

NEW SANCTUARY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Matthew 19:26

**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible."**

1. How did FBC Flora develop this building proposal?

August of 2021 - Upon hiring Dr. Mark Sandifer as the Executive Pastor in the Deacon body asked Dr. Sandifer to begin the process of developing a new building plan. After the reinstatement of The Strategic Development Team--Gina Bozeman- Denise Ashley- Courtney Franklin- Clint Brown- Greg Logan - Larry Luby- Mark Phillips- George Shepherd and the church staff--meetings began in **October 2021**.

November 2021 - FBC conducted a month-long prayer event asking God for wisdom and guidance as the SDT and Staff embarked on the building design process.

During the months of January-July 2022 - The SDT continued to meet monthly and consider proposals from:

Southeastern Church Interiors - Mills and Mills Architects - KT Builders - McClesky/Jones Architects - Ricky Blythe/Mississippi Baptist Convention Board/"Challenge to Build" - Shane Orman Construction

July-December 2022- The SDT continued to pray and seek God's will for our new facility. The team typically met every month and, on occasion, two times each month. Floor plans were considered, including costs and size, and current and future needs. After much prayer and a strong sense of God's leadership, the SDT settled on Shane Orman Construction as the builder for a new facility. (**October 2022**).

January - September 2023 - The SDT began designing the facility, including an educational building located just behind the Sanctuary. Visits were made to a couple of local churches to look at what others in our area were building. Much prayer went into this process, and we are very grateful to Shane Orman for his patience with us.

October 2023 -The SDT met with Shane Orman to receive the approximate quote for our new Sanctuary and Educational building. After the meeting we took the rest of 2023 to pray and ask God if we should move forward.

After much prayer, the SDT felt it best to pursue the Sanctuary building which is approximately 29,600 square feet.

The building will house 14 Life Group rooms, a 700 seat Sanctuary, a balcony, a large greeting area, an elevator, choir rooms, storage rooms, etc.

January-February 2024 - The SDT and Staff unanimously proposed that the Deacons and church consider the new Sanctuary proposal.

Current SDT - Gina Bozeman, Courtney Franklin, Clint Brown, Mark Phillips, Will Lawrence, Greg Logan, George Shepherd and the Staff. (Larry Luby and Denise Ashley asked to be removed from the team due to health and time constraints, Will Lawrence was added in January of 2023).

2. How will we pay for the New Sanctuary?

Steps to Pay for the New Sanctuary:

Step 1-Determine Building Designated Cash on Hand:

\$ 9,227.32-building fund-Bank Plus
\$ 79,054.81-building fund-New York Life Securities Money Market
\$ 82,956.84-building fund-New York Life Securities CD
\$ 110,000.00-building fund-New York Life Securities FDA
\$ 32,550.62-building fund-Designated account
\$ 313,789.59-Total Building funds as of April 2024

Step 2-Determine General Funds on Hand:

\$ 535,720.16-Bank Plus-General Fund
\$ 250,162.42-Bank of Yazoo-General Fund
\$ 261,494.13-Trustmark-General Fund
\$ 259,154.23-Renasant Bank-General Fund
\$ 1,306,539.94-Total General Funds as of April 2024

Step 3-Determine how much General Funds money to apply to new Sanctuary:

\$250,000.00 -or- \$500,000.00 -or- \$1,000,000.00 -or- \$1,250,000.00

Step 4-Determine a Lender/Terms/Rates:

- A. Bank Plus--Stephanie Yarbrough 601-879-0106 (received a quote)
- B. Bank of Yazoo-Jamey Carter--601-624-5977 (received a quote)
- C. Renasant Bank-Brooke Aycock-601-605-6700 (waiting on quote)

Step 5 - Conduct a 3-year building campaign

Implement the "Challenge to Build" program with Rick Blythe and the Mississippi Baptist Convention. FBC Flora may be able to raise between \$1.8 million and \$ 3.2 million, which would be a Hallelujah goal!

- A. Strive to raise twice the current annual budget of FBC Flora
- B. Current budget 1.6 million times two = 3.2 million
- C. Determine team members for the "Challenge to Build" campaign.
- D. Plan and complete the various steps in the building campaign. Basically, a 3- month process.
- E. Kick-Off the campaign. Approximately a 3-4-week process.

