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for  
**Tomorrow**

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*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

*—Matthew 28:18-20*



Dear Friends,

The First Baptist Church of Rockville is entering into an historic endeavor. This event is of such importance that it will be one of the watershed events in our 181 year history.

The building of the Recreation and Outreach Center (the ROC) is important because it brings us one step closer to fulfilling the dreams and hopes of past generations. When our church decided to purchase the property on Adclare Road they were looking into the future. They saw a day when our church would no longer be a city church but a regional church. By faith, they saw that the day would come when we would attract people from the not just Rockville but from many other cities along what is now called the I-270 Corridor. They envisioned filling this property with buildings that would enable them to meet the needs of this community and bring people to Christ. It has taken us almost three decades, but with the building of the ROC we will take the next step toward fulfilling their dreams.

The building of the ROC is also important because it helps us provide for the future. Today we worship and learn in facilities that most of us had no part in building. They are simply here and we use them. The ROC will enable us to give future generations a place where they can carry on this ministry—just like past generations provided for us. It will put in place another tool that not only we will use, but that others will use to bring men and women and boys and girls to Jesus.

The building of the ROC is important because it sets the course for our church in the decades to come. A few years ago we had a theme—*“It’s not about me, it’s not about you, it’s all about Him.”* Whenever we see the ROC it will be a constant reminder that Jesus is our focus, that His message is our motivation, that a lost and dying world is our aim. The very fact that it will be a Recreation and **Outreach** Center will remind us that bringing others to Jesus is the job He asks us to do.

Finally, the building of the ROC shows our willingness to sacrifice for a cause greater than ourselves. Nothing of value is cheap. The building of the ROC is going to stretch, grow, and mature us in ways we cannot imagine. We will take a wonderful journey with our Lord Jesus. How exciting to be part of something we can only accomplish if God is directing and leading us. Our sacrifices and our commitment will speak louder than words, and our community will see our dedication to our God.

Please pray about the part you will have in building the ROC. Then join with us in this historic endeavor as we *Reach for Tomorrow!*

In Christ,

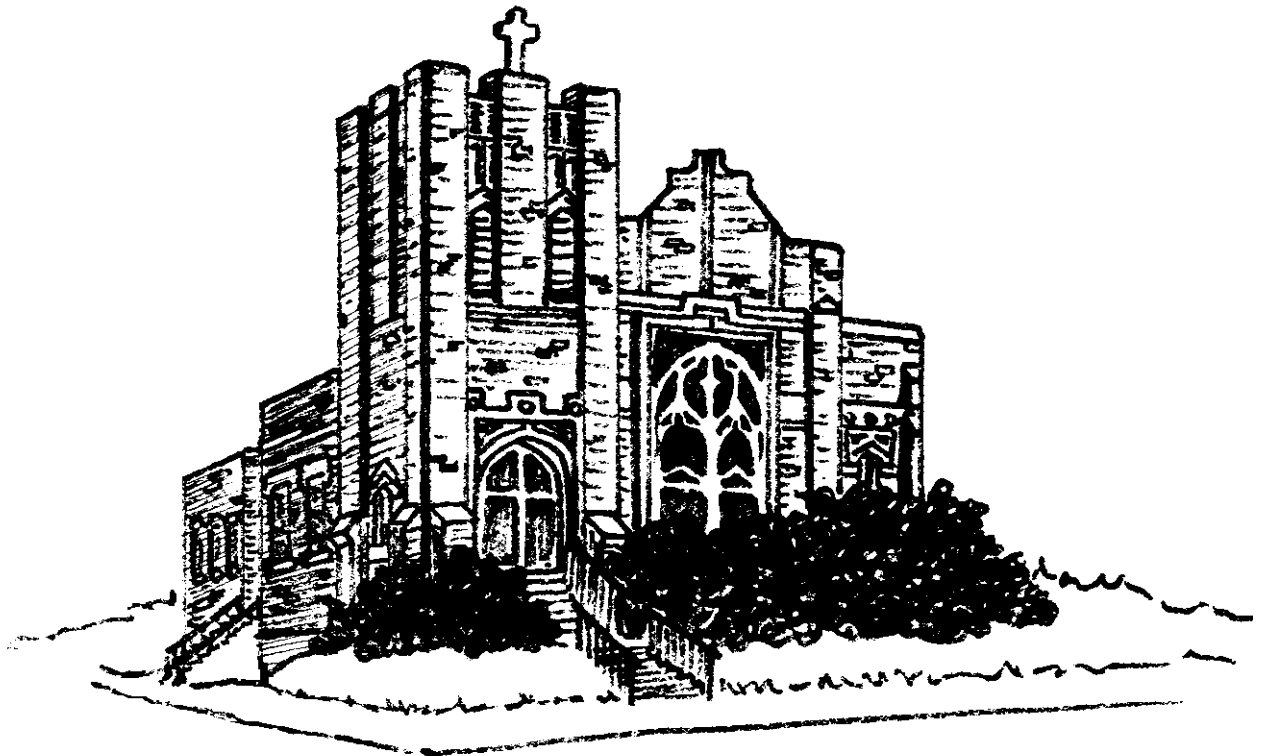
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*Program Leader*

