

Building Committee Update

At the end of 2015 our church began discussing the possibility of a building renovation. To determine the scope of our project a large group was brought together to share ideas about what we wanted to accomplish with this project. It was decided that in "Building for God's Future" we needed to make sure that the project followed 5 key principles. We wanted our church to be Welcoming, Visionary, Faith-Filled, Community-Building and Functional.

Following these key principles a small group was assigned the task of interviewing General Contractors and putting together a construction/renovation plan. We hired NCI Roberts to head up this project and began putting together design possibilities. Our initial proposal to SALT included two plans with budgets of \$450K and \$650K. These plans were shared with the congregation and it was decided to begin a Capital Campaign to see if funds would be available for either of these plans.

In October of 2016 the Capital Campaign Committee began meeting with members of our church and by the end of March, 2017 we had a total of around \$165K in pledges towards our project. It was at this time we knew that we would have to scale down our project – doing our best to tie in the 5 key principles.

We then were given the wonderful news that John Reed would do a match-plus donation of \$100K in order to get the up-front money needed for the project without having to take out a loan – THANK YOU JOHN! Our congregation rose to the challenge and enough funds were donated prior to August 1, 2017 for us to begin the final preparations of our project. The "Building Committee" was then assigned the task of putting together a plan that fit the budget. Through many discussions, brainstorming and a lot of prayer we were able to come up with a plan that would require around \$265K to complete. Architectural plans were then drawn up and approved and we were ready to start our project in November with a planned finish date of 1/26/18.

Included in our project were: New tile and carpet throughout the church, all new lighting and paint, 4 newly configured family bathrooms, expanded and remodeled kitchen, addition of storage areas, 2 new screens and projectors in the Sanctuary with a new AV station and installed hearing loop, newly configure administration office, updated electrical in the kitchen area, removal of the narthex wall to open up our fellowship hall and the installation of an automatic door opener at the main entrance. In the upcoming months, weather and receipt of pledged funds permitting, we will make improvements to the exterior of the church including new handicap parking stalls, newly sealed and striped parking lot and landscaping improvements.

Thanks to everyone for your generous donation of ideas, time and money. Without you this project would have never happened. Special thanks to the other members of the Building Committee. The time and dedication you put into this project was amazing! We truly are a CHURCH WITH HEART!!!

God's Blessings to all of you,

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