

# **Tabernacle Baptist Church Building Committee Meeting Report July 25, 2021**

The conceptual design phase is complete and ready for review by the church. This plan includes a new structure replacing the red brick buildings. Among its features are the following:

- New main entry to church
- Central reception area
- Redesigned large sanctuary lobby with space for approximately 200 people
- Consolidated administrative office area for church Staff
- Additional meeting and storage rooms for ministry activities
- Flexible youth area with space for 14 classrooms and game area
- Cafe' open to the community with indoor and outdoor seating
- Indoor Playground
- Flexible commons space with access to the concessions stand
- Gymnasium with one 84' x 50' basketball court or two 74' x 42' basketball courts with seating for viewing recreation activities
- Platform in the gymnasium
- Locker rooms with showers
- Additional multi-purpose rooms for Lifegroups, small group rehearsals, meetings, community/civic use
- Room for Brides and/or mothers with infants
- Worship Suite with larger Choir and Orchestra rooms and storage
- Redesigned drop off area with canopy and no steps
- Enclosed passage around Worship Center
- Large gathering area outside the sanctuary

Three listening sessions will be held to give members an opportunity to review and ask questions about the proposed project. Those sessions will be held on:

August 8 – noon

August 15 – noon

August 16 10:00 AM

The Building Committee believe we are at a point where it is prudent to “count the cost” as Luke describes in Luke 14:28. *“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?”* On August 29 after the evening service, we will have an opportunity for the church to approve the next phase of the project, which is the schematic design, CMEP narrative and costing analysis. This phase will first produce more detailed architectural plans coupled with a written description of the types of electrical, heating, air conditioning, plumbing and civil

components that will be necessary throughout the structure. This information will then be passed to a costing consultant, Gleeds. With 135 years of experience in property and construction consulting, Gleeds comes strongly recommended to perform a costing analysis for us. The Building Committee believes having an independent third party not involved in the construction give us an engineered construction cost estimate that will represent the projected costs for all of the project elements including demolition, structural, architectural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and site work related elements. The total cost for this phase of the project is \$77,500, and will take us through the end of this year and into early 2022. It is our desire to give the church the most accurate information we possibly can as we plan the next phases of this project, and we would consider this money well spent. Members wishing to make contributions toward the expenses of this or any other future phases can continue to make gifts to Capture the Vision.

We also are placing the concept drawings on the church website along with a form you can fill out and email if you have questions or suggestions to pass to the Building Committee. The website address is:

[tabernaclebaptist.org/building](http://tabernaclebaptist.org/building)

Anyone can go to the website, look over the drawings and ask any questions they may have prior to making a decision on August 29. Please note the decision on August 29 is only for the costing phase of the project. We still anticipate coming back to the church once we know the estimated cost with a recommendation about how and when to proceed to the next phase.

Building Committee members are:

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Respectfully submitted,

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