

# { Capital Stewardship Program }

## Sam and Dianne Shrieves

We want to *Live the Vision* because our lives have been transformed and blessed by ministries at Idlewild. God called us to Idlewild at different times but with the same need—to be ministered to.

One of us came 23 years ago, a mother with a 13-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter whose lives had been rocked by divorce. The Children's Ministry encouraged my little girl. Today, my little girl is a mother and the Children's Ministry continues to influence by providing discipleship to her three children as she and her husband serve in the Music Ministry. The Student and College

Ministries helped that teenage boy heal and the rock solid Preaching Ministry and Spirit-filled Music Ministry resulted in his own call to the ministry. After serving on Idlewild's staff and being mentored by some of the most godly, talented men, he has taken Idlewild's influence half a continent away as he pastors a church in Texas with his wife and three children. The memories of those restoration years could fill volumes and we only have a small space here.

We both tenderly recall the Singles Ministries that provided not only a means

for our healing, but a safe place to develop a solid friendship that grew over years into a loving, godly marriage. We have been touched by and been called to give back to the Lord through Music, Stewardship, off-campus Adult Bible Fellowship Leadership, and the HUG team. Idlewild's ministries have now reached through the second and into the third generation of our family as we have seen our son-in-law discipled and ordained as a deacon and our first grandchild saved and baptized here. The more involved we become, the more we see the effects of Idlewild's ministries and the more we want to contribute to them.

Believing in Idlewild's mission and vision and knowing that our pastors are Spirit-led, we view this opportunity as the best investment ever—one for eternity. We have the opportunity to help reach and disciple the unsaved, the unchurched and the hurting, for God's glory and His service.

## Victoria Dunaj

As we prayed about our involvement in the *Live the Vision* program, the Lord reminded us of the joy that comes from giving generously to His kingdom work. We believe that God is using Idlewild Baptist

Church to be a lighthouse to reach Tampa and beyond for Christ, and by giving to *Live the Vision*, we as a family get to have a part in what God is doing. We are anxious to experience new spiritual growth through this program.

The student ministry is especially dear to our hearts. In today's world, it is so nice to have great programs for our kids that are God honoring. Our children get to have fun, learn about God and be safe through Idlewild's ministry. It means so much to us for our children to have the godly mentors and leaders loving, encouraging and guiding them in the right direction.

## Cary and Ann Gaylord

Ann and I see ourselves as caretakers of the resources God has entrusted to us. We look for needs that come to our attention and try to be wise stewards in our decisions. *Live the Vision* came to our attention because of our membership at Idlewild. We have worked to reduce debt at other churches and have always believed it to be an important goal of every church. In this case, it will free up resources for the ministries. There are many other important needs to which we could choose to contribute, but we feel convicted that *Live the Vision* is

particularly important, because our giving can be part of a team effort. What each member does acts as an encouragement to others.

## Why Live the Vision?...

Idlewild families give testimony to what the church has meant in their lives and why they view the *Live the Vision* Capital Stewardship Program as a far-sighted investment in lives for generations to come.

