

Appendix 1: Facility

Building and Building Finance Committee

As the Parish Assistance Task Force sought to develop a vision for the 9 areas of ministry, it was apparent over and over again just how vitally important adequate facilities are to carry out our mission: *“As a family united in faith through the Holy Scriptures, we exist to give praise, honor and glory to the triune God, to nurture and train the family of believers through God’s Word and to reach out to the changing world with a changeless Christ.”*

To make our vision a reality, it is crucial that a Building and Building Finance Committee be reestablished immediately. Addressing all of the specific issues (finance, location, time frame, demographics, etc.) involved with facility planning is beyond the scope of this task force. If the specific facility issues are not addressed and solved in the immediate future this vision document cannot move forward.

Some Current Facility Limitations

We are only pointing out the limitations of our facility for implementing this vision document. We realize our facility has many assets as well.

Adult Spiritual Growth

- † Classrooms more conducive to adult learning
- † Inability to hold multiple Bible studies simultaneously

Worship

- † A modified physical environment

In order to achieve a positive worship environment, we see a need to overcome limitations of our current facility, such as the

- † Lack of air conditioning
- † Poor handicap accessibility
- † Small narthex and fellowship hall
- † Poorly located nursery
- † Limited parking
- † Inconvenient restrooms
- † Sound system
- † Spot for wheelchairs closer to the front of church, where a wheelchair-restricted individual can still see when everyone else is standing.
- † Staffed, quality nursery during all worship services
- † More visible location for the baptismal font.
- † Audio-visual equipment.
- † Energy inefficient building

Group Life and Fellowship

- † 6 - Inadequate facilities for group life and fellowship

Financial Stewardship

- † Inadequate office space and equipment

Youth Ministry

- † 4c – appropriate facility for youth gatherings (group meetings and recreation)

Child Discipleship

- † 10 a - Building Committee established immediately
- † 10 b – Fund raising begins immediately
- † 4 e - Facilities for preschool

Special Needs Ministry

- † 7 – Handicapped accessibility
- † 12c – Van for transportation

Reclaiming the Lost

- † 2a - Spot for mailboxes
- † Adequate space for reclaimed members

Outreach

- † 8b - Facilities for preschool
- † Adequate space for increased attendance