# Our Past

*For 181 Years...*



## *The Next Phase...*

Our church began “Reaching for Tomorrow” over 30 years ago, when the congregation purchased the land and built the facilities that we currently enjoy.

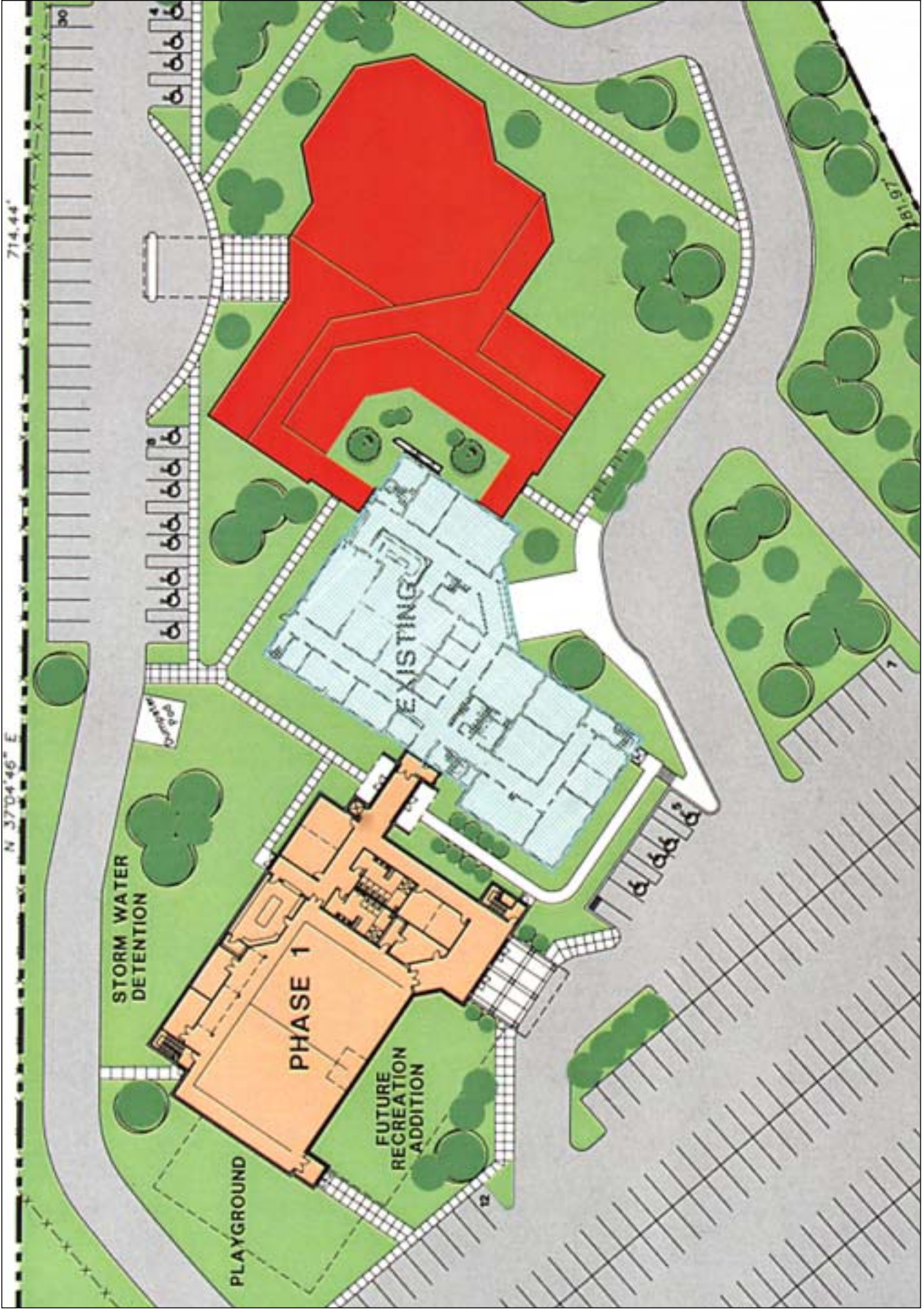


Looking to the future, we’ve developed a two part plan for reaching our community in new and innovative ways.

