

Imagine the Possibilities -- **The Campaign for Payne Maryland**

The Arlington Hills portion of the campaign for Payne Maryland is officially underway! A Campaign Cabinet has been formed, and we have had several meetings. The members of the Cabinet are Jon Helgason (co-chair), Anita Rylander (co-chair), Jim Persoon, Gordie Beneke, Bernie Lamb, Mike Wiehe and Dave O'Connor.

The first step is for all of us to understand what it is we are trying to do. To accomplish that, we are planning to have at least three events we are calling, "Closer Look Breakfasts." A continental breakfast will be provided in the Fellowship Hall, and we will explain what we want this project to accomplish. We will have drawings from the architect, experts familiar with the details of the design, and members of the Payne Maryland Partnership (PMP) Board of Directors present to explain the current status of the project, when we plan to put the first shovel into the ground and when we expect the project to be completed. John Martin, the person hired by the PMP Board of Directors to help with fund raising will also be present to explain the current status of the campaign fund raising and how our AHLC campaign fits into the larger campaign.

A significant part of the agenda will be reserved to answer your questions about the project and the plans to complete it. The goal of these breakfasts is to have every member of our church thoroughly familiar with the plans for completion, the current status of the project and the plans for securing the funds needed to open it.

Many people in our church, and others, have already devoted many hours to this project over several years. It is because of that tenacity, courage and visionary thinking that we have now reached this stage. I am honored to finally announce that these first three Closer Look Breakfasts will be held from **7:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31st, Wednesday, April 27th, and Tuesday, May 31st. Members are invited to any or all of these breakfasts.** Anita and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Jon Helgason,
for the Cabinet