

First Baptist Church Charlottesville
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Dear Church Family,

This week, I'm excited to share the great progress on our Connecting Generations to Christ (CGC) ministry project. You can also find updates on our website at fbcps.com/CGC. The CGC ministry project has crossed some major milestones, and we can give thanks to God for His provision.

The first milestone relates to the site survey. The site survey is complete, and we have learned two things. We believe the oil tank near the north breezeway is several feet below ground, so we anticipate it will not conflict with planned improvements. In addition, we believe the project will stay below the 6,000 square feet of ground disturbance, which should save us considerable dollars on the project. Both items will be confirmed in January.

The second milestone is a series of successful meetings with the City of Charlottesville for the project, specifically to understand applicable building codes. The church was constructed prior to modern building codes and the City does not have records describing the applicable codes used. Based on our discussions, we have verbal approval for construction type 2B. The short version is that this is the outcome we wanted.

The third milestone is related to raising the \$3.1M needed to combine with the \$1M in hand to complete the \$4.1M project. As of December 31st, we have pledges totaling \$2,156,815 and have received \$521,642 in offerings. So, we are tracking very well at this point, but there is work to be done. If you are considering giving generously to the CGC Campaign, there are several ways you can do so. They can be found at fbcps.com/CGC. For each option, please note "CGC" on the envelope, letter, or memo line. If you have questions about these options, please let me know and we can discuss them. My email is billf@fbcparkstreet.com.

This is all positive news, and we are very thankful God has provided for FBC. He can do anything according to His will and that is where we want to remain as a church. A couple specific opportunities to pray:

1. The oil tank issue, the 6,000 square feet of ground disturbance, and construction type code are officially resolved in a favorable way.
2. The Design Team and BRW are on track to submit the site plan and detailed design documents to the City in February. Assuming that happens, we may be able to start site work in July, after VBS!
3. To reduce the construction loan amount, it would be beneficial to receive gifts prior to July 1, 2026. The majority of the spend will start around July 1, 2026, and continue for 10 months. At the end of the 10 months, there will be no more construction

spend, but we are likely to continue to receive gifts for another 18 months. So, we have a potential cash flow gap, which we will cover with a construction loan. The more dollars received prior to July 1, 2026, the less we would need to borrow on a construction loan, if needed.

That said, I'm excited about gathering with our church family this weekend to celebrate CGC Commitment Sunday. Come prepared to study God's Word as Pastor Mike will preach on 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12. Also, be in prayer for the pastor search process: the committee, us as a church, and our future Senior Pastor and his family. You can learn more about each member of the committee, as well as our senior pastor transition, at fbcps.com/transition.

It's a joy to serve the Lord with you,

Bill Fulkerson