



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

*“Where your treasure is,
there your heart
will be also.”*

Matthew 6:21



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A Message from the Pastor's Heart . . .

Dear Church Family,

We are where we are, because yesterday someone else built for the future that is today. We continue to be indebted to those who sacrificed so that FBCH could have an attractive facility at a good location with the necessary room for future growth. Some of you were here after Hurricane Andrew when the call was sounded to provide a new multi-purpose worship facility. You personally gave to make it happen. It's eighteen years later and it's time for that same call to sound again.

Personally, I am not a fan of buildings for the sake of buildings. I care more about building the Kingdom than I do building facilities. The structures we erect will stand for awhile, maybe even centuries, but eventually they will fall. The Kingdom of God, however, is forever. In fact, the only time a church should build facilities is when doing so will enable them to build the Kingdom. From the bottom of my heart, I believe that this is one of those times.

What will a new education/youth facility help us accomplish? Imagine being able to aggressively plant new small group Sunday School classes without having to stop and ask "Oh, but where would we put them?" Imagine a youth worship/educational center that could accommodate more than just forty students. Imagine being able to hold regular church-wide fellowships with the body of Christ under one roof. Imagine additional space for our AWANA ministry that would allow us to reach even

more children with the gospel. Imagine having a facility that equipped us to host evangelistic mission teams throughout the summer. Imagine having space for a food bank so that we can do a better job of feeding the hungry. Imagine having space for evangelistic recreational activities. Imagine the impact such a facility would have on Vacation Bible School.

Please prayerfully consider the future God has for us at First Baptist Church of Homestead as we enter the "Building for the Future" campaign. Pray and respond obediently to what God would have you to do.

Because He Lives,

HOWARD
Pastor Howard



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A Word from the Steering Team Leader

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to share the excitement of new development at First Baptist Church. As you know, First Baptist is just over 100 years old. I think it is safe to say that none of us were here to set the first bricks in place, establishing the church so many years ago, yet we have all benefited from our forefathers' faithfulness. For those who have recently joined First Baptist, our previous location can still be seen in downtown Homestead, currently Art South. At the downtown location, the Church grew in structures from a Sanctuary, to an Educational and Office building, Library, Fellowship Hall and Coffee House including an additional three-story educational building. My wife, Lori, grew up in that old church and I think I was the last person to be baptized there.

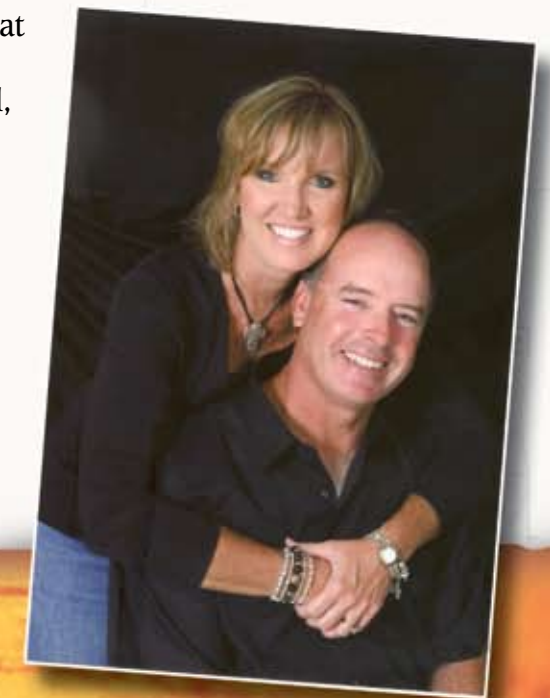
In 1992, Hurricane Andrew forever changed Homestead and First Baptist was no exception. Many factors were considered and ultimately the decision was made to move to our current 10-acre location. Through a combination of insurance, giving, sale of the downtown property and a bank loan, we built our current building. The bank note was paid off about 8 years ago which relieved a great financial burden from us. Our church has been blessed both financially and physically in numbers. By unanimous vote we have all agreed that our current facility has reached its capacity to minister effectively and our ability to reach others for Christ is limited.



Looking forward to the next 100 years, the time has come to build for the future. The new building will add educational, youth, and fellowship space. We will be able to host missionary groups and reach out to the community through new ministries. As was the case of those that served before us, it is our time to set the bricks in place to further God's Kingdom. Please join me in prayer as to how you can contribute to this exciting development at First Baptist Church. Together, in God's will, we can accomplish great things.

In Christ,

Steve Diehl
Steve and Lori Diehl
Capital Fund Steering
Team Leader



Questions & Answers . . .

