

A LETTER FROM JAMES

Our long-range master plan is the culmination of several years of immediate work, and the collective wisdom of First Baptist Church members who have sacrificed their lives and fortunes in over one hundred and twenty-five years of service to the King of kings in Bartlesville. God has already used us to make this church what it is, and He is leading us to be a part of what He wants to do in the future.

This project proposal represents our direction for a new era of ministry—one that will carry us into the next 40+ years of service, and that will facilitate our vision of prayer, evangelism, and discipleship resulting in sending many into harvest fields to gather sons and daughters for Christ. It positions us to be used by God to more effectively impact the eternity of family, friends, neighbors and co-workers here and around the world.

As best we can discern, these well-thought-out plans are in line with God's will. They call us to great faith and represent our sincere desire to passionately pursue the mission of the Gospel. With this in mind, I am asking all of us to prayerfully read these plans and then pray about making a real, sacrificial, financial gift to the Lord to make this vision a reality.

While considering this direction, and growing forward together, may God grant us the strength to do even greater things than this.

Your Pastor,
James Biesiadecki



Master Plan Actualization Committee

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WHAT'S THE PLAN?

What to Expect and Approximately When



February 9, 2020 - Vote, Then Complete Contracts

A final vote to approve spending for the project will be taken during the morning worship service. Once approved, contracts will be signed so that work may begin.



February 2020 - Sewer Relocation

Sanitary sewer will be relocated along 5th Street, east across Cherokee.



March 2020 - Relocate offices, etc. Preliminary Work Begins

Offices around the chapel and nursery will be relocated to the second floor near the East Sanctuary. The library will be closed. Signs will be posted with new locations.



April 2020 - Groundbreaking

After Easter, a groundbreaking ceremony will signal the official start of the renovations.



May 2020 - Demolition and Infrastructure Work Begins

Parts of the building undergoing renovation will be closed off for demolition. Concrete/earthwork and steel installation will begin in the alleyway.



October 2020 - Framing Work Begins

New walls will go up in the nursery, preschool, restrooms and gathering space.



December 2020 - Exterior & Interior Work Begins

Elevation, paint, carpet, drywall, cabinetry, light fixtures, windows, bricks, roofing, bathroom fixtures - All the finishing touches will be installed.



April 2021 - Grand Opening

We hope to welcome everyone to our new space to celebrate Easter Sunday together.



FIRST THINGS

The Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Motion from Pastor James Biesiadecki

Whereas we, the members of First Baptist Church, have sought the Lord faithfully through the counsel of His sacred Word, and in prayer and fasting, and have not hastily entered into this action, and

whereas we have considered the biblical principles of stewardship, faith, and sacrificial giving, and believe the vision for our church is to be the praying, evangelizing,

A CALL TO ACTION MOTION TO BE PRESENTED FEB 9

disciple making, and sending church that Christ has called us to be, and

whereas we believe we exist as an extension of great, godly men and women, living and dead, who have given their lives to the sacred work of Gospel advancement in and around Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and

whereas we believe our church, having been the first church in Bartlesville, will continue to be one of magnificent and perpetual impact in our city, and

whereas the Long Range Master Plan committees have done their due diligence beyond all expectations of duty, and this master plan and its intricacies have been discussed and shaped by those committees, with input from the ministry staff, many key leaders in our church, the finance committee chairman, the deacon body, and the church at large, and has been an open point of discussion since the adoption of the master plan in October of 2017,

And whereas as the senior pastor, I have have been called by God, and this church, to faithfully execute my duties of leadership to the glory of God and the good of His church, and in such have sought and synthesized all possible counsel from the Lord, from our church, and from many outside counselors:

I move that we immediately proceed with Phase 1 in continuation of the Long Range Master Plan adopted by church action in August of 2014 (and as now presented by the Master Plan Actualization Committee) for a total construction cost of \$5.4 million;

and I further recommend that we as a church commit to fulfilling our current pledges, and commit to giving sacrificially beyond that until Phase 1 is paid for as recommended by the Master Plan Capital Development Committee.

