



Families Reaching Families Campaign

Investing in Tomorrow's Church Today

As we pray and dream about the future of Shelton First Baptist Church, the reoccurring image that comes to mind and causes our hearts to skip with excitement is the image of a multigenerational church exploding with an influx of young families meeting Jesus and growing in the grace of God. Think of that, young families coming in droves, joining our family, and perhaps joining God's family for the first time at FBC.

Well, we are not there yet. How do we get there?

We believe that there are at least two essential facets that will help make this vision a reality: Facility and Ministries. And of course these two are often bound together. For instance, Shelton First Baptist Church is the arguably single most utilized church facility in Mason County, which means that we have a unique role in our area, unique opportunities, and therefore a unique responsibility. Our facility has needed some Tender Loving Care (TLC) for a while, and with this new season and with a bright future of growth ahead of us, this TLC must be tied to the mission of reaching our neighborhood of 60,000 people. Our hope is that in addition to fresh ministry endeavors, the money we raise with your prayers and support will be used to upgrade our well used and unmistakably worn facilities to be better suited to attract and serve families.

By God's grace, the vision will be carried out as we target three goals:

- **Connection**
- **Communication**
- **Community**

CONNECTION

In order to have opportunity for our current families to reach out to other families in Jesus' name, a connection must be made; and facilities can either enhance or detract from the opportunity to connect. We will enhance the opportunity to create important connections by –

- **Exterior appearance (Done!)** - The completed exterior renovation will do more than protect our facility from further deterioration. It will also visually demonstrate the diversity and renewed vision of this congregation.
- **Interior décor** - In key public areas throughout the facility, much needed new finishes, textures, and colors will show young families that we are looking toward the future and care about their preferences.
- **Restrooms** - Finishes will be improved and enhanced for long term durability and utility, with added features like changing tables that will say "welcome" to young families.

- **Entry experience** - We will improve and enhance how the entry experience works for everyone, including more direct connections to ministry areas, and spatial and aesthetic improvements.
- **Security of all family members** - Some facility changes will help us make sure that all ages, especially children and other vulnerable groups, are as safe as possible. We are very sensitive to the needs of young families in this important area.

COMMUNICATION

As we begin to make better connections, God will provide opportunities to communicate with clarity and power. In particular, the means of communication need to be meaningful and natural for young families.

- **Worship Center** - The central purposes of worship revolve around excellent communication – spoken word, musical, audio and visual. Aging technology will be updated to improve communication in all these areas, and enhance the worship of the whole congregation.
- **Use of technology** - In particular, young families are accustomed to using up-to-date devices, so whether in children’s classrooms, foyer, Family Center, or other public areas, new technology will be used to enhance communication.
- **Signage** - Along with making our facility as easy to navigate as possible, we will provide quality and informative signs throughout, so that visitors are not confused or disoriented.

COMMUNITY

We exist to be a church of Truth, Character, *Community*, and Mission. Community is vital for people coming, staying, and growing in their faith. Redesigning the spaces in our church to optimize opportunities for community, as well as creating clearer connections between our church and our city are two basic steps to us realize this goal.

- **Outreach** - Churches grow not only with people coming to them, but also with churches going to people. FBC clearly needs a greater footprint in our community besides having a prominent building downtown. Our city community needs to see and experience our church community on their turf. Our plan is to have a more visible and tangible investment in the families in our community through fresh and renewed outreach endeavors.
- **Elevator** - In order to successfully sustain families reaching families, all ages and priority needs should be cared for, and for some time there has been a need for an elevator to assist those with mobility needs. This is one of the ways we will demonstrate our love for one another.
- **Nursery and Children’s areas** - Consideration of where these areas are placed within the facility for maximum safety, ease of circulation, and best ministry impact will be part of our process, with the potential for some shifting of locations, and related remodeling.
- **Family Center** - Uses of the Family Center have shifted over the years, with non-athletic fellowship gatherings, community building, and active children’s and youth ministries taking priority. The design and finishes in the Family Center will be reconsidered based on these priorities.

On Saturday evening, October, 29, 2016, at the **All Church Kick-Off Celebration Dinner**, you will have the opportunity to hear our plans in detail. At that time you will receive a “Commitment Card.” This commitment card should be above your normal tithes and offerings. It represents an investment in the future of our Church to love and grow our family. It is an investment from one generation to the next.

We are asking you to pray about what God would have you give over a period of 3 years – from January 1, 2017 to December 30, 2020 – and then indicate your commitment on the *Families Reaching Families* commitment card.

Please begin praying now about what God would have you do to “love” our Church and our community, and to grow His kingdom here in Mason County.

The goal is for everyone to be involved in some way, so that we are all working together to move toward the vision of Families Reaching Families. God will be glorified as we love Him, one another, and our community!

Save The Dates

Campaign Drive 2016:



Oct. 01, 04, & 08 All Church Renovation Design Sessions

Sat. Oct. 29 All Church Kick Off Celebration Dinner

Oct. 30 - Nov. 13 Pledge Cards Distributions

Sun. Nov. 13 Pledge Card Sunday / Adults & Kids

Sun. Nov. 20 Campaign Pledge Announcement Day!