

Addendum to Case Study in Response to Questions

While we are in the initial phases of planning, and many questions remain, this addendum attempts to address some of the most common questions and comments that came out of our congregation meeting on April 30th. Space does not allow to address every comment individually.

What has been done:

- Study committee brainstormed needs, asked for input from youth/children's leaders and church leadership, and used McKnight Build and Design firm to help us come up with preliminary ideas and plans. The Leadership Council voted to establish an official building committee which met throughout 2018.
- Established highest priorities to be addressed: 1) High quality space for youth and children 2) gathering and hospitality space 3) maintenance and improvement of older facilities 4) address lower priorities as project budget allows
- McKnight presented three building proposals. The committee selected one proposal which most closely reflected the priorities that had been identified and fit within financial feasibility.
- Hired Horizons Stewardship Company to conduct feasibility study and conduct a capital fund raising campaign to raise funds assuming we decide to move after hearing results of feasibility study.
- Sought feedback from congregation and shared the vision for project through Sunday School and Ignite Night (April 30th) congregational meeting.

What Will Be Done:

- Building Committee will continue to meet, looking specifically at comments and suggestions from congregation and determining if any new ideas or priorities can or should be worked into a realistic scope for the project
- Conduct financial feasibility study with indications of level of financial support and how much can be raised. (Results will be shared by consultant on July 8th)
- Conduct a capital fund raising campaign in the fall with Commitment Sunday being November 24.
- Seek official approval from denomination and hold a Church-Wide vote before hiring architect.
- Interview and select architect and construction firm
- Work with architect on final plans incorporating new ideas as they emerge if deemed appropriate and fit within the scope of feasibility.
- Receive drawings and images from architect and share with congregation.
- Get firm construction costs and timeline for project from construction firm.
- Hold another church-wide vote before construction begins for final approve before moving forward.
- Develop plan for doing ministry and Sunday morning needs during actual construction disruption.
- Keep congregation apprised every step along the way as more information becomes available.

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By the Numbers

Financials

Our 2019 church budget is \$570,000 (including Parents Day Out Ministry)

The church has \$168,500 in its operating account and an additional \$123,500 in a building project fund.

Our average attendance is 235. This number has been consistent over the past several years.

We currently serve approximately 40 youth in middle and high school and 45 children on Sundays and Wednesdays plus others from community. We have 33 children in our Parent's Day Out Ministry.

We hope to raise at least for 2/3 of the project in pledges to be paid out over a three-year commitment. It will likely be necessary to obtain a loan for the other 1/3.

Demographics

The 2018 population of Meade County was 28,658. The population is expected to grow 3.3% by 2023. This does not factor in any growth as anticipated by the arrival of a new steel factory and related business.

Demographic studies estimate that 61.7% of the population of Meade County is not involved in a faith community. It is estimated that on any given Sunday only 25% of the population of Meade County is in church. There are numerous opportunities to invite our community to faith in Jesus and church life.