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# BUILDTOGETHER

WE FULFILL HIS VISION **TOGETHER**

*Let us run with perseverance the race*

*marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on*

*Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.*

Hebrews 12:1-2



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Montgomery, Alabama

# MY BELOVED FBC FAMILY,

Facilities facilitate ministries! So it is time for us to create some new and improved facilities that will enable us to be more effective servants of King Jesus.

In 2017-2018, we created and adopted a facilities analysis plan. We dove deep into an examination of the 372,000 square feet of buildings that comprise our campus. Our team of 17 friends plus the church staff prayerfully asked the question: **What is the best use of our facilities that will produce the maximum Kingdom Impact?** These prayerful and careful considerations yielded four objectives.

- 1) Remodel adult classrooms on the 5th and 6th floors of the main building to give us a capacity for 420 people to facilitate disciple-making.
- 2) Grow our International Ministry by reconfiguring the Miller building to facilitate this vital ministry.
- 3) Transform the media center by the sanctuary to an open welcome center to facilitate fellowship.
- 4) Create a new Caring Center. Our Community Ministries is the heart of FBC. We meet a vast array of needs for God's children. This Ministry impacts tens of thousands of lives. Twenty years ago, we acquired the old First Presbyterian facility and we've used it effectively. However, the buildings are deteriorating, and they are a maintenance "money pit." After three years of study, we determined our best option is to build a new facility that will enable Community Ministries to expand and effectively touch even more people in the future with the love and light of Jesus Christ.

After much prayerful and careful study, the plans have been created and it's time to invite our wonderful church family to provide the funding for these projects that will facilitate God's work at FBC for decades to come. **Seek God's guidance regarding how you can financially support this exciting opportunity to serve King Jesus by ministering more effectively to more of His children.**

It boils down to this truth: Will you give your minimum or MAXIMUM? Jesus gave His best and most for us, so we are compelled to give our best and most for Him.

Join me in using your earthly resources to make an eternal difference as we **BUILD TOGETHER!**

With great love, appreciation and anticipation,



Jay Wolf | Pastor



*"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."*

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

*"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

## GIVING SCHEDULE

If you give weekly	Then you will give monthly*	Then you will give annually*	Then you will give in 3 years*
\$5	\$20	\$240	\$720
\$10	\$40	\$480	\$1,440
\$25	\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$40	\$160	\$1,920	\$5,760
\$50	\$200	\$2,400	\$7,200
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$100	\$400	\$4,800	\$14,400
\$150	\$600	\$7,200	\$21,600
\$200	\$800	\$9,600	\$48,800
\$250	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
\$300	\$1,200	\$14,400	\$43,200
\$500	\$2,000	\$24,000	\$72,000
\$750	\$3,000	\$36,000	\$108,000
\$1,000	\$4,000	\$48,000	\$144,000

\*Based on 4-Sunday Month



Victory Goal • \$3,500,000    Challenge Goal • \$4,500,000    Hallelujah Goal • \$6,000,000

*"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly for 156 weeks or  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for 36 months or  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Three Year Total**

Members of Family Participating in Gift:

Name	Amount

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This statement of intention may be revised or cancelled should circumstances make it necessary.

**"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." — Jesus (Matthew 6:20)**

*It is exciting to be a part of a body of believers that has a vision and plan "for loving our neighbors as ourselves." We take seriously one of the basic tenets of Jesus' teachings that to know God is to love and care for "the least of these." For the last 30 years Community Ministries, through the Caring Center, has given hope to the most vulnerable and powerless in our society. It has become the first stop in the River Region for those seeking help. Planning for growth has become necessary because of the need for improved space, storage, and parking. Your support in the past has been phenomenal. We have reached a point that we need your additional support in order to continue to fulfill our calling and responsibility to make the love of God visible through acts of mercy and compassion.*

Jane Ferguson

*I will not offer unto God that which costs me nothing.*

*2 Samuel 24:24*

## NOT EQUAL GIFTS, BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE

Each FBC member has the opportunity to join God in His work at FBC. Our actions in **BUILD TOGETHER** serve to strengthen our relationship to God through our obedience, express our gratitude to God for all that He has done for us, encourage the body of believers through the examples we set, and expand our capacity to carry out the Great Commission as God works through us.

As we enter the **BUILD TOGETHER** campaign, consider the part your family will play.

- Pray that God will show you what He wants your family to give and how your family will be involved.
- Anticipate what God will do through your sacrifice.
- Commit to do the part God has designated for your family.
- Give sacrificially.
- See what God will do, in the life of FBC and in the life of your family, through your obedience.