I further move that we authorize our church administrator to direct and complete all requirements to secure the additional funds required to manage cashflow and payoff of this project as deemed necessary, up to \$3 million, from the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, and under the guidance of our Finance Committee.

I finally move that we continually call on God, who is the great provider and owner of heaven and earth, to provide all the resources necessary to meet these needs.

FEBRUARY 2020

1 GROWING FORWARD EDITION

Updates will address safety issues, plumbing, heating & cooling efficiency and more. Read all about it!

2 VISION FOR FUTURE MINISTRY

Read about the whys and hows, crunch some numbers and be inspired by a letter from James.

3 RENOVATION DETAILS

It might get a bit messy sometimes, but check out the approximate timeline on back.



MASTER PLAN

PHASE 1 PROPOSAL

5.4M **1.9M** **33%** **57%**

Total construction estimates from contractor-including \$500k contingency

Total Growing Forward giving to date

Completion of current pledges toward total project

Completion of current pledged amount

WHY GROWING FORWARD?

- The plan carries us into the next generation of ministry.
- It is a total Master Plan and well thought through.
- It solves the biggest problems with our facilities.
- It prepares the way for the completion of the Master Plan.
- Calls us to faith, good stewardship, and great sacrifice.
- It benefits every age group in our church.
- It facilitates the vision of Prayer, Evangelism, Discipleship and Sending.

Nursery & Preschool
- Remodeled spaces for our youngest attendees
- Secure check-in
- Life saving fire sprinkler system



Updates to Infrastructure
- More efficient heating and air conditioning in all new areas
- New windows in the Education Building
- Repair of structural issues to safely connect the buildings lining the alley

ADA Compliance
- Safer navigation around campus
- Larger double-door elevator to ALL levels
- Larger stairwells and family restrooms



GROUND FLOOR

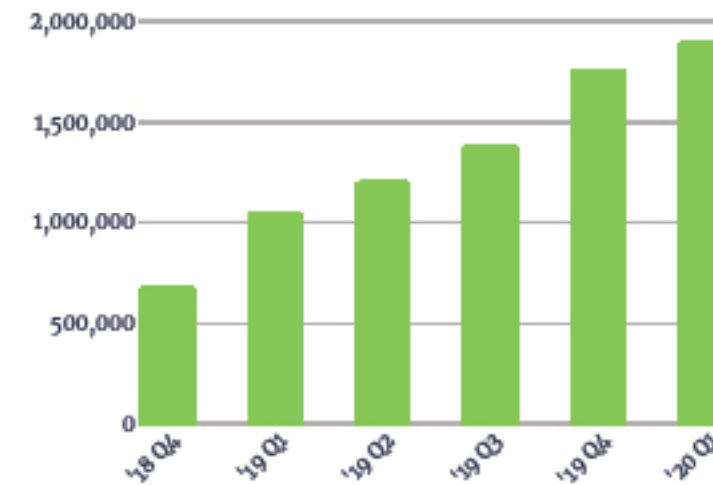


MASTER PLAN ACTUALIZATION COMMITTEE

Greg Dalton, Dale Johnson, Lon Erwin, Larry Dennis, Dan Blackburn, Bill Trout, Margaret Lanning & Jack White

MASTER PLAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

John Lanning, Aaron Archambo, Brad Munro, A.C. Holden, Larry East, Ed Browning & Bill Fesler



WHAT IS THE PATTERN OF GIVING?

The faithful, sacrificial giving of our church family has demonstrated a desire consistent with the adoption of the Master Plan in 2014. We will not boast about what tomorrow holds, but this trajectory would bring us well beyond the pledged amount, and continued sacrifice would get us there.

WHAT ARE WE PROJECTING?

If giving patterns continue, we will have accumulated \$3.5 million by the end of 2021. We are calling for extended sacrificial giving until Phase 1 is paid for. This would involve a line of credit with the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma for up to \$3 million.

WHAT IS THE CONTINGENCY PLAN?

If no giving came in beyond the pledged amount, we would adjust the general budget, and would pay the debt accordingly.

BALANCE OWED WITH CONTINUED GIVING

