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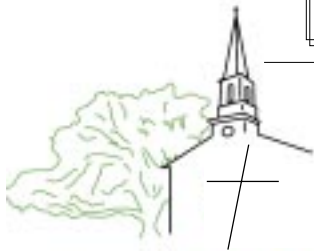
PROPOSAL 1, Part 2

**Recommendation from Deacons to the Congregation
Regarding a New Building Program**

The Deacons of First Baptist Church Conway unanimously recommend to the congregation the following program as reported to the Deacons by the Building Team to meet the space and ministry needs of our congregation in its entirety:

Second, the construction of a pre-engineered steel building with an appropriate brick veneer exterior for use in activities ministries for all ages. The estimated cost of this is approximately \$1,000,000.

The illustrations in this handout are the same as those shared in the large group presentations and are not final drawings. Should the church vote in favor of the project, detailed drawings and plans would be created in keeping with the vision and proposed cost of the project.



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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions On Proposal 1, Part 2, from the Deacons

Throughout the many conversations about the vision of Conway's First Baptist Church toward meeting the needs of current and future generations in ministry and mission, conversations about reaching out to adults and families with children and youth have been significant. The careful, detailed thought behind the former Family Life Center proposal of several years ago attempted to meet these needs supported by a structure that, while spacious and beautifully conceived, was discerned to not be the best solution for the time. In creating the new proposal before the congregation for decision on November 11, 2007, the Building Team offered and the Deacons unanimously approved and recommend in its entirety, a four-part proposal regarding a new building program to meet the need. The purpose of this brochure is to inform and answer questions about Part 2 of the Proposal, the Activities Building, an important part of realizing the total vision of ministry.

A Creative Solution. To meet a full range of ministry needs among adults of all ages, families with children and youth, and with an eye to mission and community involvement, the

Building Team created and proposed the new plan, which successfully addresses most of the challenges and needs raised by the congregation during the previous Family Life Building process. The new plan realizes and improves upon the original vision while: (1) Reducing total project cost; (2) Connecting the new education/fellowship building to the existing buildings; (3) Keeps the size of the new buildings more in keeping with our neighborhood; and, (4) Requires relatively minimal refurbishment of the current Education Building, thus reducing costs, again. The new plan will provide space for ministry to all ages and designate space to grow ministries with families with children and youth through use of *both* proposed new buildings and in enhancements to the third floor of the Administration Building.

Specifically, the new plan for ministry in these buildings would: (1) Double Sunday School and missions group space for Children, Grades 1–6, in the new education/fellowship building space, developmentally appropriate for their ages; (2) Double Sunday School and group meeting space for Students, Grades 7–12, plus enhance that space by providing student/youth fellowship and recreation

space (computer, video, table games, and student lounge) on the third floor of the current Administration Building; and, (3) Increase space for many Adults for Sunday morning Bible study. Both buildings and the re-use of space in the Administration Building are part of the overall vision for ministry.

FAQ on the Activities Building.

Here are the most frequently asked questions, so far, regarding Part 2 of Proposal 1. All are good questions and should be answered!

1. *Why are we being asked to vote on both the education/fellowship building and the activities building together?* The Deacons, Building Team and other teams who have helped develop the plan see both buildings as integral to the total vision of ministry.

2. *Do we need a gym?* Simply put, if the church were only to build a gym, the vision for ministry would not be met. While ministries of recreation have a place in the total outreach of a church, and have been very effective in many settings, the vision of the Activities Building is greater than just a gym.

3. *Aren't there other gyms in town?* Yes, but these are booked with activities and ministries of those groups who have built them. Scheduling for even a successful children's program like "Bible Basketball" is very difficult, even before travel logistics and liabilities are considered.

4. *Who could use the building?* Any group

or member affiliated with FBC for ministry purposes. Preliminary conversations have taken place with staff of the Waccamaw Baptist Association and public and private community groups regarding ways FBC could partner with these groups in making the building available.

5. *Could this building support missions and community ministries?* Of course! That is its purpose and intention. Here is a short list of what's already been compiled for both in-church and outside ministry use:

- A safe place for children and teens to gather on Wednesday nights and weekends.
- Expanded VBS activities.
- After-school outreach ministries.
- Housing for mission groups like Salkahatchee and Habitat for Humanity.
- Partnership with public and private community ministries.
- Staging area for associational disaster relief ministries.
- A secure place for seniors and other adults to walk and exercise, especially in bad weather.
- Host larger scale fellowship events.

6. *Who would be in charge of scheduling and programs?* An Activities Building Team and church staff members.

7. *Are the plans and drawings presented final? What about showers, a walking track or other enhancements?* Should the church approve the proposal, detailed drawings and plans would be created in keeping with the vision and cost.