



renovation & restoration

Capital Campaign 2005-2008

Renovation & Restoration FAQ Sheet

Q. Why is FBC entering into a Capital Campaign?

A. First Baptist Church is raising funds to repair and maintain our church building. Several issues dealing with the infrastructure of the church including the roof, stain glass window support, etc. demand immediate attention. These repairs will ensure our continued ministry in downtown Minneapolis by minimizing the risk of further water and structural issues. These improvements will also reduce the annual operating cost of the building by making the building more energy efficient and minimizing annual repair bills. The campaign has a foundation goal of \$1.5 million, a stretch goal of \$3 million, and a miracle goal of \$6 million. The foundation goal will help us achieve our immediate infrastructure needs. The stretch and miracle goals will allow us to pursue interior improvements which will enhance our current and future ministries.

Q. What projects will be completed with the foundation goal?

A. For the safety and maintenance of our building the following infrastructure projects were approved by the Church Board and Trustees: exterior retuckpointing (completed), new sanctuary roof, electrical upgrades, stained glass window frame repair, condensation pump replacement, exterior door and window replacement, and security system installation. A breakdown of the total cost for each of these individual projects is available from the church office.

Q. What additional interior projects will be considered? How will they be prioritized?

A. Seven interior renovation projects were presented at congregational tours in the early part of 2005. Those options in order of priority as determined by congregational vote are: (1) Atrium, (2) Gymnasium, (3) Sanctuary, (4) Fellowship Hall, (5) Children's/Nursery Area, and (6) Community Gathering Area/Coffee Shop. We will pursue interior renovation projects as money is available.

Q. How will this campaign impact the long-term vision of FBC?

A. The church's statement of direction confirms that outreach locally and internationally is an important part of who we are as a body of believers in Christ. Further, the congregation feels that God wants us to remain in ministry in downtown Minneapolis. By preserving the infrastructure of the building and enhancing interior spaces, we will be able to advance both of these objectives.

Q. When did FBC last do a Capital Campaign and how much did it cost?

A. The last campaign was used to fund the construction of our current Atrium. The campaign was conducted from 1982 to 1985 and raised over \$500,000 in the three year period though monies continued to be designated to the fund for several years after the campaign had officially ended.

Q. When will the work begin?

A. Work will begin as funds arrive.

Q. What factors did the Church Board consider in its decision to stay downtown in this building?

A. The recent congregational survey revealed that the vast majority of members believe that God wants us to remain in ministry in downtown Minneapolis. It would be very difficult to remain in Minneapolis unless we stay in our current building. At current rates it would cost approximately \$600,000 a year to lease space in the downtown area and buying an existing facility with similar square footage would cost between 8 and 12 million dollars. All of these factors lead us to believe that we should stay in our current facility.

Q. How do I determine how much I should give to the campaign?

A. The first step in determining how much to contribute starts with prayer. Ask God for guidance and wisdom for how much to give. You should also consider various dollar amounts and see how much of an impact they would have on your monthly budget. Please remember that giving to the capital campaign should not be at the expense of other giving to the church (such as ministry and missions). The amount you pledge should be above and beyond what you already give.

Q. How can I pledge to the campaign?

A. Pledge cards and a giving guide will be distributed on Sunday, July 24th. We will publicly dedicate our commitments to the Lord on Sunday, September 11th. Please plan to bring or turn in your pledge cards prior to the Sunday. The following Sunday, September 18th, we will have a chance to celebrate the commitments that have been made and rejoice for the Lord's provision. Commitments and contributions will be accepted at any time during the campaign. All giving information will be kept confidential.

Q. What additional options for fundraising are being pursued?

A. The Capital Campaign Committee is researching the possibility of events such as concerts and fundraising events with outside ministry partners.

The Capital Campaign Committee would also like to make contact with past members, their families, and friends of First Baptist who might be interested in contributing to this effort. If you have names, addresses, and telephone numbers of individuals that should be contacted, please call the church office.