

CHAPEL UPDATE

A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP



First Formal Fundraiser



Honorable Mention: The Grannies did 4 loops!



Laps Winner:

Vyron Jenson, age 12

49 laps (that's ~30 miles!). A handful of other boys got in over marathon distance, too. Just.....W.O.W.



Most raised:

Gabriel Whitman, age 19

40 laps to raise just over \$4,300. Incredible!



Most laps by girls:

Abigail Jessop (age 15) and Hailey Mangles (age 10)

Both pulled 37 loops--22.6 miles!--, coming in in the top 15.



Youngest Participants

Chloe Allred, Helaman Aagard, & Morgan Alred, age 2

These toddlers circled The Loop 8x, (~5 mi), 6x, & 3x respectively. Strong, willing Littles!

PLEDGE-A-THON: PHENOMENAL!

Saturday, June 20th:

224 determined tots, school-age kids, youth, young marrieds, prime-of-life adults, and seniors started or ended the day with numbers pinned to their T-shirts.

During 8 hours of hot hazy sunshine, participants sprinted, jogged, walked, toddled, or limped around The Loop in sociable groups or in determined independence. Urged on by more than 300 sponsors, cheering friends and family, and neighborly garden-hose sprayers (you know who you are), we circled The Loop a collective 3,316 times (or, 2,023 miles)!

The pledge-a-thon, organized by the HH Activity Committee and propelled by Groupwide donors raised. . . wait for it. . . \$91,394 for the Chapel! Still being totaled is additional revenue from the booths (Italian sodas or authentic Mexican tacos, anyone?), and the player registration fees for the volleyball tournament.

To the pavement pounders, the booth vendors, the volleyball players, the incredible organizers and their volunteer army, and to those of you who now need to sell a kidney on the black market to make good on your sponsorships, **THANK YOU!**

ONGOING PRAYERS REQUESTED:

- That the contractors, engineers, architects, and municipalities involved will do inspired work with integrity and efficiency
- That the needed variances will be approved by EM City Council
- That we will continue to demonstrate faith, unity, and initiative in generating timely and complete funding

ONE ARTISTIC RENDERING OF OUR CHAPEL



- Conceptual plans and civil engineering have been completed. All other engineers (mechanical, electrical, utility, structural, plumbing) are currently working on our project. Our very unique sloped chapel floor (lying over the baptismal area), is now being worked on by structural engineers. Pray they will be inspired.
- Once all the engineers, architects, landscape architects, etc., finish their jobs, we will submit construction docs and get a permit!
- Ground breaking on the Chapel is in line for Fall 2026.

THE REC HALL IS TAKING A BACK SEAT RIGHT NOW WHILE THE CHAPEL IS DRIVING.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Council has requested that we all be thinking about what to name our building. Offer suggestions to your Bishop!



Inspiring Story

AS TOLD BY LUCY M. SMITH

The ensuing summer after Joseph's return from Missouri, the brethren called a council to discuss the subject of building another meetinghouse, as the first was now rather small to afford room for the increased congregation.

In this council Joseph requested each of the brethren to rise and give his views, and when they were through, he would give his opinion concerning the matter. They all spoke. Some thought that it would be better to build a frame house. Others said that a frame house was too costly, and the majority concluded upon putting up a log house and made their calculations about what they could do towards building it. Joseph rose and reminded them that they were not making a house for themselves or any other man, but a house for God. "And shall we, brethren, build a house for our God of logs? No, I have a better plan than that. I have the plan of the house of the Lord, given by himself. You will see by this the difference between our calculations and his idea of things."

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