Phase 1 is the construction of the Recreation and Outreach Center—“The ROC”—that will be the cornerstone for new and exciting ministries and programming.

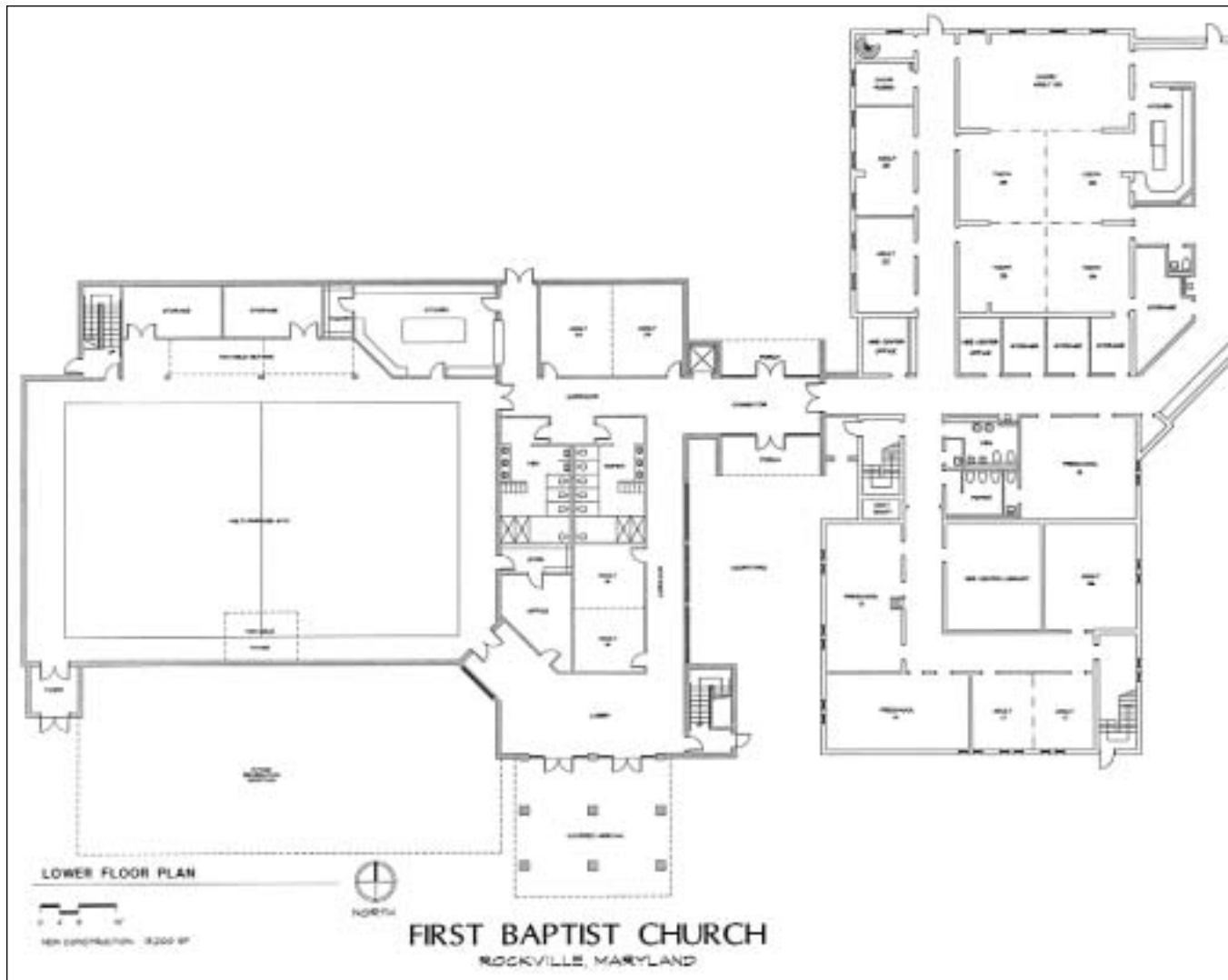
Phase 2 will be driven by the success of Phase 1—as people join the church, we will need more room for worship. Phase 2 will be the construction of a larger worship center.

