



I am a Deacon of First Southern Baptist Church of Yucca Valley. At the end of 2015 the church members decided to do some research in adding solar to the roof of our church because of the monthly utility costs. After getting several bids for solar we discovered that the cost to buy solar panels was more than we could afford. Working with one contractor we liked it was mentioned that there are companies out there that help non-profits borrow the funds. So, after some research we found CollectiveSun. CollectiveSun was really great at getting our questions answered and explaining how they could assist us. We decided to move forward, but needed to have a campaign manager. Reluctantly my hand went up and I became the campaign manager for FSBYC Solar Campaign. I am not a public speaker nor did I have any experience with raising money in this way. But, through the guidance and constant input from CollectiveSun we did raise the money needed to install the solar panels on the church.

The membership had lots of questions along the way that I did not have the answers to, but CollectiveSun was at the ready and returned my emails and calls very promptly. They also included much of the campaign presentation materials I needed to present the campaign to the membership. I am a construction manager, not a public speaker, but with the materials provided and feeling confident that I knew what I was doing I was able to give weekly updates to the membership and answer all the questions along the way. With CollectiveSun's guidance and financial help the campaign was a success.

This March marked a year since the panels were installed. The church has enjoyed reduced utility charges and able to spend money towards other facility needs and missions. Without out CollectiveSun's help through this process we would never achieved this goal. CollectiveSun still works with us today tracking our progress and savings and the payback of the loan for the solar. We look forward to the completion of the payback so that the church can fully appreciate the solar panels savings.

I would fully recommend using Collective Sun for your project and if you have any detailed questions please feel free to give me a call.

-Deacon Tom Maran

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Bruner".

Rev. David Bruner, DD