

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**





# OUR STORY

## [who we are]

First Baptist has a rich ministry heritage and there are many more ministry opportunities that lie ahead of us. We must continue to passionately pursue God as He prepares us to meet the ever-increasing needs in our community.

Our church has a vibrant Hispanic ministry, a much needed soup kitchen serving hundreds of meals weekly and several Sunday school classes all sharing the same space. Additionally our clothes closet occupies space on the upper floors of the main building and our youth group cannot fit into the existing youth room at the same time. The Mission Center will provide space for these ministries to grow and create room for new ministry development.

God has blessed our church in the past because His people have acted in faith to provide the facilities needed for Kingdom work. We are involved in the task of transforming our world for the glory of God. We are not simply raising money and remodeling a building; we are seeking to provide the resources for engaging a spiritual calling. This Mission Center will be a ministry outpost used to transform lives in our community.





*“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)*

Over the past number of years our church has experienced growth in members and in ministry. In order to meet the needs of our growing missions programs as we respond to Jesus’ call in Matthew 25:40, First Baptist has embarked on a capital stewardship campaign entitled **Building to Serve**. Our plan is to renovate the former Smithfield Herald building into the FBC Missions Center. Our fund raising goal is \$1.5 million. This new Missions Center will allow First Baptist ministries to expand and develop in addressing the growing needs of our community.

## FBC MISSION CENTER

19,000 square feet housing:

- Hispanic Mission
- Soup Kitchen
- Clothes Closet
- Youth Center
- Additional Classroom Space
- Recreation Area
- Multipurpose Room



# OUR VISION [where we are going]

Visualize entering the Missions Center through the spacious reception area, surrounded by a restful sitting area, offices and a reading room. You see classrooms down hallways on either side of the reception desk. Further in you encounter a full commercial kitchen, complete with a walk in refrigerator. Beside the kitchen is a multipurpose room with space for seating Soup Kitchen guests plus room left over for a regulation basketball half-court. Your tour continues past Clothes Closet and Youth areas. Just beyond the rest rooms is the Hispanic Ministry area with additional classrooms and then you arrive back in the reception area.



# OUR PURPOSE

## [how we get there]



In order for ministry at First Baptist Church to continue to be effective, we must allow room for growth in our existing facilities as well as identify areas of new growth as God expands His kingdom in our own community. We must be faithful to use His resources to do what is necessary to help build the Kingdom.

Toward this end, our church has launched *Building to Serve*. With the addition of the Missions Center we will have the space to move forward, impacting our community so all might experience the loving and saving message of Jesus Christ. These are exciting days as we embrace this new challenge. The total cost to renovate the facility, completely furnished, is 2.0 million dollars. Our *Building to Serve* goal is 1.5 million dollars.

How can you be part of such a phenomenal undertaking?

- Thank God for His Providence.
- Ask God how much He would have you give.
- Be obedient and give as the Lord leads.
- Be ready to receive the blessings only He can deliver.

On Commitment Sunday, April 25, we will have one service beginning at 10:30 at which our church will be given the opportunity to make a three-year gift commitment over and above what they are currently giving to the operating budget. Please plan to be a part of this special service and let's join together in our commitment to sacrificially give toward this exciting vision.

Then let's follow God as He guides us in *Building to Serve*!



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