

## **2011 Building Committee Report Community Bible Church**

There is not much to report this year other than the cash balance in the fund has grown to nearly \$1 million. This represents all cash on hand in CD's located in various banks in our area.

In Sept. of 2011, I asked our previous architect to do an updated cost estimate with a slightly different sanctuary design than we currently have shown the church. This design was a wrap around balcony with seating all along both sides from the floor to highest level. This would make the floor of the sanctuary much more unassuming when we have 125 people in attendance but would still seat nearly 500 if all areas were used. This very quick conceptual idea with some updated costs would be in the \$2.1 million range. We would need to add the renovation of the current sanctuary to that cost so we would be near the \$2.3 million mark with a turnkey facility and no parking lot paving.

It is my belief that we could save approximately \$200,000 if we were to do some self help with painting, trim work and renovation of the current sanctuary. So the bottom line is the cost of the project will be over \$2 million to construct.

The object of the sanctuary expansion is to meet four specific needs: 1) We are nearly capacity (85%) in the third service today and almost all church organizers would say when you reach 75%-85% you will limit growth. 2) It is the desire of the Board of Elders that we go back to two services to enable those that are participating in the music ministries, our Pastor and video/sound personnel to be able to attend Sunday School. We currently have to set up 3 complete sets of ushers, greeters and sound/video folks for every Sunday. 3) Our current sanctuary is nearly 25 years old and will be needing some work on the exterior steel roof and side panels sometime in the next 5-10 years. 4) Meeting space for a large Sunday School class as well as an updated nursery is a current need.

So given all the above and considering our economic times, the Board of Elders does not feel comfortable in borrowing more than \$500,000 for this building project. As we see our church needs grow and not being able to meet those needs would hinder our overall ministry here at CBC. It is with that in mind we would like to get near the \$1.5 million mark before we go to the church body and ask to engage an architect and begin the design process.

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