Phase 3 FAQ

Q: What is the anticipated schedule for Phase 3 planning?

ANS: We finished the Programmatic Phase, which determines the basic size of the project, at the end of July. We are currently in the Schematic Phase which determines the floor plan and exterior view of the building. Then comes Detailed Planning which is completed by the end of November. Construction documents are then produced, and we hope to be ready to send them out for bids by the end of February.

Q: How many classrooms will be added with Phase 3?

ANS: One preschool room, one toddler room, two pre-K rooms, two middle-school/adult classrooms.

Q: Will parking be reduced?

ANS: Yes, we will lose one row of parking spaces currently on the south side of the education building and several on the west side of the building. The parking lot will be restriped to gain as many slots as possible. Parking has been addressed with the city and on first review, we will meet their code.

Q: Will the new building be capable of adding a second floor for future expansion?

ANS: No, a single floor configuration is less costly and is better suited for our requirements. As part of the planning process, we will develop a plan for future expansion.

Q: One of the goals of the project was for the facility to be able to meet Illinois accreditation requirements for state certification. Is this still true?

ANS: The preschool / Sunday School rooms will have restrooms and storage in each room to meet the standard.

Q: What is planned budget for the Phase 3 project?

ANS: The planning team determined that the congregation could afford a project of $6M to $7M based on previous donations to Phase 3, an estimated Capital Campaign, and other sources such as Faith's investments and solar incentives.

Q: Will the rooms added to the Faith Center be permanently walled off and how will it affect the current space.

ANS: The added rooms will fill less than 20% of the Faith Center space. It will be designed to provide flexibility in classroom configuration and can accommodate supporting large fellowship functions, such as use as serving lines.

Q: Does the music space replace the current choir room?

ANS: Yes, the new music space will be used as the choir room, plus can accommodate bell tables and instrument ensembles. There will be added storage for music and instruments.

Q: What spaces will be shared in the new building and renovations?

ANS: Much of the new building will be dual use to be more efficient and reduce cost. All classrooms, toddler rooms, and Faith Center rooms will have multiple purposes.