

Dear Beloved,

For several years, TBC has been discussing and praying together about ministry needs and building maintenance. This includes how we might best steward the resource of our property in the location where God has placed us as a witness to his glory.

A committee was called together and the church has had forums to discuss “what” might be done regarding the use of our facilities. As a result of these prayers and conversations, building plans were prepared and the current proposal is presented for consideration.

The following devotions are a resource to help us consider “why” it might – or might not – be done. In other words, “why these plans?” We would like to reflect and pray together so that, as a community, we might move closer to discerning the Spirit’s direction for our body.

An all-church gathering has been called for Sunday, June 1 to discuss what we sense God’s Spirit saying to us.

**TBC Mission:**

A family of faith in Christ, committed to vital worship and personal devotion that finds expression in ministry and missions.

Some ways you might utilize these reflections during your personal devotional time:

- Use the prayer suggestions offered in the devotion and expand on it
- Sit with the photographs and seek the Spirit’s leading
- Consider noting what you sense the Spirit might be saying
- There are many other ways you may find to enjoy this time with the Lord

Three devotions will be available to you. Each will include:

- Bible Passage & Reflection
- Questions to consider
- An area of the building proposal and some reasons why the FUPARC committee considers these aspects important
- Pictures of the focal area of the building to match each devotion
- Prayer prompts to help us:
  - Seek God with our hearts & minds (see 1 Chronicles 22.19)
  - Seek a unity of purpose (see Acts 15.28a “it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...)
- TBC history notes

May our hearts join with David’s prayer of 1 Chronicles 29.10-13:

“Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.”