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Words from Pastor Stephen

“For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

- 1 Corinthians 3:9

Last Sunday, I witnessed three children playing after worship. These three girls pretended they were princesses. One of the girls declared that she was the pink princess, because “pink is the best.” A second girl, not to be out-matched, said that she was the purple princess because purple is better than pink. As you can imagine, the third girl told the other two that she was the blue princess because blue is “more noble.”

Of course it was princesses for these girls, but you might see the same behavior from boys pretending to be super heroes and declaring one stronger than the other.

Male or female, young or old, we like to feel important. We want to be the best. We want to give the best effort. Unfortunately,

that desire can lead to conflict. If one person is the best, then another person is not the best.

The Corinthian church faced this conflict. One member said, “I am the best.” Another member countered with their own declaration of “best.”

Paul writes the church and says, “We are all the best.” We all work together and give what we have to build a church upon Christ. Every member needs every member. There is no single best, but a collective best. When we work together, we witness the church at its best. God is glorified. Lives are changed. The impossible becomes possible.

As we begin our “Growing Together...Building in Faith” Campaign, I pray that God will continue to grow us as his church and that everyone may bring their best.

Joy and Hope,

Stephen Rhoads

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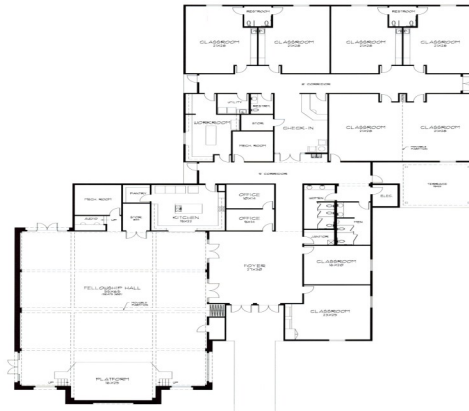
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SITE PLAN AND PHASE 1 APPROVED

On January 16, Lakeside members voted unanimously to approve the preliminary site plan and phase 1 of our church building under the guidance of Dr. Richard Burnham, our District Superintendent!

Special points of interest:

- Phase 1 includes 7 rooms designated for children, youth, and adult small groups
- Phase 1 includes a warming kitchen
- Total Phase 1 size is 13,880 sqft
- Phase 1 allows 300 people to worship at one time



What are Gifts “in Kind?”

What is a gift “in-kind”? A gift “in-kind” is a donation of materials or services. Some examples of useful materials and services toward the building of our new structure include: windows, carpentry, electrical, air condition-

ing, plumbing, telephone systems, painting, brick laying, wall papering, landscaping...the list goes on and on.

If you would like to make a gift “in-kind” contribution, please contact Steve Lumpkin at (281)

852-7715 or indicate your intentions on the commitment card. You will be contacted to work out details concerning your gift.

Taking the First Step: Leadership Gatherings

Between February 15 and February 24, Lakeside ministry team leaders will have the opportunity to attend Leaders Fellowship Gatherings at selected homes throughout our community.

“Lakeside builds my spirit. I look forward to worship every Sunday.” - Doug Wood

These meetings will provide leaders with updated information on the campaign and information for making commitments to the building campaign.

Invitation to the gatherings will arrive the second week of February.

For more information contact Laura and Chris Migl at (281) 454-5911.

Have You Learned Anything New?

Soon our dreams of having our own church building will be a reality. I sense God’s blessing upon us and believe great things are in store for us and the community we serve. I want to let you know that we

are planning two special Sunday school lessons in February for both our children and adult classes. The first is from King David, a man after God’s own heart, and the second is from Paul who kindled the power of

unity in the early church. Studies will also be available to our small groups. Great lessons from great men that surely will bless us.

Pastor Jim

Important Dates

All Church Celebration

Psalm 145 tells us to celebrate God's work. On March 6, Lakeside will celebrate God's work in and through the church.

This celebration gives members and guests an opportunity to praise God for the spiritual growth he provides. Following worship, we will enjoy lunch, music, plus activities for our youth and children.

We will hear an update on the building campaign and schedule. We will hear testimonies of

support from members. Above all, we will praise God for the work He is accomplishing through Lakeside in our community.

For more information, contact Denise Shirey at



February 13: Advancing the Vision Team delivers information packets to every member household.