## WAYS TO GIVE

### Give A Cash Gift

Ask God to help you find creative ways to increase your gift. You might consider income from savings, tax refunds, garage sales, a part time job, reducing your expenses, deferring a major purchase, etc. Involve your whole family in the giving process.

### Make a 36 month giving pledge

You can give far more when it is spread out over time. Please take advantage of this option.

### Give a Gift of Assets

You can give real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, gold, other property, etc.

### Make the Church a Beneficiary of Your Will

There are many tools available to you now that can benefit your church and leave an inheritance for your heirs at the same time.

*Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32) Almost 30 years ago, Ann and I joined First Baptist because we saw a sweet fellowship of believers committed to lifting the name of Jesus up from the neighborhood to the nations. Lifting up the name of Jesus starts with growing our Bible Fellowship Classes. We are so excited about the renovation of the fifth and sixth floors of the main building, which will more than meet our education space needs for the future. In 1970, the Carpenters, recorded a beautiful song called "We've only just begun." That song title says it all—what kind of amazing ministries will be born over the next 3 years? Please join Ann and I in giving sacrificially to our BUILD TOGETHER Emphasis as we see lives changed in the name of Jesus through our faithful efforts to better welcome, disciple, and care for God's children.*

Chuck and Ann Ashley

## OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

### WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Four years ago, our church began an assessment of our facilities and future ministries. A Facility Analysis Team was approved and this team began to pray, meet, study, and plan for our future needs. After proper time and communication with our congregation, their recommendations were presented and **unanimously approved on May 20, 2018.**

#### This plan included:

##### Property Acquisition

- Mendelsohn Building Purchase – approved by FBC. Task accomplished.
- The Rudder Parking Lot should remain a top priority for FBC because of its proximity to current FBC properties.

##### Education Space

- Renovate 5th and 6th floor of Main Building
- Relocate Single Adults from 6th Floor Main to Current Senior Adult Center.

##### Huff Community Ministries Building

- Raze entire Huff Community Ministries Building
- Preserve historical elements of building where possible
- Construct a functional Caring Center facility and FBC storage facility with a much smaller footprint (15,000-25,000 square feet) than current Huff Building

##### Miscellaneous

- Renovate Miller Building
- Relocate FBC Media Center
- Renovate current Media Center space to become welcome center, coffee shop, prayer room
- Encourage enhanced use of FBC Kitchen

##### Other

- Appoint committees through the Church Leadership Council as needed to accomplish tasks

### WHAT WE ARE DOING

Now we are moving into the implementation of the plan we approved May of 2018. Our **BUILD TOGETHER** emphasis will assist our church in meeting her funding needs for our upcoming building projects and provide for a vibrant ministry into the future. It is our goal to ensure that God's Word will be studied and proclaimed to future generations and to all nations. We desire to be certain that our facilities are viewed as tools to properly facilitate our ministries. And we wish to provide an inviting and welcoming atmosphere to enable us to continue to reach new people.

Victory Goal • \$3,500,000

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## SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Our **BUILDTOGETHER** emphasis includes four major areas of construction, renovation, and enhancement for our ministries.

