



Capital News
Capital Campaign Committee
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Caring for God's House - Together



Reminder: Sept. 17 is celebrating the First Year of the Capital Campaign after worship. Please join us.

The Big Green Tree

A while back, I was asked, 'What is the meaning of the big, green tree on the wall of the Narthex, by the doors of the Fellowship Hall? And why are there animals in and around the tree?' Well...

During one of the first organizational meetings of the Capital Campaign Committee, Liz Bushma (she and I make up the Visual & Graphic Arts team) showed us a possible logo for our campaign – a green tree and the

phrase, 'Caring for God's House – Together'. We all agreed – the tree and phrase would be our logo, and green our color!

We also felt that the tree symbolized our congregation. The **tree trunk** would be our congregation, our church family. The **bark**, our pastor (no pun intended!) holding us together and nurturing the whole tree, the congregation. The **branches** are our church member families, friends and individuals. The **roots** symbolize all the ways we gain knowledge of the Triune God, through Bible studies, films, sermons, missions, our acceptance of others, etc. The **earth** symbolizes the Triune God – God the Father, His son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. And the leaves??? Each **leaf** on the tree holds the name of a member of RRPC! Have you found YOUR leaf yet?

So... What about the **animals**? Are they symbols of something? The answer is 'No', the animals are just for fun! All are native to New Mexico! At this time, there are 9 different animals. Some hold 'balloons' saying "Thank You!" for all the pledges and donations made so far to our Capital Campaign, to fund the many improvement projects planned for our church building. Now, can you find all 9 animals?

The first one, (1) the **Eurasian Collared Dove**, holds the ribbons with the names of our members who have entered the church triumphant. The **American Crow** (2) holds a balloon that states the amount of dollars our members have pledged to the 3 year Campaign. And the **Burrowing Owl** (3) holds the balloon that states the amount of the donations and some of the pledge amounts. Now, let's see if you can find the (4) **Black Chinned Hummingbird**, (5) the **Roadrunner**, (6) a **Downy Woodpecker**, (7) a **Rock Squirrel**, (8) a **Gambel's Quail**, and (9) the **White-tailed Antelope Squirrel**. And there are 2 cartoon characters you may have seen on TV, **Wylie Coyote** and the **Roadrunner**! Beep Beep!!! Did you see them?

Enjoy the tree and the animals! And know that even the smallest donation to the Capital Campaign is gratefully accepted! And 'Thank You!' for your amazing generosity!

Priscilla Landon, daughter of Tom and Elaine Isaacs, is a long-time member of RRPC. In addition to her job as a NICU nurse she has a small T-shirt business and made our green T-Shirts with the tree, based on the one Liz wore at the Capital Campaign launch which was made by Honora.

Blessings, Betty Gobeille, Capital Campaign Committee

***Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1
Thank you for your support!***

The Capital Campaign Committee -- Liz, Betty, Elaine, Leah, Pat, Denise, Sue, and Bob

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