



Building *with* 20/20 Vision

II Corinthians 10:15b-16a

A few weeks ago, I invited some newcomers to my Life Group. They respectfully declined. When I reached my Life Group, the room was full. I was uncomfortably relieved that my invitation had not been accepted as there would have been no place for the new couple to sit. This experience highlights why we are going to be building with 20/20 vision. The Church Elders have approved a pledge campaign to raise money for an education annex to the Church. We are calling it “Building with 20/20 Vision” as it is a three-year campaign that will start in 2017 and end in 2020. We have a clear 20/20 vision of where and how God wants us to continue to In 2015 most of us participated in a survey of church facility space options. The consensus was that we have enough room in the auditorium but need more classroom space for King’s Kids, Youth, AWANA, and Life Groups. Life Groups are a major part of our church DNA. They provide an opportunity for Bible Study, building relationships, service and outreach. A large per cent of our regular attenders are in Life Groups. Newcomers make the decision to stay with our church once they are included in a Life Group. The survey also indicated that most of us want the Life Groups to continue to meet on Sundays at the Church. But to do this we need more classroom space. The church Elders then drew up a tentative plan for an approximately 50 by 100 feet annex that would add classrooms, additional restrooms and a full-service kitchen. The estimated cost was \$600,000.00.

In 2016 30% of the Church body participated in in a feasibility study conducted by the North American Baptist association to see if we could support a building program. The study indicated that the congregation understood the ministry objectives of the church, saw the need for the proposed annex, but might not be able to support the full \$600,000.00. The Elders then decided to begin a Capital Campaign involving the whole Church to determine what size of building program the congregation will choose to support.

A Capital Campaign Committee was established to educate the congregation on the plan and ask for pledges to support a building program. The campaign will culminate in the next two months. Campaign committee members will visit each Life Group in March to explain the proposed building program and hand out information packets which will include a three-year pledge card. Meetings for those not in a Life Group or unable to attend their Life Group on the designated Sunday will also be scheduled.

Friday evening, **March 31st** we will have an all Church event to celebrate the history of the Church, highlight the need, and look to the future with 20/20 vision. Sunday, **April 2nd** will be

commitment Sunday when pledge cards will be turned in. Please note that pledges will be confidential. Only the Church Financial Secretary who tracks individual giving for tax purposes will know what amounts are pledged by individuals and families. The total pledged amount will be announced on Sunday, **April 9th**.

On April 30th, the Church will hold a business meeting to vote on the proposed building program. The Elders' proposal at that time will be based on their prayerful two years of study of the needs of the Church and the results of the pledge campaign. Only then will the congregation be asked to make their initial contributions to the building program, with the rest to be donated over a three-year period ending in 20/20.

What each of us needs to do now is pray. This not really about a building. It is about furthering God's ministry here on earth. Pray that the Lord will guide us individually and the Elders and congregation collectively.

In Christ,

John Mills

CCBC Capital Campaign Committee Chairman