

## **MESSENGER APRIL 16, 2021**

Dear Faith Harbor family,

This Sunday at the conclusion of the 9:20 AM service, the members of our church will have the opportunity to vote on a proposal to expand our facilities. Church members will be given a ballot on which they may indicate that they either approve or disapprove of the proposal to utilize current Build the Vision funds for Phase One expansion of our building; namely, the addition of two (2) classrooms on the east end of the building that will enable us to pursue the vision of a pre-school/child-care ministry in our church.

All voting will be anonymous; there will not be any names on the ballots, but ballots will be provided only to church members. Tables will be set up in the narthex for ballots to be distributed alphabetically by members' last names. Members may receive their ballots in the narthex at the conclusion of the 9:20 AM service. As an allowance for COVID, there will also be someone outside under the portico designated to distribute ballots to members who are not yet comfortable entering the building. Drive-up ballot distribution under the portico will be between 10 and 10:30 AM.

Members may choose to vote as soon as they receive their ballot, or at the conclusion of a brief question and answer session in the sanctuary. We will ask members to mark their ballot, fold it in half and place it in a ballot box. We plan to tally the votes as soon as all the ballots have been received, and to immediately announce the results.

Earlier this week, I received an email from church member Bill Feige in which he shared some of his thoughts and insights on the proposal. I found Bill's perspective to be highly informative, as he was deeply involved in the original process of discerning the vision of our church, and, as former chair of our Finance Committee, he is well-versed on the financial aspects of this proposal. I asked Bill for his permission to share his insights, and he granted it. They can be found below.

In closing, I invite you to please pray about this important vote. Only God knows what the future holds and what is best for our church and our community, so let us pray for God's will to be done.

*Peace and blessings,*

*Pastor David*

### **Message from Bill Feige**

I felt it was important to share my thoughts and the reasons why I support the recommendations being presented to us because of the significance of the decision that is to be made regarding the expansion of our facility. My perceptions are based on my direct and deep involvement in the process of developing the mission goals and vision we decided to pursue.

**First**, after Pastor Duke Lackey led us through our year of discernment, we as a church, identified a handful of goals (aka Vision) that would enable us to pursue our mission and fulfill what would become our current mission statement. Those goals (and opportunities) were based on our perceived gifts/strengths, as a church, and the needs of our members and of the community we serve. We also acknowledged our weak areas, the biggest being the lack of space. In order to pursue our mission, in the intermediate and longer term, we would need more space. Our church would need to physically grow. This, of course, led us to the Build the Vision effort. But space is a means to an end, not an end unto itself; the end being the realization of our vision. How that space is configured should be determined by how it can best support the mission we decide to pursue.

**Second**, as recent chairman of the Finance Committee, I had been very concerned with the plans and concepts that were being discussed for a new building. In my mind those plans were not financially viable if undertaken all “in one chunk” which had been the approach being discussed as I understood it. Given the current circumstances, we would not be able to afford the additional fixed expenses associated with the added debt service and costs of operating & maintaining a new building in the near term. So, we had concept plans for a building that we couldn’t afford to build (and maintain) and funds approaching \$500K that, as a result, we couldn’t use to “Build the Vision”.

**Third**, one of the most urgent needs in our community (and for our young family members) had been identified as being daycare/preschool programs and the creation of other related programs. This was at/near the top of the list of children-oriented missions we determined we needed to pursue. Our focus on children has been a top priority for some time so a preschool program would address our objectives relating to children and young families as well.

**Fourth**, a reasonable solution would be an incremental approach to Building the Vision since we cannot afford the total plan “all in one chunk”. The added-classrooms solution would satisfy the need for additional space that would enable us to pursue one of our important visions of better serving children and young families.

**Fifth**, an extension of our Leadership Team was established to review and evaluate options regarding Build the Vision. That group met and discussed and prayed about the options for an extended period of time. After this lengthy evaluation, their recommendation is the added classroom plan at this time. This committee has had to become intimately familiar with all the options, pros & cons, and have the most familiarity with and understanding of the issues at hand.

**Finally**, in purely business terms, children are the main opportunities for growth of our church. It will be through our children, and their families, that we will achieve the growth that will enable us to pursue the completion of the rest of our facility expansion as well as other vision-related objectives. The utilization of BTV funds is an investment in our future growth and prosperity and fulfills the intent of their use.

Thank you for your indulgence and consideration.

*Bill Feige*

## Week of 04-19-21 Scripture Readings

Centering Prayer: *May all people see your glory, O God.*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 104

M Psalm 97:1-6

T Job 37:1-13

W Psalm 98:4-8

T Psalm 95:3-5

F Psalm 96:10-13

S John 1:3

**Key Scripture:** *Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

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### March 2021 Finance Report and Year to Date Totals

March Contributions:	\$30,552.00
Year to Date Contributions:	\$97,351.52
Year to Date Budget:	\$105,530.04



### THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

Thank you to everyone that was able to help with our Spring Clean Up day!! We were able to spread 240 bags of mulch and complete the trimming and weeding of all flower beds.

