



First Baptist Church on Fifth *Life Together* Capital Campaign & Building Project

After months of work and years of church conversations, the Building Project Task Force proudly presents this project to the congregation. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:7, “*we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.*” On the eve of our church house’s 100th anniversary at 501 West Fifth, what better way to celebrate than by tending this treasure we share and deepening our commitments to accessibility, sustainability, hospitality, and legacy!

Accessibility

- **New parking lot** with increased handicapped parking spots, a **driveway dropoff** near the handicapped-accessible door, and a **ramp** from the parking lot up to the door level
- **New sound system in the Sanctuary** with cutting-edge technology, with particular attention to those experiencing hearing loss

Sustainability

- **New energy management system** to ensure more flexibility in isolating zones to heat and cool, and **new blower system** to power the Sanctuary with heat and air
- Installation of **solar panels on the roof** and **electric vehicle chargers in the parking lot** to offset energy costs, create revenue for the church, and grow our practices of sustainability

Hospitality

- **New outdoor pavilion** for gathering and **new playground** for our youngest members
- **New signage and security cameras** to aid in the experience of the church house
- **First floor refresh with new flooring and minor upgrades to the Baraca Room**
- **Completion of prep kitchen** with new appliances and cabinetry

Legacy

- Beautiful **landscaping, a sacred garden, and a columbarium** to remember the saints
- **Patio space with inscribed pavers** of our “great cloud of witnesses”

Building Project FAQ

What is the cost of the project?

The estimated cost is \$2 million.

When will we know the final cost?

We will likely pursue a course of action called “design build,” which enables us to design the details and finishes of the project alongside a general contractor to save cost and time.

Now that we’ve seen the presentation, what happens next?

The church discusses this proposal during the month of August and gathers to vote on the scope of the work on September 4.

Who is leading this project?

The Building Project Task Force includes Gary Knight (co-chair), Rick Matthews (co-chair), John Baxley, Mary Foskett, Rayce Lamb, Lynn Rhoades, Robert Parker, and Kim Wilkinson.

How soon can we get started?

One goal of this project is for it to include “stand-alone” projects that can be accomplished without waiting on others to start. As soon as the church votes to approve the project, we’ll get started!

Cost Estimates

Items	Cost Estimate
Parking lot, outdoor pavilion, playground, legacy garden, columbarium	\$1 - \$1.5M
Energy Management System & Sanctuary Blower	\$225,000
Sanctuary sound system	\$115,000
Signage	\$15,000
Prep Kitchen	\$15,000
Security Cameras	\$25,000
First floor flooring and refresh	\$100,000
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$1.5 - \$2M

Opportunities for Revenue

Items	Up Front Costs
Solar panels	Still evaluating
EV chargers	\$30,000
Rentals of outdoor space for events	included in cost
ESTIMATED TOTAL	?



Life Together

Life Together Capital Campaign FAQ

When does the campaign start?

The silent phase of the campaign occurs in August, and the public phase begins September 8. Commitment Sunday is October 20, & we’ll announce the total raised on November 3.

How does a capital campaign work? And how do I participate?

Capital campaigns are an opportunity to give over and above our regular gifts to the church to accomplish a large project. Gifts of any kind and any size can be given through all the regular channels (online billpay, church website, by check or cash, monthly bank drafts, stock transfers). This campaign will run for two years.

Who is giving leadership to the capital campaign?

The campaign is chaired by Terri Yates, and will be supported by the Finance Committee (Scott Hudgins, Joani Hughes, Gary Knight, David Smelcer, Matt Steen, Kara Thompson, Jim Tew, and Carol Wilkinson).