



## **“The church seems to be getting ‘filled up.’ What are the plans for Phase 2?”**

I’m pretty sure that the person who asked the above question isn’t the only one who has noticed things getting a little ‘cramped’ space-wise. We’ve only been in this building for five years, and God has blessed us with increasing numbers of people getting to know Jesus- whether that’s in worship or in Sunday School or at VBS or in confirmation or in Bible studies.

Before I tackle the question, I’ll start by clarifying what is meant by the term “Phase 2”:

Phase 2 of our Building Plan is the addition of a dedicated Sanctuary - a space that will be designed primarily for use as a worship area. When we were planning Phase 1 we also laid out the basic plans for this Phase 2 addition. It will be perpendicular to our current building and connected to it on the east side. The size of the Phase 2 addition will be roughly the same dimensions as Phase 1: 52'x80'. This dedicated sanctuary area will have a higher, vaulted ceiling.

Phase 1 of the plan is the multipurpose structure we are currently using. This Phase 1 area was designed to be a space we could use for all aspects of congregational life: worship, classes, fellowship, meetings and special events. It was built with a low, 9-foot ceiling, with the idea that after the dedicated sanctuary is constructed in Phase 2, this current multi-purpose space will be used for classes, meetings and fellowship activities that do not require the higher ceiling of a worship space.

Instead of answering the question about Phase 2 by myself, I thought it would be best to pose the question to our Mission and Ministry Team for their insights. Here’s our collective response:

Earlier this year we determined that, yes, we are definitely starting to fill up our current space and that it’s time to take the first step toward Phase 2 of our Building Plan. That first step is the formation of a Phase 2 Building Committee.

As with Phase 1, the Phase 2 committee will be made up of 5 members:

- 1) A Committee Chairperson who oversees the who process, reports to the Mission & Ministry Team and keeps the congregation informed about progress.
- 2) A Committee Secretary who records all the plans and progress.
- 3) A Finance Chairperson responsible for oversight of fundraising and loan acquisition.
- 4) A Construction Chairperson who will serve as ‘general contractor’ and design advisor.
- 5) An Interior-Space Design Chairperson who will be responsible for the interior layout, design and furnishings.

We envision the Construction, Finance and Interior-Space Chairpersons will form sub-committees to assist with the tasks specific to their areas of responsibility.

Our initial search for committee members has resulted in us being able to fill three of the five positions: Finance, Construction and Secretary.

At this point we would encourage you to give us names of people you see who have a passion for making Phase 2 happen and who have the qualities and/or experience necessary for the Committee Chairperson or Interior -Space Design Chairperson. Or, maybe you have that passion and experience and are sensing God has put you here “for such a time as this” and could fill one of those Committee positions.

We would encourage all of you to pray for God to raise up the people to fill out our Phase 2 Committee, so that we can get the ball rolling on Phase 2.

Thanks for asking,  
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