



First Christian Church
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building relationships...that last forever

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Hello First Christian Church family,

We'd like to give you an update on our proposed Family Life Center. The architect has been busy all through Covid-19 and is nearly finished with the plans. When the plans are finished the steering committee and our church board will review the plans and if they get the green light, we will start the bidding process. If this goes as anticipated bids would come back in in a few weeks and our board will decide if the bids are acceptable.

That's where you all come in. The board wants to do this project with as little debt as possible. So, you will be asked in the weeks ahead to make a commitment of the amount of money you can contribute to this project. But we don't want to ask you to do anything we aren't willing to do.

So, it's with joy and excitement that we want to share with you that our leadership team, and their families, have been polled about their level of commitment. Thursday night at our board meeting those numbers were tallied. **\$700,800** was pledged, in good faith, to be given over 3 years.

\$700,800.00! That's a great start but still a long way from our \$1.2 million figure or the architect's even higher estimate. So, we want to ask you to do 3 things in the days ahead.

1) **Pray!** Pray for this project. Pray for our leadership. Pray for wisdom to be given to the folks making hundreds of decisions as this moves forward. Pray for the lives that will be impacted by our attempts to use what God has blessed us with to grow His church.

2) **Pray!** Pray about your involvement. Pray about how you can be involved in the financial aspect. Pray about how you can be involved in the people aspect. If God provides us with a high-priced **tool** we believe He expects us to use it for His purpose. You haven't been called to sit. You've been called to serve.

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3) **Pray!** Pray that God blesses us with unity. Our leadership has been praying that we will remain united in purpose. Pray that excitement about a building never overshadows excitement about a Savior.

I don't know the time frame of when you will be asked for a financial commitment but probably before the end of this year. I don't know when construction could begin or how long it might take. God knows what's ahead and I promise you our leadership is doing their best to always follow Him.



Matt Bunton
Chairman of Elders



Scott Parker
Chairman of Board