

Trietsch Celebrates 25 Years of Ministry and an Unprecedented Capital Campaign Success

More than 2,500 people attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration Brunch and special worship services on April 20 for Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church in Flower Mound. Current and former members celebrated 25 years of changing lives in the community and around the world, including former members, Bishop, Dr. Scott Jones and his wife Mary Lou, who were on hand to enjoy the festivities. Several of those in attendance said that they would never forget this celebration.

Twenty-five years strong and continuing to grow. What started with a handful of people meeting in the Timbercreek Elementary school cafeteria has blossomed into a 15-acre campus. By continually enlarging our vision and challenging our limits, Trietsch has grown into a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our community. Over the last 25 years, countless lives have been transformed by bringing people to Christ.

There have only been three pastors in the history of Trietsch. It was exciting to have current pastor, Dr. John Allen, as well as founding pastor Dr. Bill Jacobs and Dr. Jim Ozier, the pastor of Trietsch for over 17 years, share stories of past and present accomplishments as well as a vision for the future of Trietsch.

The event was also part of the capital campaign “**Growing in Faith**” for a new Family Life Center. Senior Pastor, Dr. John Allen described the event as a highlight in a campaign that has seen more than half of the congregation’s members get involved.

The faithful work “To know Christ and to make Christ known” is continuing to make tremendous strides in this rapidly growing community. The future is bright as Trietsch continues to respond to the mission and ministry needs of this area and around the world. Dr. Allen noted, “Over the past decades, many have sacrificed to set the course for Trietsch and now it is our time to examine ourselves in light of what God is calling us to do.” Executive Pastor, Lyle Benson added that “Trietsch is already a wonderful church that reaches out to our community, but we are growing so rapidly and we don’t have room for all the family and youth activities to help them grow their faith. A new Family Life Center will enhance and give us the capacity to expand all our ministries.”

The “**Growing in Faith**” campaign was bathed in prayer as our families prayed the campaign prayer, “Lord, what do You want to do through me?” for months leading up to Commitment Sunday on April 27. The initial campaign goal was \$5 million and the leadership of Trietsch was excited to announce on Celebration Sunday, May 18, that not only did we meet our goal, but surpassed it by more than \$615,000 and pledges are still being received every day. Trietsch Lay Leader, Suzanne Sutton shared “Prayer continues to be the foundation of the campaign success. We are so blessed to have more than 450 families pledge to this campaign, which just shows how strongly our congregation feels about providing a place to grow our ministries and be able to invite more of the community to be a part of our activities.” The chairs of the campaign, David and Jackie Watkins and Alan and Barbara Carruth, add “that as successful as the campaign has been so far, we are not done yet. We have a number of families that have not yet responded,” they noted, “and we fully expect to surpass \$6 million. It has been a great experience.” A new Family Life Center will open the doors for ministry even wider and will let us claim the vision for the future that God has put before us. This capital campaign is a defining moment in the life of Trietsch.