



# *A Legacy of Worship*

A capital campaign for Acadian Baptist Center

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER  
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## **ACADIAN BAPTIST CENTER LAUNCHES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** **~ \$2,254,303 RECEIVED IN GIFTS AND PLEDGE TO DATE ~**

It has been remarkable to see the progress at Acadian Baptist Center since its beginning in 1975. The original chapel was large enough for many years with seating of 220 in worship. As time went by, we needed more space! Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church allowed us to use their sanctuary, accommodating 300. Now, the gym is the only space large enough to hold our campers. And, we still have waiting lists to get in! It has become clear that ABC needs a new, larger space to accommodate our growing demand.

As a result, we have launched ***A Legacy of Worship: A Capital Campaign for Acadian Baptist Center***. With a working goal of \$2,375,000, a new, expansive, state of the art worship center will be constructed to allow for all attendees to gather in one comfortable and attractive worship environment. A seating capacity of nearly 1,000 will fulfill one of our greatest needs and nicely complement the existing facilities. Included will be state of the art sound, stage and lighting, as well as many extra breakout rooms for smaller group Bible study.

We are excited to announce that since launching this campaign in October, we have already surpassed \$2,250,000 in gifts and pledges! We hope that you will consider how you and your family can partner with us in this exciting opportunity!



# 100% PARTICIPATION FROM BOARD & STAFF

We are pleased to announce that all board members have made pledges to the capital campaign. As the leaders who made the decision to launch the capital campaign, all current board members have endorsed the plan by personally and prayerfully pledging of their financial resources to help make their vision for the future a reality.

In addition, all staff members have made pledges to the *A Legacy of Worship* campaign. The support we have received from our staff illustrates the significance of the proposed projects.

## FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIR, TOM CURTIS

Our Lord has truly blessed His gospel ministry here for the last century. We look with excitement about the future at Acadian Baptist Center as He continues to bless this place. In keeping with the mission of ABC, the board of directors and staff are committed to providing the best possible environment for evangelism and discipleship in the name of Christ.

Several long-range vision projects have been developed as we strive to improve the camp experience. Renovations and improvements were recently completed on cabins and dormitory areas. These have already been well-received. Demand for our summer camps has grown exponentially over these last few years. After much prayer and deliberation, the vision continues. What's next?

A new worship center will further the “clean, attractive, friendly environment where people of all ages can retreat from the distractions of the world” and provide that “setting conducive to God’s Spirit touching lives in a special way” in a place where people “can sense the presence of God.” It is such a blessing to see so many people come together for this project. To all who support ABC, we thank you and encourage you to continue that support.

- Tom Curtis



# THANK YOU TO OUR CAMPAIGN DONORS!

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*"ABC has always been a big part of my life. I began attending camps there when I was 8 and went every year until I began working there at 17. Over the years I was influenced and encouraged by many of the staff there and decided I wanted to work there so I could share my faith and serve others the way they did. Since then, I've been in ministry over 20 years, and ABC is the place where it all began."*

*- Adam Whitney, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church Broussard*

*"We have been blessed many times through the ministry of ABC. The spiritual blessings have been numerous. During a difficult time in our lives, the Women's Conferences have been especially meaningful to Judy. Johney has received spiritual guidance through the Men's Conferences."*

*"We support ABC because of what it stands for and the spiritual leadership and guidance it provides. We have watched it grow over the years and have come to love James, the board of trustees and the staff. They have followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit in providing a lighthouse in the area and beyond."*

*- Johney & Judy Jeans, Campaign Donors*

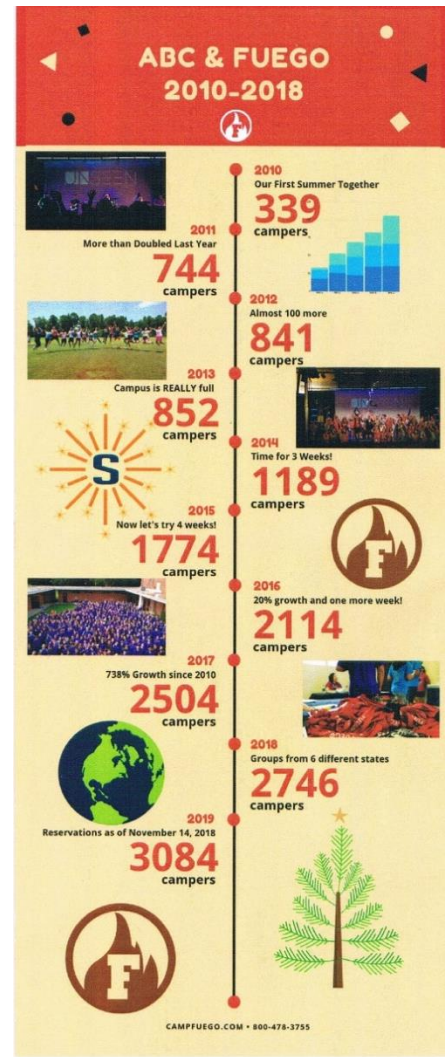


# ABC & CAMP FUEGO

In 2010 we partnered with Camp Fuego, Inc., a nonprofit corporation out of Shreveport, LA, to plan, promote and implement our summer camps. In 2010, we had one week with 339 in attendance. Over the years since, we have added six weeks of camp. This summer, 2019, we have over 3,000 from different states already preregistered for six weeks of camp.

*“On behalf of Camp Fuego and our 3,000 campers, I cannot begin to properly explain the impact that will be experienced at the opening of the new ABC Worship Center. Every summer we bring a team in to convert our current gymnasium to a worship center. It is a daunting task, but even when complete, we find ourselves limited on the number of students who can be safely seated. The new worship center solves both of those issues! Our team will be able to focus on preparing for students instead of assembly, and we will have the ability to see God reach a much larger number of students.”*

- Jeff Luce, Director  
Camp Fuego



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