

FACTSHEET

Why do we need a building program?

- *Although we have more than enough space in our sanctuary, we currently need to upgrade the quantity and quality of our education and parking space.*
- *On most Sunday mornings almost all available rooms that can be used for Small Group Bible studies are being occupied (even the small storage rooms behind the piano and organ).*
- *We have a total of 136 parking spaces. At 109 spaces (80%) our parking is “full”. On numerous occasions recently, our parking has been over this amount.*
- *Education and parking space will ultimately limit attendance, which will become a barrier to our ability to minister effectively as a church.*

What is the spiritual significance of a building program?

- *It affords us the opportunity to glorify our Savior, Jesus Christ, and present a testimony of God’s faithfulness to our community*
- *It allows us the opportunity to move forward in faith to prepare for the future the Lord has planned for us*
- *It offers us the opportunity to grow spiritually as we sacrifice to give God our very best*
- *It presents us with the challenge of following in the footsteps of the generations who have left a legacy of spiritual courage and conviction for us to follow*
- *It removes space and parking barriers to being able to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to those in need*

What kind of building program will we be undertaking?

Some time ago our church approved a “Multi-phased Master Site Development Plan” that was recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee of the church. This multi phased plan includes

- **Phase I:**
 - A. *Removal of the “Bales House” and development of the lot as a parking facility*
 - B. *Construction of an education building between the current Mother’s Day Out Building and the Annex*
- **Phase II:**
 - A. *Removal of the Mother’s Day Out building*
 - B. *Development of the former Mother’s Day Out area as additional parking*
- **Phase III:**
 - A. *Removal of the Annex buildings*
 - B. *Construction of a multi- use building containing a gym, large kitchen, and additional education and ministry space*

The ultimate goal of this program is to honor God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as we maximize the usefulness of our campus by bringing sanctuary, education and parking space into balance. This will assist in removing barriers to our church being able to win the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to those in need.

How will we pay for this building program?

- *The church has voted to undertake a **United We Build Program** which is a fundraising program based upon biblical principles and emphasizes spiritual growth as well as raising funds. The United We Build Program educates members concerning God’s plans for their finances and calls for the members of the church to seek God’s will concerning making a financial commitment to be fulfilled over the next three years.*
- *The United We Build Leadership Team has set **three goals:***
 - Love - **\$300,000***
 - Hope - **\$500,000***
 - Faith- **\$700,000***

- *If necessary, we will make arrangements for the financing of the remainder of the funds necessary for the completion of Phase I*

How can we help?

Although providing the necessary education and parking space will remove barriers to the church's ability to minister effectively, it will not, in and of itself, be the solution to all the challenges facing us as we look to the future of First Baptist Church. To reach our full potential in Christ, we must all:

- *Be a “prayer” – praying for the Lord to build His church through effective evangelism, discipleship and ministry*
- *Be a “bringer” – inviting others to attend our small groups and church services*
- *Be a “teller” – sharing the hope we have found in Jesus with others*
- *Be a “giver” – giving a tithe (1/10) of our income to the church and a sacrificial offering for the United We Build Program*

Conclusion

From its beginnings, our church has had a rich tradition of being willing to do anything necessary to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to those in need. We benefit today from the sacrifices of those who have come before us. It is now our turn to leave a legacy for those who will follow us.