*To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.  
—1 Corinthians 9:22*



This site plan shows the location of the existing facility (light blue) along with the planned expansion in Phases 1 & 2. The ROC is shown in beige, and the worship center is shown in red.

# Our Plan

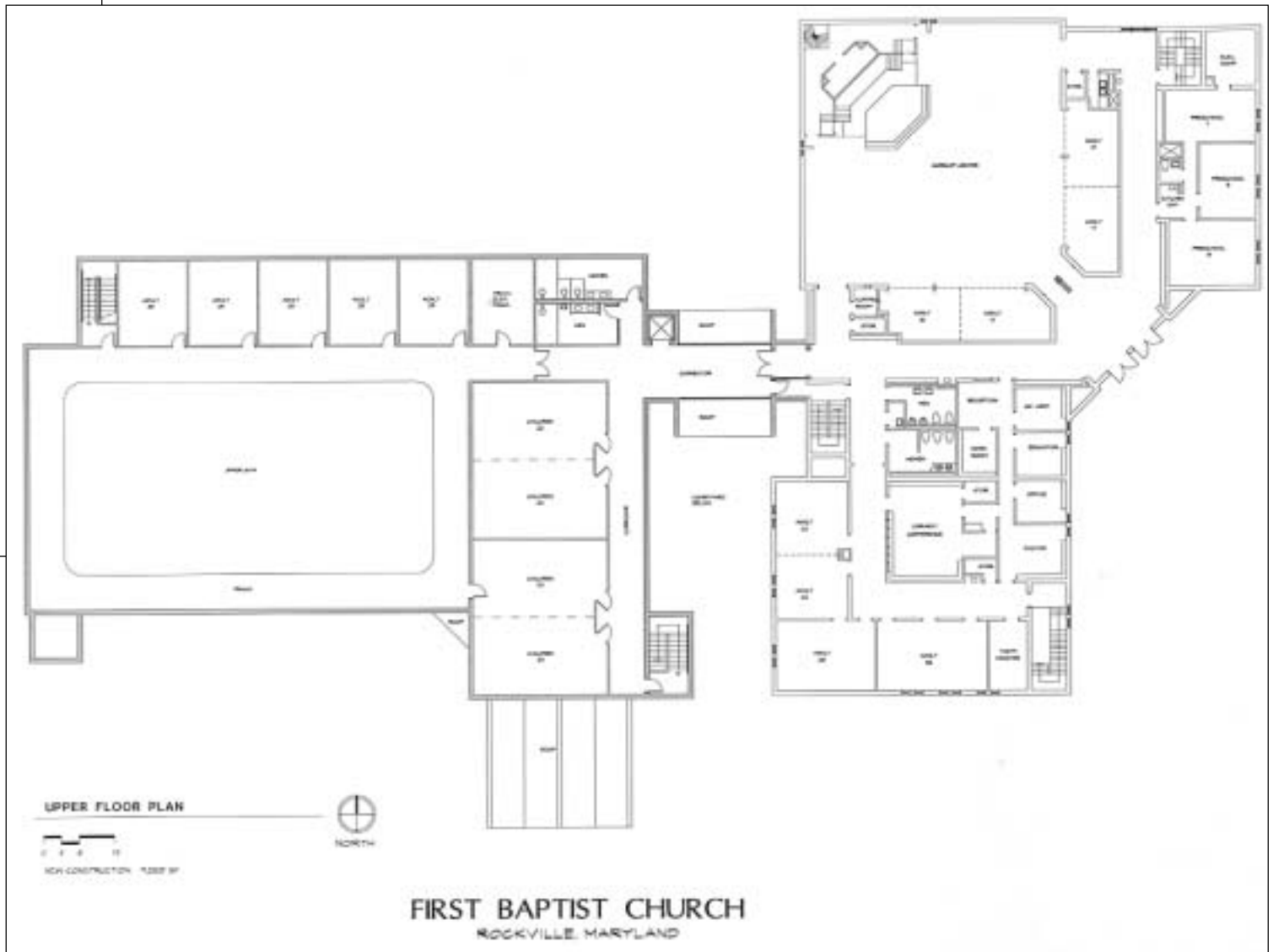


The Recreation and Outreach Center at First Baptist Church of Rockville will be a multipurpose facility designed for a broad array of uses.

As a recreation facility, the center will feature a full size gymnasium floor, with a second floor walking track. There will also be a game room adjacent to the main gymnasium, on the ground floor.

The main gymnasium will also be available for use as educational space for our growing youth department. In addition, it will have a fully functional stage, with sound and lighting systems for presenting dramas, musicals and other special events. It will also be used as a fellowship hall for

# *The ROC*



large gatherings, with a warming kitchen and other facilities available to compliment outside catering services.

In the educational areas, the ROC will be state-of-the art, with every classroom wired for complete multimedia capabilities. The space will be configured for maximum flexibility and functionality.

## *When Should We Build?*

### *1. When there is a clear vision to support the process of expansion.*

The vision of our church is built on biblical principles and an understanding of our church's role in the kingdom of God. Our vision is *"To set our community ablaze with a passion for Jesus Christ."* This vision is our response to the Great Commission, in which our Lord told us to take the Gospel to the entire world and witness to every person on the face of the planet. Coupled with our Vision Statement is our Mission Statement: *"To glorify God by witnessing to the lost, winning them to him, developing them into active, mature, Christ-like members and equipping them for the work of the ministry."