We still have 5 beds that are available, so if you are interested in adopting a bed to keep it weed free all year long, please email Doug Munjas at [dmunjas@gmail.com](mailto:dmunjas@gmail.com).

**BEACH SERVICES** to begin **Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00am at the gazebo at the end of Roland Avenue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BULLETIN** need to be to Judy by noon on Wednesday of each week. They will be in the Messenger as well. Send them to [secretary@faithharborumc.org](mailto:secretary@faithharborumc.org)

## A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

**Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.**

*I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. Psalm 77:11-12*

**Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies beyond the will of God.**

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Proverbs 14:12*



**Members** Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Harriet Byrd, Nancy Buckman, Dawn Ellis, Buddy and Suzanne Fussell, Diane Geary, Stephanie Hardin, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long, Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills and John Wilson.

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

**Friends:** Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children,** Chimer Clark, David, **Ray Fawcett and family,** Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Lisa Godwin, Grayson-Cancer, Tara Hall, Grandmother Sue Heavner, Jewel's grandmother, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kathy-Liver Cancer, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, **Janet Durman Kokran,** Craig Jenkins, Otis Ledford, Barbara Lee, Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Tim McCart, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Jill Maurer, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Rick Nauss, Chuck Osburn, **Parents,** Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parrmar, Rose and Dick Peters, Dot Phillips, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Katrina Seferyn, Roxanne Smith, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers,** Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell.

**And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.**

**IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED PRAYERS FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMED AND THEY ARE HEALED OR RECOVERED AND CAN COME OFF THE LIST PLEASE LET JUDY KNOW.**

## CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### A look ahead .....

**April 18th: Jr. Basic PreK through 1st grade. 10:15 to 12:15pm.**

**Mark your Calendars!**

**Vacation Bible School (Yay!!!!).**

**Monday, June 28th to Thursday, July 1st. "Knights of North Castle"**

**\*More information to come in the following weeks.\***

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**Hello MS & HS bAsiC Youth parents~**

*I hope you and yours had a wonderful Easter and Spring Break! ♥ Please see below for meeting information for April & May (the rest of the School year) and Summer Youth Mission Trips & possible events:*

**\*Sun., April 18th ~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm**

Older HS Group  
Older MS Group

**\*Sun., April 25th ~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm**

Younger HS Group  
Younger MS Group

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**\*Sun., May 2nd ~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm**

Older HS Group  
Older MS Group

**\*Sun., May 9th ~ Mother's Day Holiday, No Youth Group meetings that evening**

**\*Sun., May 16th ~ Senior Recognition at the 9:20 am service**

*Group A meets from 5-6:30pm (End of School year celebration & wrap up)*

Older HS Group  
Older MS Group

**\*Sun., May 23rd~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm (End of School year celebration & wrap up)**

Younger HS Group  
Younger MS Group

**\*Sun., May 30th~ Memorial Day Holiday Weekend, **No Youth Group meetings that evening****

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### **Summer Mission Trips & Other events~**

**\*HS Youth Summer Mission trip~ June 21-25th at Lake Junaluska Retreat & Conference Center.** Deposits of \$100 per youth due on Sun. April 18th at Youth group if possible. Please note-if you need more time or need assistance with this fee, please let me know directly. Thank you.

**\*MS Youth Summer Mission trip~ July 19-23rd at Lake Junaluska Retreat & Conference Center.** Deposits of \$100 per youth due on Sun. May 23rd at Youth group if possible. Please note-if you need more time or need assistance with this fee, please let me know directly. Thank you.

\*Other possible late Spring/Summer youth opportunities to include Beach Clean-up days, Service Days, Fellowship events, etc. will be announced to parents as they are determined. \*\*Please don't forget that FHUMC's Vacation Bible School will be on June 28-July 1st in the evenings and if your youth is interested in volunteering, please let Ms. Melissa or myself know at your earliest convenience.

If you should need more information about anything listed above or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (910)232-9844. We are looking forward to finishing out the rest of the school year strong and a Summer of making new memories with our Middle and High School youth! Thank you 😊

Wishing each of you the Peace of Christ~

Jewels Swain  
FHUMC Youth Coordinator

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3 Leo Audet  
Megan Barnes  
Ellis Hiatt

6 Sean Mooney  
7 Doris Davis  
9 Amy Phillips  
Rachel Shade  
10 Connie Carroll  
11 Hailey Grace Frye  
12 Nancy Smith  
13 Dave Strohpaal  
Allison Stowers  
17 Frances Bliss  
Sandra Brown  
Ann Hummel

19 Kim King  
Brent Livingood  
Andrew Osborn  
20 Morgan Bizzell  
Dave Gardner  
Janice Long  
21 Cody Mayers  
22 Ben Black  
23 Patty Feige  
26 Mollie Gurley  
27 Ann Bryan  
Conner Frye