### These areas include:

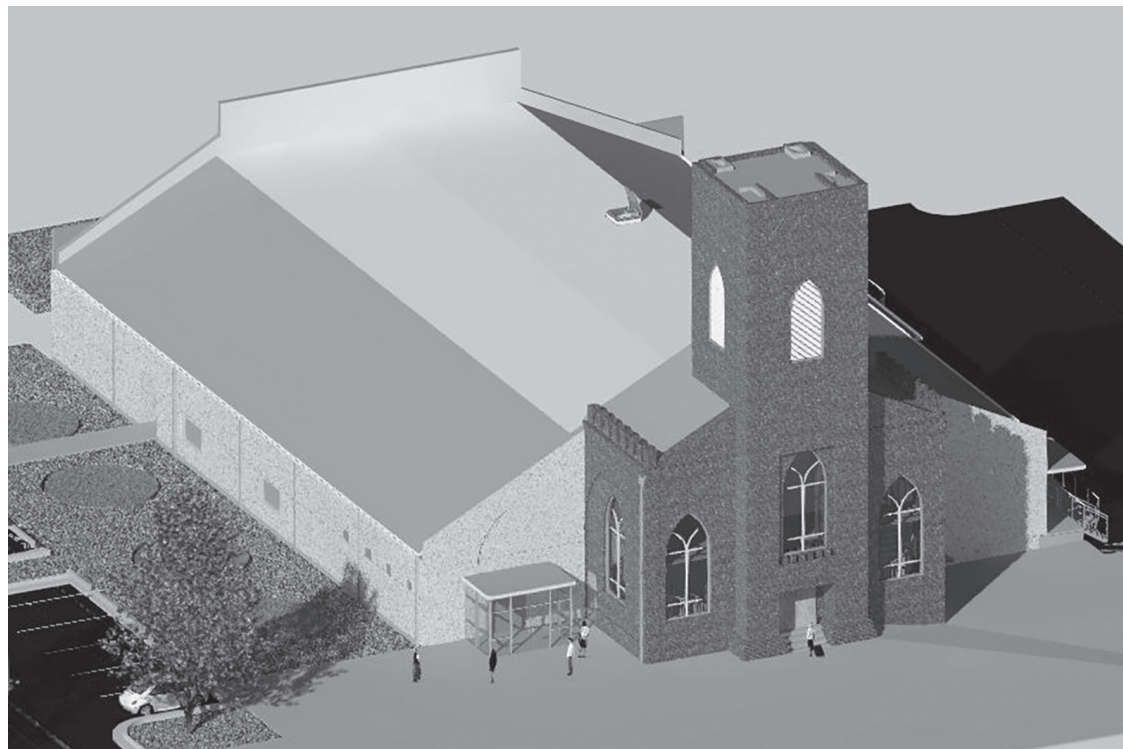
- The renovation of both the 5th and 6th floors of our main building education space. This area will be reconfigured to meet our needs for future adult space.
- The renovation of the first floor of the Miller Building (office building near fellowship hall entrance). This area will be repurposed to house our growing international ministries and enable us to continue to reach all nations with the gospel.
- The renovation of the existing media center (in main sanctuary) and transforming this space into a welcome center and gathering area. This will enhance fellowship, communication, and hallway traffic flow during busy times.
- To replace the existing Huff Building with a small and more functional building for our Community Ministries usage. While the destruction of the old First Presbyterian facility is not a pleasant thought, it is necessary. The sanctuary bell tower and historical façade may be saved and incorporated into a new, safe, and more sustainable facility that we can use for generations to come.

*“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

*Matthew 6:20-21*

*Our International Ministry continues to grow as we welcome strangers who are here. We are the pleasing aroma of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14-15) to all who come to FBC for English classes or to visit. International families often describe their time at FBC as a place of peace, where they feel welcome, safe, and valued. The Miller Building will be a gathering place of peace in an unfamiliar place. It will have the pleasing aroma of Christ. We are thankful for an Acts 1:8 church family who spreads the fragrance of Christ to those who are here.*

Tommy and Susan West



## OUR PRIVILEGE

Thanks be to God that people long ago invested sacrificially and faithfully in providing what we enjoy today. They counted it a privilege to see that succeeding generations would have a place for discovering and developing an eternal relationship with God in Christ.

We stand at a crucial crossroads that will forever impact the ministry and mission of our church. People continue to find First Baptist Montgomery a place where they can experience faith and friendship, where they can get involved and be inspired, where they can serve and be served. Years ago, we made the intentional choice to stay downtown and stay near the need. God has blessed those efforts more than we could have ever imagined. Now we must do more to meet the needs of the hurting around us. What greater privilege could we have as a congregation than proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who enter this place?

Our facilities must be expanded to accommodate our growing needs. Never have we had a more opportune time to build. It's our privilege!

## OUR PARTICIPATION

Our purpose is righteous. Our privilege is great. Our priorities have been prayed over, researched, and established. Our plan is clear. Our sacrificial participation is necessary.

In order for a project of this magnitude to become a success, it will take the sacrificial efforts of each and every one of us. The history of First Baptist Church proves that prayer, hard work, and dedication can make a difference. This is a time to build...for God...for others...for eternity. This is our time to prepare for the future. Will you do your part?

*We serve an amazing God who continues to amaze us every moment of our lives. We are entering a time and opportunity to be part of a building program that will have a heavenly impact on multitudes of lives for many years to come. Lives that are with us now and those that are yet to be born. This is an awesome opportunity that God has laid before us. Dream with us of the days that many will know the peace and love of Jesus because of the steps of faith we are about to take. Join with us as we celebrate and financially support this assignment from our Lord.*

Joe and Pat Watkins

*“So that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”*

*Ephesians 4:12-13*