

SPRING CREEK'S Tipping Point



“Our focus has never been about getting bigger but about reaching one more for Christ.”

—Chip Bernhard, Senior Pastor

One more person.

That is the heart of Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Not to be the biggest, but to keep reaching one more friend or neighbor for Christ. Spring Creek's campaign theme—*And 1*—helped unify a church that was growing rapidly.

Nearly half of Spring Creek's congregants were new to the church and had never been through a capital campaign before. However, their commitment matched those that had called Spring Creek home for a long time. “We held many meetings at the church and invited new attendees to come hear my heart, and in turn, for me to hear theirs. We wanted their input from the beginning,” says senior pastor, Chip Bernhard. “We immediately learned that many of these people had been changed by Christ at the church and wanted a role in reaching even more people in the future.”

Spring Creek had a goal of 400 giving units to raise \$4 million. When the campaign ended, they had 450 giving units that raised nearly \$4.5 million. Along with a special matching gift, they raised over \$6 million for a 1,000-seat expansion of their



sanctuary, plus a larger gathering area and much needed classroom space. “We really didn't have many large gifts,” Pastor Chip says. “Instead, we had lots of people making significant sacrifices that made all the difference when totaled together.”

Coaching the team.

The Church Growth Services consulting process helped keep Spring Creek's leadership motivated and on track. “Bill Walter was our coach. He's been calling plays for 30 years, and his experience helped guide us,” Pastor Chip commented. “He was our primary encourager. There were days when we wondered if we could succeed but like a boxer heading back to his corner after a hard-fought round, Bill kept reminding us that if we stayed faithful, we could do this. He lifted our spirits. And we exceeded our goals.”

“This was the most exhilarating and perhaps exhausting experience I've ever had in ministry,” Pastor

Chip says. “The last surrender for most people is their finances. And we saw an entire church body surrender together so that God could use us.” And God is using Spring Creek... to reach one more person. ■

With over 45 years of experience, Church Growth Services is one of the nation's leading stewardship consulting firms. CGS has the experience to help you know your campaign will be successful before you launch.

CGS is ready to coach and encourage you on your way to a successful stewardship campaign.

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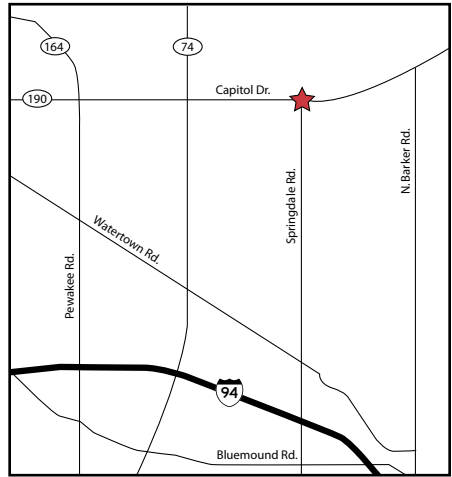
Jesus was always careful to warn people to count the cost. Decisions that call for commitment need prayer and discussion. When you decide to move forward with your next debt-reduction or capital campaign, remember that the tipping point in your campaign begins and ends with God. Remember, too,

that campaign success is about more than just forming the committees. It starts with the pre-campaign assessment. Church Growth Services' pre-campaign assessments will help you count the cost and eliminate a false start. You can discuss your campaign tipping point with a CGS consultant today. They've been coaching churches for more than 45 years.

Spring Creek Church

Spring Creek Church's vision is to be a welcoming, diverse and growing family that loves God and people and uses traditional and innovative approaches to reach and teach people at home and around the world.

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