letting our light shine throughout South Hill and beyond.

The Beacon on the Hill

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Holy Disciples Catholic Church Scriptural Campaign Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Recently we revealed a banner to illustrate our success and progress with the Scriptural Campaign. This banner displays a lighthouse to remind us that we, as Holy Disciples, are The Beacon on the Hill shinning God's light as a parish. The base of the lighthouse will be colored in periodically as gifts are received. There are two arrows that will move to indicate the amounts of 'pledges to date' and 'gifts received to date.' The scripture *You are the Light* (Matthew 5:14) inspires and calls us to be the Light on the Hill, reflecting the bright rays of the Holy Spirit.

We thank Elaine Klein for sharing her special gifts in assisting with the design of this banner. Thank you, Holy Disciples, for your continued prayers and efforts for the Scriptural Campaign. Check out our success and progress on the banner located under the monitor in the vestibule!

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before all in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

May God bless and keep you cool during this hot summer!

Steve and Kerry Kurpius,

Scriptural Campaign Follow-Up Directors

Monthly Update (as of July 31, 2015):

• Participating Households: 412 of 866 registered

• Gifts Pledged: \$2,285,578.46

• Gifts Collected to date: \$741,622.42

• Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$823,148.67 (These include payments from the General Fund)

• Current Loan Amount: \$2,685,659.36

Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

Symbol of the Lighthouse

The symbol of the lighthouse represents the light that shines out from Holy Disciples, an outpouring of God's love that brings hope to our community. The closer we are to reaching our goal of paying off the existing debt the more light we can spread and the closer we are to our goal of having the Freedom to Serve God's Will, and fulfilling the mission of our church, as exemplified by Pope Francis.

Dear Lord, help us to keep the mission for your Church in the forefront of our minds, help us to seek opportunities to spread the Good News and let your light shine throughout the community.

Treasure Principle: Keep your eyes on eternity! Jesus is keeping track of our smallest acts of kindness.

If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones, he will not lose his reward. (Matt 10:42)

For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done (Matt 16:27)

Extra copies of the <u>Treasure Principle</u> by Randy Alcorn are available to check out in our parish library; help yourself!!!



