

## Faith Bible Church Building Project Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. A Building Project? Why?** The Elders of Faith Bible Church realize that our current facility is inadequate to meet the growing needs of our church's ministry. In order to be good stewards of the ministry opportunity God has entrusted to us, they feel we must consider expansion of our current buildings to adequately minister to those families God has led to our church.
- 2. What are we building?** The project consists of three phases: **Phase 1** – early childhood expansion (sorely needed) a family life center, more classroom space, and expanding current facilities to allow for more gathering space and larger hallways; **Phase 2** – a new sanctuary; and **Phase 3** – expanded administrative offices. The new construction will also increase our meeting space, choir space, kitchen facilities and bathrooms.
- 3. How much will it cost?** We are finalizing our plans currently, but our current estimates, including various contingencies as well as furnishings for Phase 1, is \$9,000,000.00. This number is only an estimate based on today's pricing, and we can expect the actual cost to increase if our ability to start construction is delayed significantly because of lack of adequate funds.
- 4. Who is the contractor?** We have selected FBC member Bruce DeFriese, with Bockus Payne, as our architect. We have not yet selected the construction contractor. Once we finalize the floor plan, we will select a contractor who will work with Bruce through the remainder of the design process. This will help reduce costly changes during construction.
- 5. When will it start and how long will it take?** The start date is dependent completely on the Lord's timing. Given that the funds do not currently exist, we cannot set a date. However, if we have the funds, we could probably break ground in 10-12 months.
- 6. Why does it seem to have taken so long?** The leadership of FBC believes that this is the right building at the right time for FBC. Just like everyone else, we wish the process would move along more quickly, but we have moved at this pace in light of funding issues as well as attempting to build the best buildings for FBC in order to get the most and best building for our money.
- 7. Will this building meet our church's needs?** Yes, this building will certainly meet MANY of our church's needs. As part of the design of this project, we have taken a very critical look at our current ministries, and have undergone an extensive long range planning process. While all of our plans are completely dependent upon God's perfect will, we believe this project will in fact meet our needs for the future.

8. **What will this project accomplish?** This project will help our church accomplish its mission – To make and build disciples in order to glorify God. We currently have good and decent space but are very constrained. Our goal is excellence. Improved facilities are one way to help FBC expand our ministry to the local community.

9. **Would it be better to buy a new tract of land and start building from scratch?** The Elders considered this extensively. The costs would be even higher to try to develop a new area, even with the sale of the current facility.

10. **Have the elders considered a church plant as opposed to the construction of additional facilities on our current site?** Yes, but they don't sense that is the right step at this time.

11. **What is the time frame for a financial commitment?** We see this question as pledge opportunities spanning 3 years. But quite honestly, that is an issue that is between the giver and the Lord. The pledge cards ask for a 3-year commitment as a rule of thumb for establishing sufficient funding to get the project started. We would like to see giving continue until the project is paid off.

12. **How much have we raised to date?** We currently have \$1,561,922.00 in our building fund, and we have outstanding pledges totaling \$950,000. Enrolled membership at the Church totals about 520 families. We have received pledges from about 27% of the families. Thus, many families have not yet made a financial commitment. Based upon the generosity of those participating, if everyone participates we will certainly hit our goals.

13. **What level of debt does the leadership of the church anticipate they would consider to fund the building project?** About \$3M or 1/3 of the Phase 1 costs. This has been our approach in the prior projects. It has worked well and we have paid the mortgage in full early. While many might think a higher debt ratio would speed up the construction process, it would also carry a greater level of mortgage payment each month. On top of the current giving rate and pledges outstanding, we need to see an additional \$3,400,000 in the bank before we can consider taking out a mortgage and breaking ground.

14. **What will the elders do if we do not raise adequate funds to complete this project?** We won't build until we do. We must be patient and wait on God to move in the hearts of our church body.

15. **What parts of this project have the greatest priority?** We have the entire plan split into the 3 phases that represent the priorities. Phase 1 gives us the much needed larger early childhood and classroom space, as well as increasing the traffic flow areas, and providing more meeting spaces. Phase 2 will provided a greatly expanded sanctuary. And Phase 3, the last phase, will improve the administrative areas to better support a growing congregation and staff.