

Martha Road Baptist Church



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Dear Church Family,

Just like a plumber needs tools to do his job, or an electrician needs tools to do his job, a church needs tools to do its job. You may say, “What are the tools a church needs?” To reach today’s generation; we need lots of tools, Bibles, people, computers, video equipment, vans and the old standard, “buildings.” The church building has been a symbol in American communities since the foundation of our country as a place to gather to worship and be educated in God’s Word. The only problem with buildings is when they get full, they can have the exact opposite effect. They keep people away!

The current members of Martha Road own a debt of gratitude for the sacrifice a group of people made just a few years ago to build the current facility we worship in today. Their dedication and vision to build here on the busiest intersection in the county has been blessed with a growing, vibrant congregation. Now it is our turn to work and sacrifice for the next generation. For over a year the building committee has been working with an architect to develop what they feel would be the best investment of God’s money in the next “tool” to reach the lost and disciple believers.

Let me bring you up to speed on the long range plans of the committee. They realize that we need both, worship space and classroom space (TODAY) but, they also realize we can’t afford them all at once. So, the committee has formulated a Phase I and Phase II plan. Phase I would be to build an educational building that could accommodate 400-500 people in Sunday School, provide space for a bigger nursery, a game floor for Awana and a larger office area for the staff. Phase II would take place after Phase I is complete, it would involve remodeling the current building to accommodate at least 400 people in worship at one time. We would lose several of the existing classrooms and offices but those would be gained back in the new building. Once Phase I and Phase II are completed the committee feels the church would be positioned for sustained growth for many years to come.

Early I said it is now “our turn”! This is where you and I come in. The building committee will hold a Blue Print Pre-View Meeting on Sunday night January 25 where the plans for the new building will be presented. These plans are in “concept only”, meaning final details will be added as they continue to work with the architect. The committee stresses that if any cost figures are given they are only estimates, the actual cost cannot be determined until the final plans are drawn and the project is put out for bids. The committee solicits your questions and comments. This meeting is for you to see what the committee is seeing as far as the needs of the church and what it will take to fill that need. Then your responsibility will be to pray over this and then help the committee move to the next step in the process. A church wide ballot vote will be taken the next Sunday in both morning services to decide if this is the right direction for the church. The ballot will be a simple “Yes”, (meaning you feel we should proceed with this plan) or a “No”, (which means, this is not the correct plan for the church, go back and work on it some more). Your vote should come only after you have spent time with the Lord ascertaining His will for reaching lost people and discipling believers through the ministry at Martha Road Baptist Church. Only members above the age of sixteen will be allowed to cast a ballot on this day. The committee is seeking at least an 80% “in favor” vote to proceed to the next step.

I want to encourage you to attend the pre-view meeting and then come “prayed up” on February 1st to cast your vote on what God has put on your heart. I also want to thank the building committee for their hard work in bringing this presentation to our church body for a time such as this.

In Christ Name.

Kevin Baker, Pastor