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We want to communicate well with you throughout the new building process. Each week we will use this insert to answer different questions you have. For more information or to submit additional questions please stop by our building information table in the foyer.

What's next in this building campaign?

The first two weeks of May, a volunteer team will call all Berean attenders who have shared their contact information with us. They will invite you to attend one of the "Step of Faith" gatherings to be held in the evenings May 15-18. At these gatherings, you will receive a packet with creative ideas that can make it possible for everyone to make a prayerful and sacrificial gift to create spaces to reach more faces. Commitment cards in these packets will have a deadline of May 31. The elders will spend the first week of June in prayer and discussion to determine final plans for this project which will be announced on Celebration Sunday, June 11.

What are you asking me to do right now?

Really, our one current request is that you please pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart and give you willingness to give sacrificially what He is asking you to contribute. What a privilege we have to partner with God in this ministry!

I've missed a couple of Sundays. Where do I go to find more information about the Creating Spaces campaign?

There is an information table in the foyer under the "Let's Grow" banner where you can pick up any of the printed pieces we've created so far. On the wall north of this banner are conceptual floor plans and drawings. You can also find all the electronic versions of the printed materials plus video updates on the church website at nbberean.org/creating-spaces/

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If prayer is our #1 strategy, does the building have a prayer room?

We believe God has given us three key means of experiencing and growing in our relationship with Him – the Word, prayer, and community. We want to design our ministries to foster all three, and that certainly affects how we think about facilities. We've identified several possible locations in the new plan that could be set aside for prayer – new office spaces south of the auditorium, spaces currently used by our elementary kids, even some spaces in the new common gathering areas. Yet we also hope our prayer strategies as a church will far outgrow any facilities we might build – we'd love to see prayer teams gathering all over the current facility, the new facility, even throughout our workplaces and our community, both on Sundays and throughout the week!

Can other than a flat roof be planned? It has been my experience that flat roofs are more susceptible to leakage.

We did discuss this with the architect in the preliminary design meeting; however, this is still only a preliminary design—we did not go through the pros and cons of roof options or their costs. During the final design phase, many options may be considered, including different roof types.

The classroom walls have lots of angles and odd shaped rooms. More angles = more expense. What is the purpose of the odd shaped class rooms? Adding expense for a look may not exhibit a good stewardship of funds.

In the preliminary concept drawings, the design intent was to create effective ministry spaces that would be welcoming and inviting, minimize sound travel among the small-groups, and avoid a cold, sterile, commercial feel. When we are working on the final design we expect to do "value engineering" which will include cost evaluations for every portion of the building. At that time, we could look at the costs of this particular wall design.

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