



April 26, 2018

Dear Faith Family,

I am writing today to update you on the status of our building process. As you may know, on February 25, 2018 in a special called church business meeting, our church approved the construction of **phase one** of a three phase master plan for our campus.

Phase 1 - Worship Center remodel / lobby & foyer expansion / 2 story children's ministry and administration building

Phase 2 - Two story building consisting of a gymnasium / kitchen / student ministry loft

Phase 3 - Two story educational building for adult LifeGroups

Our church approved the cost of phase one not to exceed 2.5 million dollars. With this approval we held a ground-breaking ceremony on Sunday, April 8th. On Tuesday, April 10th, our contractor called us for a meeting where he shared with us that the final numbers for the cost of phase one came in considerably higher (3.6 million) than his original estimate (2.3 million).

With this new information the elders and deacons began praying for God's wisdom and direction because we were opposed to subjecting our church to that kind (3.6 million dollars) of long term debt service. After much prayer and additional meetings with our contractor, we have a new plan that we would like to submit to you in a special called business meeting on **Sunday, May 6th, at 6:00pm in the Worship Center**. This new plan will not only need your **attention**, but it will also need your **approval**. The new plan does NOT involve a change to the master plan; we are simply proposing a new way to approach the plan. On May 6th the new plan will be clearly communicated followed by a time for you to ask questions and get answers. Following the Q&A a vote will be taken to obtain the desire of our church.

I understand that this news may come as a great surprise and shock to some of you just as it did to the leadership of our church. But over the last several weeks as we have sought the Lord concerning this matter, we have been reminded that this did not take God by surprise. We believe strongly that God is up to something great at First Baptist Riverview and we simply want to follow His lead.

Please be confident in our prayers for you as we also covet your prayers for us as we seek directional clarity from the Lord while also desiring to remain fiscally responsible.

Know that you are greatly loved, and it is an honor to be your shepherd!

In this together,
Pastor Jeff