

Dear Church Family,

I trust that this email finds you having a blessed day! I am emailing you to inform you of one of the exciting things that God is doing in our midst.

As many of you are aware, two years ago we organized a development team that was entrusted with the task of developing a “master plan” for our facilities. The reason this team was organized was because of the limitations our current facility brings to the ministry. Our lack of space hinders the growth of existing ministries and completely negates the possibility of additional ministries. So the team met for several months and did a wonderful job. However, soon after the “master plan” was submitted to the congregation, we hit a major roadblock. The spiraling economy and loss of many jobs greatly effected our church’s financial giving. But, as we know, God’s ways and thoughts are much higher than ours and His timing is always perfect. So as the needs of the ministry have continued to grow we have continued to pray for the Lord’s direction and timing.

This past year we were blessed to name a new member, Dave Jennings, to the development team. As he joined the group, the team once again regained momentum to seek the Lord and re-evaluate the best opportunity for the church. Almost instantly God began to open doors. Literally, door after door after door was opened to us. There have been so many “God-things” take place over the past five months that this email can’t contain them all.

Two years ago the next phase of development seemed only a dream. Today, we are on the verge of it being a reality. Over the last five months the “master plan” has been revised to something that is more financially practical. The revision will give us plenty of room to vastly improve existing ministries, to start other God-led ministries, and to reach further to the community around us. With this said, please see the link listed below. Once you click on the link you will see the overview of the updated “master plan”. You will also see a proposed soccer field that will be developed in the front field. Lastly, you will see a summary of the proposed building plans. You can see the link by clicking here:

http://www.gsbcfamily.org/fileadmin/development/Development_Team_121010.pdf

There will be a meeting for all active church members this coming Sunday, December 12, during the Bible Fellowship Hour at 10AM. The purpose of the meeting will be to further inform you of this project and to answer any questions that you may have. As you will see in the presentation, we will be doing a lot of work with Baptist Builders. With the Baptist Builders working with us as our own general contractor we will save around \$750,000. They must know by December 31 whether or not we are ready to move forward. I believe that God is leading. He is opening the doors for us. And, He is calling us to move forward in faith. God has brought our church to a crisis of belief. What we do now will determine what God does in the future. Let’s look “to Him to Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,…” (Eph. 3:20). I urge you to make this matter a priority in prayer. If we each go to God in prayer over this situation the Lord will make His will clear, and it is His will, not ours, that is crucial. After praying about this decision, we will hold a church-wide vote for all church members on Sunday morning, December 19. Each member will vote by written ballot. The vote will not be about whether or not we want to move forward with this project. This is not about what we want but about what God wants. The vote will be whether or not we sense God is leading us to proceed in this direction.

Lastly, please know that there is a lot of information concerning this project. Over the coming days we will be finalizing the details concerning the soccer field outreach as well as the overall financial plan for this project. As we receive the information we will submit it to you for your further prayer.

In the meantime if you have any questions concerning the project please email development@gsbcfamily.org.

In Christ,

Pastor Matthew