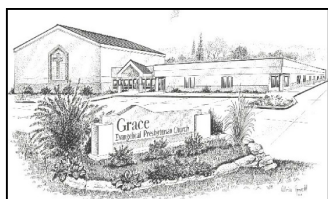




Grace to Begin Building Expansion

Readiness Assessment Results Are in



In August, Grace's elders asked The Church Development Foundation, a Kansas-City based church consulting firm, to conduct a church readiness assessment to determine if now is the appropriate time to embark on a building expansion project. Fifty members were interviewed, and 95 other individuals and couples provided feedback through a written survey.

The results of the survey were recently shared with the session, and now we want to share some of the

key findings with the church body. Overall, the survey found that there is strong support to begin a building expansion project.

Study Findings

✓ Ninety percent (90%) of those surveyed indicate

Grace is effective at helping them grow as disciples of Christ.

✓ Ninety-seven percent (97%) of those surveyed have confidence in Pastor Bill's leadership. Confidence in the staff and elders is also high (89% and 86% respectively).

✓ Eighty-five percent (85%) of all respondents think the financial condition of Grace is very strong.

✓ Eighty-three percent

(83%) of respondents indicated a strong or very strong sense of urgency for Grace to begin seeking financial commitments and contributions to proceed with a building expansion in the near future.

✓ Respondents felt that communicating about how the expansion connects to the church's mission, the future direction of the church, and the church's financial health were the key elements to achieving success in a building expansion project.

✓ Ninety-three percent (93%) said "yes" they would be willing to financially support a building expansion.

✓ Grace members and regular attendees will support a building expansion!

From the Pastor

Here we go.

For some time we have realized that we are out of space for Sunday school and worship. While our elders have considered various options, it has seemed best to move in the direction of adding to our present site (note my talk on Wednesday

evening, April 23 and the May 5 LOG).

This requires that we proceed along two lines: First, to consider what we could build that would meet our present need and prepare for future ministry. Second, to consider if we can afford what we need. Our building team and

architects are working on the first. For the second, we, along with our consultants, The Church Development Foundation, found by surveying the church that our giving potential and support for a building expansion project is extremely strong at this time. *continued on reverse*

Building Expansion Ministry Teams to Begin Work October 5th



Our building expansion efforts this fall will be supported by several ministry teams. The first meeting to launch the stewardship education process concerning financial commitments for the building expansion will be held on **Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 12:30 to 2 pm at the church. Lunch will be provided. Please join us and serve on a ministry team during this exciting time for our church.**

Most of the teams will meet three or four times between now and December 7th. These teams will help make decisions about a number of aspects concerning our asking for financial commitments for the building project. This is your opportunity to lend your skills and abilities to help advance the vision and mission of our church. We need your input!

Ministry Teams

The six ministry teams that are looking for volunteers for this short-term project are:

Prayer Team

Prayer will be the foundation of our effort. This team will coordinate and lead the prayer effort and plan ways for the church to come together to seek God's direction and blessing for our building plans.

Events Team

This team will plan our kickoff event, as well as informational meetings and dinners.

Thanks Team

The Thanks team will develop

appropriate ways to recognize those who make a faith promise to our building project.

Youth Team

This team will focus on ways the youth of the church can be involved the building expansion efforts.

Ambassador Team

The Ambassadors will serve as the "contact people" for each of our members and attendees. They will be trained to answer questions and ensure that each person gets the information they need about the financial aspects of this project.]

Communications Team

Members of this group will develop a project theme, newsletters, and a logo for the project. They will also assist in producing brochures and other informational materials.

To sign up for a team, or if you need more information, call Bob Woods at 785-843-2005. See you on October 5th!

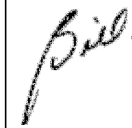
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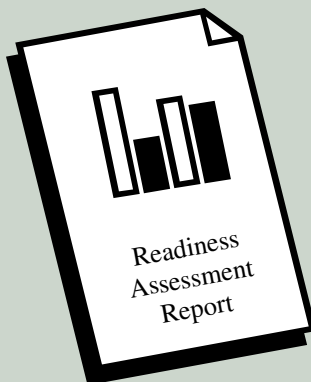
Over the course of the next two months, we will have the opportunity to joyfully agree on a plan for the future and support it through a faith promise gift.

So, stay tuned. We'll be sharing a lot of information in the weeks ahead. And please participate with us in this. Consider being a part of one of our ministry teams as explained below. And pray. Pray that we will do that which is pleasing to God.

Blessings,



Recommendations from the Readiness Assessment



Based on the results of the readiness assessment, The Church Development Foundation has made the following recommendations:

1. Begin conducting a stewardship education process concerning financial commitments for the building expansion in the fall of 2008.
2. Base the efforts to seek financial support on prayer and God's leading.
3. Plan ways so that we will all be involved with the efforts to seek financial support for the building expansion project.
4. Establish a planned giving program to support the future ministry efforts of the church beyond this fall's focus on building expansion.