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Dear Church Family,

Looking to our future is exciting. This past year we have seen an exponential growth in the area of missions both giving and going. Numerous outreaches in our local area are prospering to include Prison Ministry, Hope Shelter, Haven of Hope, Church Under the Bridge, Needs and Seeds, and the list goes on. Missions to Arlington, Tacoma, Peru, the border and strategic partnerships to feed the hungry and rescue the hurting, helpless and hopeless are all prospering. We have seen attendance grow and baptisms increase. Through the faithful giving of this congregation and the wise fiscal management of tithes and offerings we have seen a 6.5 million dollar debt reduced to under \$750,000. By this time next year that note will be paid off in full. God is blessing as we continue going *"from strength to strength."*

As the ministries of our church continue to expand the need to expand facilities has arrived. We have an outstanding team presently working on the next phase of construction. Most of you know this includes a multi-purpose facility and increased educational space. The potential site and size of the project has been determined and interior details are being considered. These will all be presented to you, the congregation, for approval before any construction begins. Our goal, with God's leading and church approval, is to be ready to proceed by next summer. What you may not be aware of is how great the need is for this project.

One of the most exciting things to me about pastoring this wonderful church is the seven day a week ministry she provides. Our facilities are filled with children and adults every day of the week. Seldom do you find our facilities empty. As a result ministries are finding it increasingly difficult to schedule locations for ministry. Our facilities are simply not adequate to house all that God is leading us to do.

We currently have an auditorium that is capable of holding 3000 in two services on Sunday morning. But our educational space can only hold about 1600 in two Sunday Schools filling every available room to full capacity. Our church is a very unusual church in that our attendance in Sunday School is almost the same as our attendance in worship. At the present time we are averaging nearly 1200 in Sunday School. That gives us very little room for growth when you remember that it is virtually impossible to fill a facility to maximum capacity and maintain that number. More space is essential if we are going to continue to reach and disciple more people. Another factor that we must face is the aging of our facilities and the inevitable need to replace some of them. This cannot be accomplished without first providing space to replace existing facilities while facilitating continued growth.

It is also our hope to expand the outreach potential of our congregation through recreational outreach. The multi-purpose facility will greatly increase our opportunity to reach into the community and meet a need through Upwards Basketball, Volleyball and other intramural sports. We also have a strong desire to be able to respond to a major disaster that might occur by having a facility that could be used as a disaster relief staging location. Ministries such as our upcoming Feed My Starving Children could be conducted on campus rather than in a rented facility. Church-wide fellowships as well as departmental fellowships will also be greatly enhanced by a building that is multi-functional in nature.

Another driving factor in the new construction is our Academy. The Father has uniquely chosen us to house one of the finest Christian Academies in the nation. Currently our athletic program has to rent facilities and travel at very odd hours to conduct practices and host home games. The new facilities will greatly enhance what we can offer families as they seek a Christian education for their children and we pour into the next generation of spiritual leaders.

As your pastor it is my goal to lead us forward in reaching the world for Christ by thrusting us further and further into missions both locally and globally while at the same time building the base of operations right here at 1401 Pat Booker. It is my heart, and I believe God's leading, to expand our outreach while we expand our ministry potential in this location. It is my hope and prayer that we will have one heart and mind as God leads us forward to become the fullness of Christ in this area.

In the coming days we will be having opportunities for you to ask questions and give input to the future of plans of the church. I hope you will take the time and invest the energy to learn all that we are sensing the Father leading us to do and that you will join us in the future of this beautiful Bride of Christ.

In His grip,

Pastor David