



How are we doing on finding land for the new mission congregation?

I'm going to turn that question over to our Land Committee. They have researched lots of options and know all the details. But first I'll share a couple of things with regard to "land" that came out of our vision session.

The people who referred to land in their visions said:

We see ...

- A scenic location that is visible to hundreds - maybe thousands - of people as they drive by each day.
- A location that is easy to get to from the road and allows for a large sign next to the road.
- A location that is big enough to have plenty of open space for a playground and ball fields on the side and in back.
- A location that allows for plenty of parking in front.

Here's what the Land Committee has researched and found to be available at this point . . .

The Land Committee has been working for a couple of months doing research on land opportunities that may be available for the NEW church. Here is what we have been up to; We have been checking on a lot of various parcels of land: The priority has been to focus on main highway options. We began looking along Hwy #23. Those for the most part led into dead ends i.e.. Land tied up with the state for 2-3 years. Gravel pits being started in which the land will be tied up for at least 2 years and then we wouldn't know the condition it will be left in. We had a good lead on land next to the Golf Course in which one of the owners backed down, so that didn't work out. There is a nice chunk of land next to Mike's Dock and Yard, but the price is at about \$475,000 for I believe 40 acres. This seems unreasonable.

We also looked south of Spicer along # 8 which there may be a possibility there. West hwy 40 seems to be looking as a viable option. We are waiting for a favorable answer as I write this. There has been discussion on the Lucky Buck 7 for sale on #23 towards Hawick. It seems to be a great location, price has come down a great deal, but the question remains: Would it be feasible to remodel it, and what would be the cost? Lastly there is a great opportunity right on Cty Rd 32, however is only 9 acres. We are trying to find about 20 acres.

Our job as the Committee is to provide the info, and possibilities. It will be the congregations job to make the decision! This is a brief update and we really would like to know if there are any other options out there. If we talk to enough people and communicate that our New church is in the market for land, someone may know someone etc...Let us know!!!

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Thanks for asking,
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