* Our mission is clear and our vision is fixed—to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person living in Montgomery County. The vision of FBCR has never been clearer. We know what we are about! We know what God has sent us to do! Now is the time to prepare to fulfill our vision and mission.

### *2. When ministry growth and development require it.*

A new building will not cause our church to grow, but a lack of adequate space will prevent growth from taking place. In a speech to Parliament at the end of World War II, Winston Churchill said, "We shape our buildings, and then our buildings shape us." This is also true of church buildings. Many congregations meet in 100-year old buildings that were designed to meet the needs of a far different generation. Those churches have their ministries shaped by their buildings, rather than being able to develop ministries and programs around the unique needs of their community. We want to meet the needs of our community through new and innovative ministries.



We have already begun some of these ministries with the facilities that we presently possess. We are not building so "they will come," we are building so we can reach out to people and minister to them as we **Invest** in their lives, **Invite** them to come to Jesus as Savior, and **Include** them in God's family!

### *3. When finances allow.*

Building new facilities or improving our old facilities to meet ministry needs should be a continual activity of the church. This means that part of our church strategy must include continually preparing for future expansion. Our budget should reflect a systematic saving of funds to meet future building needs. We can expect God to bless this congregation if we faithfully follow His command to reach the world with the Gospel. We should expect God to act in and through us in the months and years to come.

