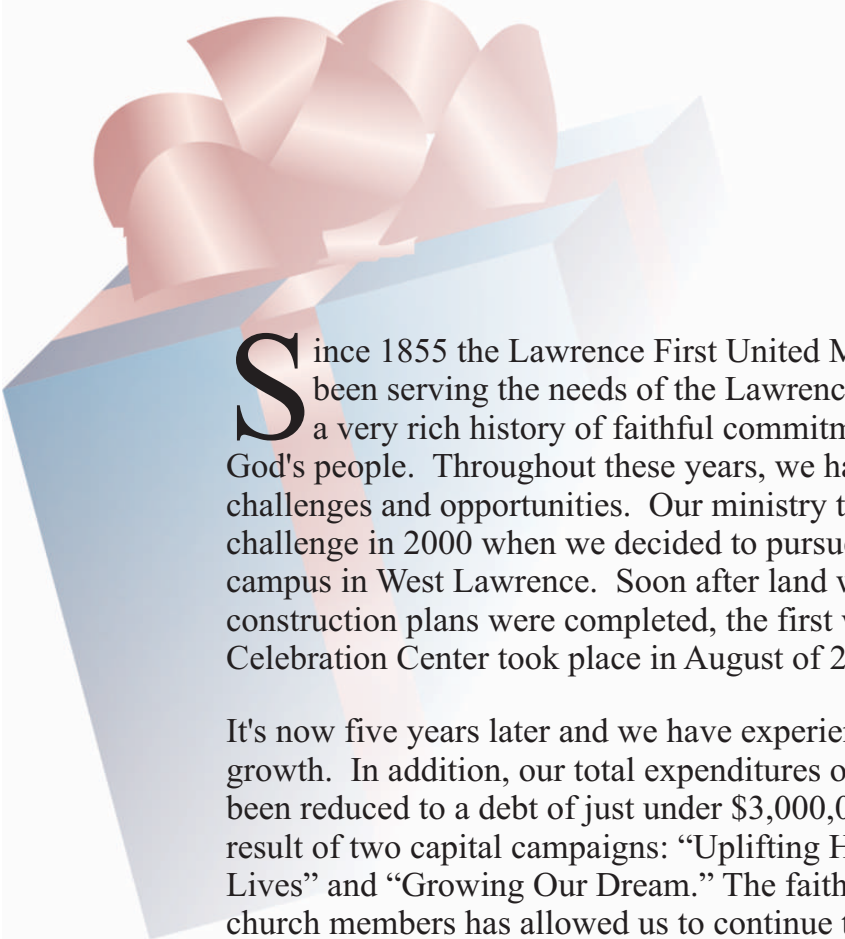


G.I.F.T. SUMMARY



Since 1855 the Lawrence First United Methodist Church has been serving the needs of the Lawrence community. We have a very rich history of faithful commitment to serving God and God's people. Throughout these years, we have risen to meet many challenges and opportunities. Our ministry together took on a major challenge in 2000 when we decided to pursue plans for a second campus in West Lawrence. Soon after land was purchased and construction plans were completed, the first worship service at the Celebration Center took place in August of 2006.

It's now five years later and we have experienced overwhelming growth. In addition, our total expenditures of over \$7,000,000 have been reduced to a debt of just under \$3,000,000. This success is the result of two capital campaigns: "Uplifting Hearts, Transforming Lives" and "Growing Our Dream." The faithful commitment of our church members has allowed us to continue to transform lives and grow our dream.

The current Growing In Faith Together Campaign (GIFT) is an opportunity for us to continue our growth in ministry and reduce our debt. Over the past six years we have paid almost a million dollars in interest; we are now at a point that we can start working on the principal. Every dollar pledged in this campaign will have a significant influence on reducing debt and facilitating more ministries.

We are growing in most every aspect of ministry. In addition to worship attendance, we are seeing growth in participation in educational opportunities, study groups, missions, and caring ministries that reach out to our members and community. Most of all, we are reaching more children and youth who are growing in faith through the ministries of our church. We are certainly "Growing In Faith Together" and this campaign is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this growth.

