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FBC Family,

I hope you were at one of our January 28<sup>th</sup> church services. If you weren't, this letter is for you. And if you were, this letter is also for you. We gave an update on our impending facility renovation during these services, and if all goes as planned, we break ground this spring with a completion date set for late fall. This is happening! Here's a little bit of information to get you up to speed.

**What's This All About?** • This is all about God's mission of making Jesus known to the people of our community. For 129 years, our facility has been a critical part of serving our faith family and Mason County. And though we know that a building is not the mission, it's clearly been a very important tool throughout our history, and will continue to be in our future. Our facility improvements will make our ministry of the gospel more effective to our faith family and our broader community for now and tomorrow.

**What's Happened So Far?** • In October of 2016 we began our *Families Reaching Families* Campaign by showcasing one possible renovation plan for our facility which was contingent on money pledged, while at same time ready to alter those plans if we didn't raise that amount. Towards the end of our fundraising drive in late spring of 2017, the total money pledged was near \$850,000.00 (today it's 917,400.000). This is an amazing amount, but not what was needed to bring the first plan to fruition.

Thus began a process throughout the summer and fall of 2017 of re-designing for our new budget. As you scan the re-design, you'll see that we've been able to persevere the major mission priorities, which can be most clearly seen in the addition of an elevator, Children's area improvements, entry enhancements, and more. We have submitted these plans to the city for preliminary review with positive feedback, have secured preliminary design estimates, assembled design teams, and are moving forward.

**What's next?** A lot. But the major next step is generating construction documents, contractor selection and project permitting. And with this we believe the first phase of our two phases will start this spring, with the entire project finished by late fall of 2108.

**What should we pray for?** 1) That the permitting process will go smoothly with the city. 2) That we'll all embrace the glorious inconveniences of construction throughout the summer. 3) That Jesus will be glorified.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support, without which this would not be happening.

In His Service,

Pastor Jake Magee