

Dear Church,

We write to inform you of the work of the Building Committee and provide you with information that the committee will present at a special called business meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. The building committee comprised of Jake Bynum, Ben Moore, Becky Anderson, Richard Bennett, Ginger Forrester, and Eric Allman has met several times since its commission in fall 2019. After an extended pause related to COVID-19, the committee has finalized a proposal and is excited to present it to the church for approval.

Attached to this email, you will find three sketches of the proposed project. We will also place copies of these drawings on the bulletin board located in the hallway nearest the lobby door. We encourage you to review these plans before July 28. As you will see, the committee is recommending three phases. We would like to briefly highlight each phase to give you as much information as possible.

- Phase 1 - Children's Wing – An addition of 2900 Sq. Ft to be located off the Northwest corner of our main facility. This addition would include a new two-room nursery and children's chapel. These facilities would be utilized for church services, children's church, creative arts activities, and other programming. The estimated cost of phase 1 is \$667,000.
- Phase 2 – Administrative Office Facilities and Lobby Renovation – The creation of a new church administration office suite to house the church's Administrative Assistant, Minister of Education, Minister of Students, and Pastor. This renovation would also allow us to add open space in the lobby, add a conference room, reduce the size of the existing library, and create a space for fellowship between services. The estimated cost of phase 2 is \$300,000.
- Phase 3 – Youth Facility – Located just to the south of the Family Life Center, the construction of a new approximately 4000 Sq. Ft building. It would feature a fellowship space, a youth sanctuary, and four classrooms. The estimated cost of phase 3 is \$920,000.

While the Church enlisted services of TLM and Associates for design and development, we have not taken any of these phases to bid yet. Therefore, we are adding some additional contingency into the project for approval in an abundance of caution. On July 28, the Building Committee will recommend this three-phase project totaling \$2.2 Million. There are many considerations to the additions of these contingencies. The most primary concern is related to market uncertainty. Cost and availability of material and labor continue to be challenging. Also, historically contractors have given a 90 to 120-day commitment for approval once bids are submitted. However, a commitment for approval is currently more commonly 30 to 45-days, due to the previously mentioned factors. We have also added contingencies to purchase or update needed furniture, technology, and supplies.

In the coming days, we encourage you to do the following:

- Make plans to attend the July 28, 2021 business meeting
- Review and familiarize yourself with the plans supplied
- Give any feedback that you deem necessary to members of the building committee

- Discuss this proposal with your family and fellow church members and encourage them to attend the July 28 meeting
- Pray! Pray for the building committee as they prepare to present this project. Pray for the well-being and growth of our church. Pray for guidance and wisdom as you decide how you will vote on this project.

While the Building Committee is dedicated and excited to present this proposal to the church, we understand there is much to discuss and decide. We know that regardless of the decision, the result will be the will of God.

We look forward to seeing you on July 28. Again, if you have any questions or suggestions before that time, please do not hesitate to reach out to any committee member.

Prayerfully,

Dresden First Baptist Building Committee