

SAMPLE BALLOT 1

**Proposal 1:
The Building Team Proposal**

The Deacons of First Baptist Church Conway unanimously recommend to the congregation the four-part building program as reported to the Deacons by the Building Team to meet the space and ministry needs of our congregation. The estimated cost of the program is \$4,500,000. The construction will begin once funds and pledges are raised to pay the existing debt (\$550,000) and 60% (\$2,700,000) of the estimated construction costs.

- Yes, I vote in favor of the recommendation.
- No, I do not favor the recommendation.

SAMPLE BALLOT 2

**Proposal 2:
The Snider Property Proposal**

The Deacons of First Baptist Church Conway unanimously recommend that the congregation sell the property at 801 Sixth Avenue, known as the Snider Property, and apply the funds to the the building program recommended in Proposal 1, except for a portion of the proceeds, up to \$150,000, which would be set aside to supplement the first three years' salary for a full-time Minister to Children and Adult Education, a staff position which shall be presented to the church by the Deacons for consideration and vote.

- Yes, I vote in favor of the recommendation.
- No, I do not favor the recommendation.

The First Baptist Bylaws: Business Meetings and Voting

Section 3 - Business Meetings

Church Business Meetings shall be held as follows:

(a) **Call** - Business Meetings shall be called by the Pastor, Chair of Deacons, or upon petition signed by twenty (20) Church members. The Chair of Deacons, or another member designated by the Chair or by the Deacons, shall serve as Moderator.

(b) **Notice** - Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, notice of any Business Meeting setting forth the purpose(s) of such meeting shall be given to the members at least ten (10) days but no more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date through the Church newsletter or other written notification. In addition, the Pastor, the Chair of Deacons or whomever either may designate shall announce the meeting from the pulpit at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

(c) **Quorum** - A quorum shall consist of at least one hundred (100) members present and voting.

(d) **Voting** - All matters brought before a Business Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority vote of those present and voting, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws. The normal method of voting shall be by a show of hands. Voting shall be by written ballot on matters concerning personnel, finances, amendment of these Bylaws, or the purchase or disposal of real property, or other matters as requested by a simple majority of those present and voting. In case of ballots, the Moderator shall appoint a minimum of three (3) tellers to count the votes, at least two (2) of whom shall be Deacons.

(e) **Absentee Ballots** - When voting is by ballot, absentee ballots will be accepted, but must be presented no later than the end of the meeting in which voting is taking place.

(f) **Real Property** - Any purchase or disposal of real property of the Church shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at a Business Meeting called for that purpose.

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**Important Dates for Presentations,
Conversation and Voting**

The Deacons and Building Team will offer a series of Sunday meetings for presentations to be made regarding both the Building Team and Snider Proposals. Every member of the church is urged to be part of these important deliberations that have the potential of long impacting our ministries together for Christ and to the glory of God. Should you find you will miss an important meeting, the names of your Deacons and Building Team members are listed in this brochure so that you may contact them personally for more information.

- October 28** 9:45 A.M. Combined Adult and Student Sunday School Assembly to hear the Report and Recommendations of the Deacons and Building Team, Sanctuary
- 5:30 P.M. "Make up" Presentation Meeting for those unable to attend the 9:45 Report, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Dialog Meeting on the Building Team Proposal, Fellowship Hall
- November 4** 6:30 P.M. Dialog Meeting on the Snider Property Proposal, Fellowship Hall
- November 11** 12:15 P.M. Vote by printed ballots at the Quarterly Business Meeting. Absentee ballots available by contacting the Church Office.



**Official Notice of Regular
 Quarterly Business Meeting
 Sunday, November 11, 2007
 12:15 P.M. ♦ Fellowship Hall**
*(Lunch and preschool childcare available by reservation
 to the Church Office by Monday, November 5)*

Dear Members of First Baptist Church,
 This brochure brings to you notice of the next Quarterly Business Meeting of the church. This meeting will be remarkable for two reasons, at least. First, because of the important nature of the votes to be taken, the Deacons have moved the meeting from the traditional Sunday evening time to a lunch meeting, instead. Second, in addition to the regular business of the church in receiving ministry reports, three significant proposals will be offered by the Deacons for action regarding:

- (1) A Plan from the Building Team Regarding Space Needs;
- (2) The Snider Property; and,
- (3) Adding the Position of Minister of Children and Adult Education to our Staff.

This brochure will describe, in brief, the first two proposals and announce a series of presentation and dialog meetings on these proposals. Please read carefully and begin to pray for your church.

We know that, while many teams have worked and discussed portions of these proposals, there is much here to digest and think about for all of us. We have a wonderful privilege in considering and discerning together God's direction and plans for our church as we seek to glorify God and reach others for Christ. Thank you for being a part of this significant process. Watch for more news and updates in *The Outlook*.