### *4. Before it's too late.*

The goal of many churches is to have every seat in their buildings occupied. This is not only seen as an appropriate use of space, but also as a validation of the church's ministry. The truth is, the future growth of a congregation is dependent on new guests who

may become a part of the congregation in the future. If there is no room for these people, how can growth be expected? Many planning specialists indicate that church buildings are full at 80% of capacity. This is the point at which planning for new space is initiated. We have reached that limit in many areas of our church life. Now is the time to step out by faith knowing that God is always faithful to His people when they respond to a challenge.

Our church should build because our new building represents a fulfillment of our church's vision. Ministry development and growth are driving factors in this decision. We must act now if we are going to be prepared for the future members God will send us. The future is now-this is our time to ***Reach for Tomorrow!***



# *New Ministry Opportunities*

	Adult	Family	Single	Seniors	Youth	Children	Community
Prayer Group	x	x	x	x	x		x
Marriage Support Group	x	x		x			x
Exercise Classes	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Crises Management	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Financial Management	x	x	x	x	x		x
Creative Arts	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bible Conferences	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bible Training	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mission Training	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Job Training Support	x	x	x	x	x		x
Computer Training	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Senior Adult Care					x		x
Mentor Ministry			x	x	x		
Language (s) Ministry	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Small Business Support	x		x				
Professional Lunch							x
Transition Aid							x
Recreation	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Summer Day Camp					x	x	x
Sports Ministry	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mom's Day Off	x		x				x
Parent's Night	x	x	x				
Internship			x		x		x

## Outreach...

Our goal is to have 700 people actively participating in Sunday School by the year 2007. We need to start planning, building and preparing **now** to meet the needs of those who will be here in a few short years.

## Building...

The facility that we have envisioned will require approximately \$2.2 million in funding to complete. This includes the cost of preliminary work that is already underway, construction and materials, new parking areas and outfitting the ROC.

How will we pay for the new building?

Fortunately, we already have more than \$500,000 on hand from our last building program. The remaining money will be raised through the commitments of our members. We will use those commitments to secure short-term financing (as needed) throughout the construction cycle.

*(Note: Because Phase 1 is still in the planning stages, these figures are estimated. Detailed information will be released as it becomes available.)*

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God:  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.  
And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—  
we know that we have what we asked of him.  
—1 John 5:14-15*

# Commitment...

Our *Reaching for Tomorrow* **Commitment Card** will help us determine that amount of funds we will have for building our Recreation and Outreach Center. These cards are important and each person who wants to be part of this exciting effort needs to fill one out.

No one (outside of a very small group of people who will tally the cards) will know of your commitment. This is a private matter between you and God and we will do our best to keep it that way. Yet by filling out a card you will be showing your commitment to your church and to the cause of Christ. It will be a great encouragement to the Pastor, to the staff, and to your fellow members for you to be a part of this effort by turning in your Commitment Card.

Also these cards can be used by the Building Committee if we need to negotiate with a bank to secure a short term loan. Our Commitment Cards will show the Bank our membership's willingness to be part of this endeavor. They will help us secure the banks cooperation.

This card is a commitment on your part to the work of Christ. Since you have prayed and sought God's will in what you should give, He will enable you to meet your promise. God is faithful. He has been faithful to generations past, and He will be faithful to us as well!

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

—2 Corinthians 9:6-7

*'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*

—Jeremiah 33:3

**Commitment Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

This card is for the **"Reaching For Tomorrow"** program only. The funds committed are to be used for the RECREATION OUTREACH CENTER only. The estimated giving I/we record below represents an amount over and above my/our tithes and offerings.

I/We believe God is working through His people to achieve the goals of the "Reaching for Tomorrow" Campaign. **Therefore, in dependence on God I/We commit to give to the building of the Recreation and Outreach Center.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly for 156 weeks  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly for 36 months  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually for 3 years  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total gift amount

We will begin our gifts on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(This commitment may be changed at any time by contacting the Church Office)

This section is to be completed by person making commitments other than cash:

**Description of Assets:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Value of Assets:**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."  
 II Corinthians 8:12

Given Weekly	Gift Monthly
\$2,000	\$8,000
\$1,000	\$4,000
\$500	\$2,000
\$300	
\$200	
\$150	
\$100	
\$75	
\$60	
\$50	
\$40	
\$30	
\$20	