Cost for "Challenge to Build Campaign"

MBCB charges \$ 10.00 per average church attendee (479) to conduct the campaign

MBCB costs for campaign:

\$ 4,790.00 Printed material to promote the campaign:

\$ 3,500.00 Postage, response cards:

\$ 1,710.00 Personnel fees

TOTAL CAMPAIGN FEES: \$ 10,000.00

Step 6-Possible second "Challenge to Build Campaign"

FBC Flora may need a second campaign in years 4, 5 & 6 to secure funds to pay-off the loans.

Step 7-Understand our "Halleluiah Challenge to Build" payment option:

DESIGNATED BUILDING FUND - \$ 313,789.59

CASH ON HAND - \$ 250,000.00 up to \$1,250,000.00 (+/-). The church will determine how much to apply.

FUNDS RAISED - \$ 3,200,000.00 - Our Halleluiah Challenge to Build Goal.

BANK LOAN – Whatever the balance will be on the new Sanctuary. This will be repaid monthly and be included in the church budget.

3. What will happen to the current Sanctuary and Main Building?

The Strategic Development Team suggests that the current facilities continue to be used for Life Group space, Refresh, meetings and the like.

4. Where will the New Sanctuary be located?

The building will be on the corner of Center Street and North First Street, the building will face North (towards the Jones House). Parking will be available for guests and Senior Adults on the West side (North First Street) of the building.

5. What will each church member need to do to help with building costs?

Each church member will be asked to **PRAY** and ask God what you should give.

Then, make a 3-year pledge to help raise the \$3,200,000.00 Hallelujah Goal!

Also, each church member will be challenged to give a tithe of at least 10% of your income to the church.

Without every church member pledging and tithing, it will be difficult to build a new facility. This new facility will require sacrificial giving from every church member.

6. How long will it take to build the new facility?

Shane Orman Construction believes that the facility can be built in 12-18 months, weather permitting and funds being available.

7. What additional costs will the new building require?

- a. Utilities
- b. Cleaning
- c. Insurance

8. What are the benefits of planning a church construction project using the design-build process?

A design-build process with a qualified firm offers all kinds of advantages that will save us time and money. Why is this? When you work with a design-build contractor, it's a one-stop-shop. The firm that designs your church is the same one that builds it. Everything is done in-house, which makes for a much more cohesive process than one that is cobbled together with a separate architect and a large assortment of individual contractors who don't all have their eye on the same goal.

9. Who will make changes to the proposed building?

The Strategic Development Team will work in conjunction with the builder and architect to make any necessary changes to the building.

10. How will the members of FBC Flora know all about the proposed building plans?

Multiple Question and Answer (Q&A) meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Week 1: Mark's article in SCOPE about building.
- Text blast out to church & Life Groups on Monday, June 3 – post on Social media: Big announcement coming Sunday.
- Week 2: Jon & Mark Speak on building program on Sun AM, 6/9, in both services.
- Pics/Diagram of proposed building displayed in 4 different locations around church. Staff & deacons available for Q & A at each location
- Sun., 6/9 – Q & A – 6 PM in CLC
- Wed., 6/12 - Q & A – 6:30 during REFRESH & afterwards for choir & children's workers
- Week 3: Sun., 6/16 – Pics/Diagram of proposed building displayed in 4 different locations around church. Staff & deacons available for Q & A at each location (no Q & A that evening due to Father's Day)
- Wed., 6/19 – Jon on mission trip – Mark preach in REFRESH – Q & A during REFRESH & afterwards
- Week 4: Sun., 6/23 – Pics/Diagram of proposed building displayed in 4 different locations around church. Staff & deacons available for Q & A at each location
- Sun., 6/23 – Q & A – 6 PM in CLC
- Wed., 6/26 – Q & A in REFRESH followed by a business meeting to have a Church vote ON HIRING THE ENGINEERS TO DETERMINE THE FINAL PRICE FOR THE BUILDING– 7:30 PM

11. What committee will conduct the building campaign?

The “Challenge to Build” committee will lead in the building campaign. This committee is comprised of eight Key Leaders and approximately fifty other leaders during the campaign.

12. Do you have unanswered questions?

If you have additional questions, please call or text Dr. Mark Sandifer at 601-624-1387.