In Christ's service,
Your Pastor, Deacons, Building Team and Staff

PROPOSAL 1

Recommendation from Deacons to the Congregation Regarding a New Building Program

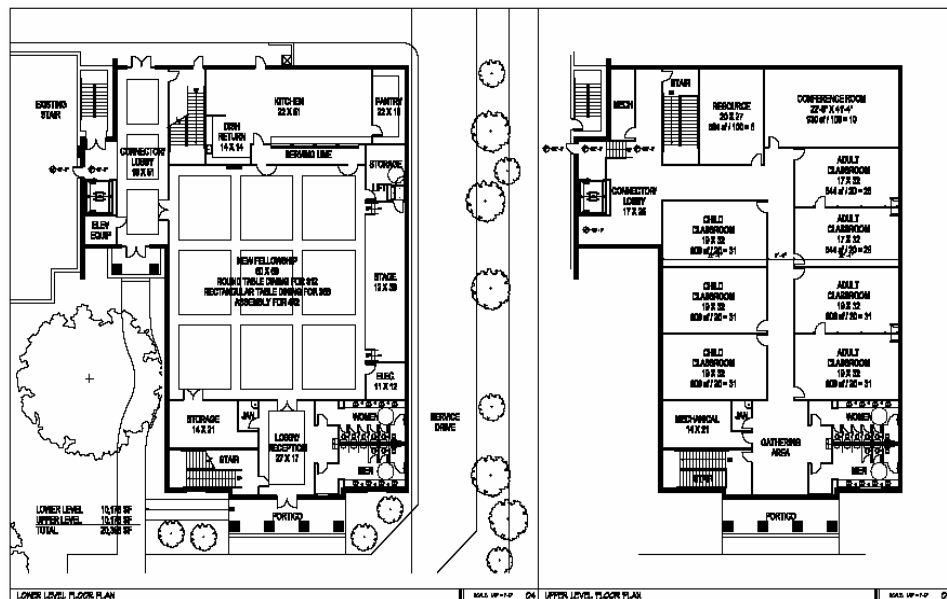
The Deacons of First Baptist Church Conway unanimously recommend to the congregation the following program as reported to the Deacons by the Building Team to meet the space and ministry needs of our congregation in its entirety:

First, the construction in our current parking lot of a 20,000 square foot building with a kitchen and fellowship space on the first floor and educational space on the second floor, in general conformity with the schematic drawings and floor plans to be presented at the Sunday, October 28 congregational meeting. The estimated cost of this is approximately \$3,500,000. Upon completion, this building shall be named "Snider Hall" in loving memory of Evelyn Mayo Snider and her mother, Maud Mayo Snider.

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.

Third, the two houses owned by the church on existing properties at 1104 Sixth Avenue and 508 Beaty Street be razed and the lots graded and grassed for use as parking.

Fourth, if this plan meets with the approval of the congregation, that a capital campaign be undertaken as soon as feasible to obtain a combination of commitments and cash contributions (including the existing Petrey Fund) sufficient to pay off the existing church debt (approximately \$550,000) and to pay at least 60% of the expected construction costs (approximately \$2,700,000), prior to obtaining final architectural drawings or any construction contract. This is necessary to demonstrate our commitment and to facilitate the financing of the entire cost of the project.



(Copies of all drawings and presentations will be available at every meeting and in the Office.)

Twenty Benefits for the Church's Ministry Provided by the New Building Plan and Renovation of Existing Space for Education and Fellowship Ministries

- Challenges the Congregation to the vision of meeting significant current church ministry needs and provides for the future growth of ministry and mission on our campus through the first major expansion of space for growth since 1960.
- Follows building priorities based on the April 2007 Congregational Survey.
- Successfully addresses most of the challenges and needs raised by the Congregation during consideration of the previous Family Life Building Proposal, including: (a) total project cost; (b) connecting the new building to the existing facilities; and, (c) size of the building relative to the neighborhood and the architectural characteristics of our current buildings.
- Doubles space for Children, grades 1-6, in new space designed to meet their developmental needs.
- Doubles space for Students, grades 7-12, and includes new student/youth recreation (computer, video, table games, and student lounge) space on the third floor of the Administration Building.
- Increases space for Younger Adults for Sunday morning Bible study in new space.
- Provides space for every existing adult Sunday School class, including those meeting across the streets, with room for new classes.
- Creates a new Fellowship Hall space to about double our current seating capacity and that, by design, could function as an attractive performance or special meetings space.
- Brings the growth capacity of our Sunday School space more in complement to the growth capacity of our worship space.
- Includes video and Internet capabilities in all new and most other education spaces.
- Requires relatively minimal refurbishment of the current Education Building.
- Honors current space use by Senior Adults on Sunday mornings with minimal changes.
- Adds elevator access to the Administration Building.
- Increases access to all buildings for persons with disabilities.
- Creates multiple Sunday morning "Welcome Centers."
- Provides at four new classrooms for Lovell Weekday Ministries, provides indoor play space, and dedicates use of the current kitchen to LWM use.
- Provides new multi-purpose space in an activities building on the Beaty Street property, across the street from the current Fellowship Hall, to enhance ministries to all age groups and LWM.
- Redevelops the church's properties across Elm Street and Sixth Avenue for parking.
- Realizes a minimal net loss of parking spaces by reutilization of existing properties.
- Honors great friends of FBC, Evelyn Mayo and Maud Mayo Snider, and their commitment to the spiritual development of Children, Students and Adults.

PROPOSAL 2

Recommendation from the Deacons to the Congregation Regarding the Snider Property

The Deacons of First Baptist Church Conway unanimously recommend to the congregation the motion to sell the property at 801 Sixth Avenue, known to the congregation as the Snider Property or Snider House, and apply the funds to the building program recommended in Proposal 1, except for a portion of the proceeds, up to \$150,000, which would be set aside to supplement the first three years' salary for a full-time Minister to Children and Adult Education. (As required in the Bylaws, the position of Minister to Children and Adult Education, as it would be a new position, will be presented by the Deacons to the congregation at the November 11, 2007, Quarterly Business Meeting, also.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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