February 15—February 24: Leaders Fellowship Gatherings occur. These are home meetings for church leadership. These meetings will provide information on the campaign and give an opportunity for Leaders to make pledges to the campaign.

March 6: All Church Celebration

March 27: Commitment Sunday

April 17: First Fruits Sunday.

Day of Prayer Scheduled for February 12

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, the Apostle Paul urges the church to pray without ceasing. The Thessalonians were busy growing and serving the community and Paul did not want them to forget that every ministry, every mission, and every action and word a believer offers needs the guidance of God. Prayer is the way a believer seeks God's guidance.

As we prepare to

construct a church building, we need God's guidance. We need his direction. We need his encouragement. We need God. We need prayer.

On February 12, Lakeside members and guests are invited to join together for a Day of Prayer. Beginning on Saturday at 5am and continuing until Sunday at 5am, members are asked to give 30 minutes of their day

to pray for God's guidance with leadership, in ministry, and for our continued spiritual growth.

Sign-up for time slots will begin on Sunday January 23. You can take one slot, multiple slots, or share a time slot with a friend or family member. Our hope is for 24-hours of non-stop prayer.

Information that will help you pray will be provided prior to the "Day of Prayer." For more information contact Bob Matthews at bobandamber@gmail.com.

What do you like about Lakeside?

"Learn about God. You get to know answers about God you didn't know before."

- Gavin Moore 6

Frequently Asked Questions...

Q: When do we make our commitment?

A: Commitment Sunday is March 27th.

Q: Why not stay in the school?

A: We have outgrown the school. We cannot add any more youth, children, or adult groups on Sunday, and our contemporary service has become standing room only. I call this a "tough blessing". God has blessed us with people that want to hear the Word of God, but we have no place bigger to worship until we build a new building.

Q.: Do I have to make a public commitment?

A: No. Your commitment is confidential. We only ask that you pray and give as God provides.

Q: When will we actually build?

A: After commitment Sunday, we will secure a line of credit to complete engineering, hire the contractors, and purchase supplies. This takes a few weeks, but our goal is to break ground in late June to early July.

Q.: Where can I find our church building plans?

A: Please visit our website at www.thelakesideumc.org.

Have more questions? Please contact Steve Lumpkin or Pastor Stephen at 281-812-0578

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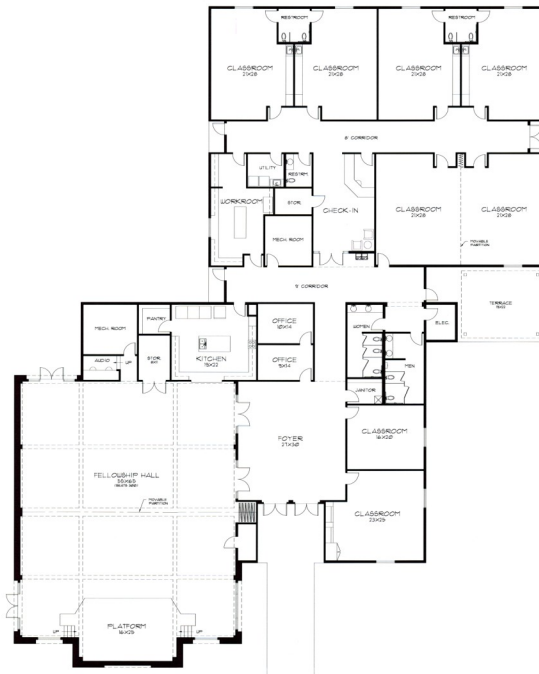
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*A Building Campaign for Lakeside United Methodist Church
Spend Sunday at the Lakeside*

Three Steps to Prepare for the Building

- 1. Pray:** Pray for God's will to be done. Pray for God to strengthen and guide the church leadership. Pray for God to guide your commitment.
- 2. Join:** Join a small group or bible study. Join a ministry team that will allow you to serve the community and become part of God's work through Lakeside.
- 3. Share:** Share the news about God's work at Lakeside. Tell your family and friends that your church is constructing a building to better meet the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our community.



PHASE ONE PLAN
LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HUMBLE, TX
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
AREA: 13,800 SQ.FT.

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LANCASTER & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS
5000 SH 17000, SUITE 200, THE WOODLAKES, TX