What is our current educational capacity?

Using the classrooms we currently have, our capacity would be around 200 in Sunday School. This number, however, assumes that every class is running at full capacity on a given Sunday. We know that on any given Sunday, certain classes will be running more strongly than others. In spite of that fact, our Sunday School attendance has repeatedly hit that ceiling over the years. Last year, for example, our high attendance was 236 with a February average of exactly 200.

Why are new classes so important?

We currently have more classes than we have classrooms. This results in many classes meeting in less than ideal places. As a result, planting new small group classes is extremely difficult. The creation of new classes is critical for church growth, because new classes represent new opportunities for more people to connect relationally with brothers and sisters in Christ.

What will our educational capacity be with the proposed facility?

The proposed facility will provide for an additional 18 classes, or more than double our current capacity.

How big is the proposed facility?

The proposed facility has an enclosed space of 11,700 square feet with an additional 9,000 square feet of pavilion space.

How will our student ministry benefit from the proposed facility?

Youth worship/discipleship space will be more than double our current capacity. An enlarged room for the Wednesday night "Encounter" service will allow for more interactive activities. Additional youth Sunday School classes will enable the youth to break down into more age appropriate classes. Space will also be available for youth fellowships that help students build relationships.



What is the estimated cost?

The total estimated cost (pending variables such as permit fees, etc.) is \$1.4 million.

What other ministries will benefit?

Church-wide fellowships will be possible with the pavilion that will be adjacent to the facility. The same pavilion could also be used for various recreational activities. Other ministries, such as AWANA, will be able to make use of the additional space during the week. Additional storage space will make ministries such as a food pantry possible. Vacation Bible School will stand to benefit as well.

What is the timeline?

The timeline will be determined by the level of participation and commitment to the "Building for the Future" campaign. The commitments are to be spread over a three year period of time.

Why are shower facilities needed?

One goal of the proposed facility is to host summer mission teams. Showers and ample space for cots make our church an inexpensive destination for churches across the country desiring to go on a mission trip. Mission teams spread throughout the summer (doing prayer evangelism, for example) could literally put us in contact with thousands of people in southern Miami-Dade county every year at very little cost to FBCH.



Where is Your Treasure?

Committing and Giving . . .

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”

1 Chronicles 16:29

Our Power

vs.

His Power

I can use my checkbook to see what I can afford today.

I can give specific amounts based on my present income and what I know I will earn in the near future.

I can sign my commitment card for an amount that will be the average of what I'll be earning in the near future.

I can list all of the reasons that I shouldn't give that much, based on my own judgement and wisdom.

I can trust in my own strength, ability and insight.

I will make a commitment based on what my heart can see.

I will commit the pledge that God speaks to my heart and depend on Him to meet all of my needs.

I will base my commitment on what God impresses me to give by faith and trust in Him as my source.

I will ask God how to use His resources so that I may be a part of building His Kingdom.

I will trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct me so that I can store treasures in Heaven.




How can I give to the Building for the Future Campaign?

After prayerfully considering your commitment, every family is asked to fill out and turn in a Commitment Card. When and how you give will be noted on the card.

What am I committing to?

You are committing to give faithfully and sacrificially as God has led. Remember, our goal is not necessarily a certain amount of money so much as it is 100% participation by our members.



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Commitment Card

Name _____
Address _____

Understanding that all I/we possess is a gift from God, and in response to His love and blessings, I/we rejoice in the opportunity to participate in Building for the Future.

\$ _____ Weekly x 156 weeks or,
\$ _____ Monthly x 36 months or,
\$ _____ As follows: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSONS MAKING COMMITMENTS OTHER THAN CASH.

\$ _____ Approximate value of gift and description of gift: _____

\$ _____ TOTAL

I/We will begin my/our gifts on _____

Signature _____

This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

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Typical commitments you can make over a 156 week period.

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Yr. Total
2,000	8,666.67	104,000	312,000
1,000	4,333.33	52,000	156,000
500	2,166.67	26,000	78,000
300	1,300.00	15,600	46,800
100	433.33	5,200	15,600
75	325.00	3,900	11,700
50	216.67	2,600	7,800
40	173.33	2,080	6,240
30	130.00	1,560	4,680
25	108.33	1,300	3,900
20	86.67	1,040	3,120
15	65.00	780	2,340
10	43.33	520	1,560
7	30.31	364	1,092
5	21.67	260	780
2	8.66	104	312

“Not Equal Giving, But Equal Sacrifice”

And God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19





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Victory Goal \$700,000

Challenge Goal \$1,200,000

Hallelujah Goal \$1,750,000



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