



Hamilton Boulevard Building FAQ-2

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“The building can become a tool, used in the right hands, to change a community. A building can be used to do damage to the enemy in the town you live in.”

Jim Putman, *Church is Team Sport*

This is the second of a series of FAQ's designed to keep the Faith Church community fully informed about the decisions and progress being made on a new building for the Hamilton Boulevard Campus. As a reminder, a short video message from the Elders and FAQ-1 are available on the Faith Church website, faithfc.com

There are opportunities on Sunday December 4 and again on the 11th to attend one of five different sessions in Adult Bible Fellowships (ABF's) where Steering Team members will personally share about the project and answer questions. Check the church website and/or weekly bulletin for the schedule. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend one of these sessions whether you are part of an ABF or not.

The remainder of this FAQ provides updates in a number of areas related to the project.

How is the approval process proceeding with Lower Macungie Township?

At our Planning Commission presentation in November a few questions were raised that have necessitated a return to the Planning Commission in December. Following that meeting we are scheduled to be before the Zoning Hearing Board at the end of December regarding necessary variances related to the project.

Has a general contractor been selected yet?

The Building Committee has completed a round of extensive interviews with five qualified, capable general contractors. Following prayerful discussion and evaluation in the next several weeks the Committee expects to settle on a final contractor recommendation to be presented to the Elders in January. This decision by the Elders is necessary to enable the general contractor to work with the architect and civil engineer to develop a total project cost estimate.

How much will this project cost?

We are still a little premature in being able to answer this question with confidence. Once the general contractor and architect complete their initial cost estimating, hopefully in January, the Elders and Steering Team will be able to work toward a final project cost. This work will include investigation of various scenarios on how the project will be paid for. All of this work must be completed prior to the church membership voting on the project.

Do we have a building fund that I can contribute to now?

Yes. The Elders have opened a New Building Fund to receive financial contributions designated for the new building on the Hamilton Campus. Some of these funds are being used for costs associated with the Township approval processes, preliminary architectural work, and some property improvements in preparation for a future building. These are necessary expenditures in order to present to the church a total project cost estimate for consideration and approval. Contributions clearly designated to this fund are welcome and will appear on your yearend contribution statement.

Will we conduct a capital stewardship campaign to receive financial commitments to this project?

Yes. Upon approval of the project by the church membership, preparation would begin toward a church-wide capital stewardship campaign. The Elders and Steering Team are currently pointing toward a church membership vote at the Annual Meeting in late March 2012. If that target is met, and the membership approves the project, a church-wide capital stewardship campaign volunteer team would be recruited in the April - June 2012 timeframe. The public communication portion of the campaign would take place in Fall 2012. At the conclusion of this public phase of the campaign all of Faith Church will have the opportunity to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment toward the New Building Fund over the following several years.

Would we utilize a campaign consultant to assist us with the stewardship campaign?

Yes. The Elders have determined to utilize Christian Investors Financial (CIF), christianinvestors.org/campaigns as the campaign consultant if the project is approved by the membership. CIF has been a part of the Evangelical Free Church of America for over 50 years, serving Free Churches in the areas of financial investments and campaign services. Steve Johnson, Vice President of Campaigns and Consulting, would be our consultant.

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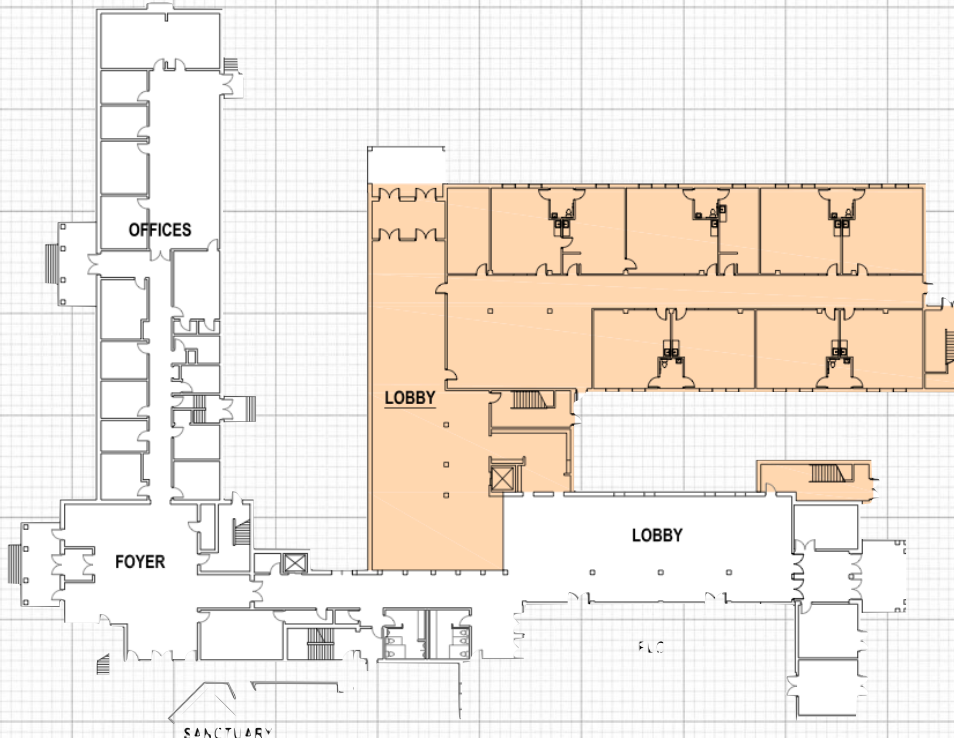
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How big will the new building be?

The preliminary design the Steering Team is working with includes a three story building with a “footprint” of approximately 14,000 square feet and a total square footage of approximately 43,000 square feet including lobby, classroom and activity spaces, restrooms, food prep areas, hallways and stairways, elevator, storage, and mechanical.

Where will the building be located on our current property?

The following drawing provides a footprint of the new building, including the layout of 1st floor, and a look at where it would connect to the existing building, identification of the new building Lobby, and shows the creation of a Lobby “behind” the FLC. The new Lobby “behind” the FLC would be created by elimination of the current Nursery Rooms (Rooms 146 - 148) thereby opening up almost 4,000 square foot of space for hallway, lobby, and fellowship space.



How will the space be used in the new building?

The first floor would include a new Lobby, a new elevator, check in area for Children’s Ministries, classrooms for birth through kindergarten-aged children, and possibly a new coatroom.

The second floor would include classrooms for elementary aged children, a small food prep area, and a larger activity room for large group children’s activities. These two floors would enable us to relocate all children’s classrooms and activity areas from existing locations in our current facility.

The third floor would be dedicated to Student Ministries and would include a larger worship/teaching room, four classrooms, a café area, and a game/hangout area.

All three floors would be designed to provide security improvements over our current facility arrangement. Restrooms would be available on all three floors.

What if I have other questions that have not been answered?

Attend one of the ABF information sessions on December 4 & 11, or send you question to Pastor Jack, jwilson@faiethefc.com

What should I do now?

- PRAY for the following:
 - Favor with the Township in the December meetings
 - Wisdom in the selection of a general contractor and in determining appropriate total project budget
 - That ALL, “Our buildings can be tools to change our community for Jesus.”