

## Best Ideas Summary

The following list of ideas is a summary of the ideas submitted in response to Dean Tibbotts' presentation at services on August 29, 2010. A total of 72 ideas were submitted. Similar or identical ideas have been grouped. The number following the idea is the number of people who suggested it or something very similar. The order in which they are listed is not indicative of the perceived value of the idea. The vestry held a special meeting on September 26, 2010 to review the ideas and begin planning for adoption of several of them.

Thank you all for your help.

### **Ideas for Immediate cash in order to fund the 2010 budget:**

- Rent our facility to other groups. (6)
- Contact each member individually to ask for completion of pledge or additional support. (3)
- Bake sales (2)
- Birthday or anniversary recognition contribution. Coin for each year.
- Treasure Sale
- Sell tiles on a plaque or piece of art.
- Prioritize giving requests.
- Special offering request for support at each service this fall.
- Fundraising banquet with guest speaker.
- Renegotiate loan.
- Ask for voluntary temporary pay reductions from staff.
- Dinners in Marsh Hall in lieu of restaurant meals. Volunteers to provide.
- Ask parishioners to forego a dinner out once a month and donate cost to St. Johns.
- Stop wasting money on parking stickers.
- Facilitate giving to St. John's only with no part of the gift going to the diocese or national church. Special fund?

### **Ideas for raising long term funds for the purpose of eliminating debt, maintaining facilities and expanding ministries.**

- Rent our facility to other groups. (7)
- Script Sale (2)
- Release restrictions on memorial funds.
- Sell church bonds to parishioners. (2)
- Sell church office building and KITH building. (2)
- Refinance the mortgage and reduce repayment rate (2)

- Focus on God's work
- An auction
- Ask for funds for the facility in a separate appeal.(3)
- Have the pre-school help cover a larger portion of facility expenses. (2)
- Have the Christian Ed Director focus on education and not on youth mission trips.
- Bring more pre-school families into the life of the parish.
- Separate appeal for building fund. (3)

**Ideas for increasing membership at St. John's.**

- Canvas immediate neighborhood. (4)
- Bring friends to church (3)
- Advertising including banners on our fence. (5)
- Pray (3)
- Events that attract the community or past parishioners (4)
- Integrate the preschool families into St. John's. Pre-school children should be attending Sunday school as well.
- Start a K-6 school.