

FBC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

May 2024

Building & Capital Campaign Update

For many years FBC has been working on a plan and vision for expansion as God has continued to faithfully and powerfully bless our ministry. As slow as the process has seemed, we have always believed that God would reveal His will in His timing, and when He did, we would feel like we were running to try to keep up with Him. That is exactly what happened, and the last 6-8 months have been a whirlwind of activity. The building committee held a town-hall meeting in July last year, and from that meeting, along with much prayer and discussion, came to the understanding that FBC was being led to expand our ministry facilities across the street on the 10 acres of land we had purchased two years ago. From there we began a process to find a construction company that could help us develop the building plan we believed God was leading us to build. After weeks of meetings and interviews we agreed that Point Builders was the right company for us. Over the next few months and many meetings, often weekly, we had a clear vision of the building we believed God was leading us to construct. During that process we believed we needed a capital campaign committee to begin raising funds to make the vision a reality.

After several meetings, it became apparent that this project was bigger than we knew how to tackle, so we reached out to Church Growth Solutions (CGS) to help us with a capital campaign. CGS helped us with a feasibility study to determine how much moral and financial support there really was from FBC. It was concluded that FBC was highly in favor of the project and capable of raising the money needed. On April 7th, we announced to the church at both worship services that the capital campaign was starting in earnest and introduced the team of leaders who would be volunteering their time to help make this process as smooth and successful as possible. On April 25th and May 1st, we planned Advance Challenge Meetings. Those meetings were open to all, but a group of leaders were specially invited to attend. The intent was to share the vision and the goal in more detail and to challenge the leaders of the church to make a prayerful commitment to the project. The leaders are asked to return their commitment cards by May 12th. CGS has told us that the leaders will typically commit up to 70% of the total campaign goal. This means we should know by mid-May if we are on target to reach our goal of \$3 Million.



Once we get the remainder of the commitment cards by June 2nd, we will have enough information to make a final decision about the building project. We will plan a business meeting where we will decide how to move forward with the plan. In the meantime, we are asking everyone to attend the meetings, hear and consider all the information, and prayerfully (we mean that!) consider what God might lead you to give toward the project. There is so much information coming your way. Please be patient as we continue this process. Thanks!

See reverse side for the calendar of Capital Campaign Events.



Campaign Events

Advance Challenge Meetings-April 25th & May 1st at 7pm

People within the church will gather to be spiritually challenged to pray about what God would have them give to the campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, but you must RSVP with the church office at 309-582-7812.

Small Group Presentations with Practical Giving Discussions

May 5th – May 19th Times & Locations TBA

May 19th - Open Forum 9:15am-9:45am - FBC Sanctuary

In these presentations (45-60 minutes in length), we will discuss the vision for the new facility and get answers to your questions in a small-group setting.

Tax-Wise Giving Seminar- May 16th – 7pm – Kris Kline-Country Financial

This seminar is aimed toward those who might be thinking about giving “Gifts of Assets” such as personal property, land, stocks, or other non-cash gifts. We will give you tips on how to make these donations and how to maximize your tax benefits while doing so.

Challenge Sunday – Sunday, May 19th

If you think it’s all about money and filling out pledge cards, you will be pleasantly surprised. The “challenge” of Challenge Sunday will be this: Be still. Listen expectantly. Ask boldly. Obey humbly. We will not talk about equal giving but, rather, equal sacrifice.

Prayer Event – June 1st

Prayer is the key. We will pray non-stop for 24 hours asking God to help us reach our goal and to bless our lives. Please sign up to pray for one or more time slots.

Commitment Sunday – Sunday, June 2nd

On this day we will turn in our sealed Commitment Cards. This will be a time of commitment, sacrifice, and faith. We will have the opportunity to invest in something larger than ourselves—something that will outlast our lives on this earth.

Celebration Sunday – Sunday, June 23rd

We all have 10,000 reasons to praise the Lord for His goodness. On Celebration Sunday, we will announce the total amount committed in faith toward our project. Our goal is \$3,000,000. We believe that we can reach this amount with God’s help. Whatever the result, we want to give God all the praise and glory!