

“SEIZING THE FUTURE”

Bridging One Generation to the Next

THE SITUATION: God has presented us with a tremendous opportunity for reaching a new generation. This is a generation that is looking for a worship experience that continually stimulates their senses, due to the fact they have entertainment at their fingertips at all times. This group cannot be reached using the same methodology that has worked with previous generations. To effectively reach them we must change our methodology WITHOUT compromising our THEOLOGY. Methodology needs to shift with the culture while keeping the theology consistent with God’s Word. Currently, we are facing an immediate need in “The Refuge” (The Wednesday Night Student Ministry) and the “Cavern Worship Ministry.”

- a. These are the two fastest growing ministries in our church.
- b. They have a tremendous potential for continued growth.
- c. Growth always creates new possibilities and necessitated the Student Sunday Morning Bible Study moving to the Gym.

It is obvious that God has His hand upon the REFUGE and CAVERN ministries.

THE STRATEGY: Over the past several months the Pastor, the Staff, The Building Study Committee, the Trustees and the Deacons have looked and prayed about several options to accommodate what God is doing.

1. Move the Cavern Services to the Main Room at the 10:45 hour.
 - a. Not very feasible because it would be making 400-600 people, who have chosen to attend that style of worship service, move to the 9:15 service or attend the Cavern worship at 10:45.
 - b. Part of what makes the Cavern, the Cavern is the atmosphere and setting. You can’t create that type of setting in the Main Room. Other churches have been able to make an, “Alternative Worship” in their Main Worship Area because that is where it was birthed.
2. Move the Cavern Service to the Gym.
 - a. Not feasible because of the logistical nightmare. Take down and set up of stage, sound and lighting each week would be very impractical, especially during Upward Basketball.
 - b. There is no way to protect the sound and lighting that would need to be permanently set up in the gym. The gym lighting we currently have, regularly takes hits, by wayward balls.
 - c. To make the gym “acoustical friendly” would be financially impractical. We know from the services in the gym, after Rita, that acoustically the gym is a terrible place for a large meeting, especially with music.

3. Have a Cavern Service on Saturday Night.
 - a. Not a good option because we are a Sunday Morning Bible Study church and people are not going to come for a Saturday Night Bible Study and the Cavern. Childcare also becomes a huge issue.
4. Have a third Cavern Service on Sunday afternoon or Sunday night.
 - a. Sunday afternoon is not a viable option because the service would have to be at 12:30 or 12:45 and very few people would come. Childcare again becomes an issue.
 - b. Sunday night is definitely not an option because most of the people in our area don't come to church on Sunday night. (Most of our Trinity Members don't come back for Sunday night)
5. Expand the current Student Area.
 - a. Again, not a viable option because it really doesn't solve the over-all space problem in both the Cavern and Student area. It would give the students a large meeting area and a few more classrooms, but not enough space to move them from the gym back to the student area for SMBS.
6. Remove the west wall of the Cavern and extend it toward the parking lot.
 - a. Not feasible because you would have to completely gut the current Cavern meeting area. You would only gain 600 more seats, plus you would have a row of columns running down the center of the room. (They are currently there as support but, they are hidden inside the walls.)
7. Remove the back wall of the Cavern (North) and extend it out to include the current Mission's Storage area.
 - a. Not practical because it would make the Cavern very long and narrow. You would also be interfering with some major mechanical situations.
8. Construct an addition to the north side of the Trinity Center.
 - a. The most practical and efficient because it would accommodate the current and future space needs for the Cavern and allow them to move back to one service on Sunday morning.
 - b. This would accommodate the Wednesday night Student Service as well as Disciple Now and other large student gatherings.
 - c. This would allow the students to move back to the present Cavern area on Sunday for SMBS.
 - d. This would give us concurrent worship space for 3,600 people at a cost not to exceed 2.9 million dollars. That is far less than the cost of an 18-22 million dollar worship center that would seat 3,000 people.

THE STRUCTURE: Build an addition, on the North side of the Trinity Center, that will seat 800 people of the Gym.

1. Functional, but not overly elaborate.
 - a. Padded chairs not pews.
 - b. Lobby for coffee/soft drinks and fellowship. (stained cement flooring)
 - c. Large meeting area with stage, lighting, media and sound.
(carpet flooring)
 - d. Would provide meeting area for smaller events such as Men's Conference; Women's Conferences, Funerals, Weddings.

THE STEWARDSHIP: The cost of the building is not to exceed 2.9 million dollars. There will no pledge drive needed for this addition. Our existing debt is \$1,447,790. Our existing note payment is \$23,320.32 per month. In the past we have consistently and are currently budgeting \$600,000 year for debt retirement. We will have enough budgeted each year to service the note on the proposed building. Our total indebtedness at the completion of the proposed project would be approximately \$3,600,000. Our monthly debt service would be \$46,256.20 which is \$3,743.80 less than we are currently paying. Interest rates are at an all-time low and a number of competing banks are interested in financing this project. This will enable us to negotiate a favorable interest rate and payment schedule.

THE START: After much prayer and discussion, the leadership of the church, which consists of the Pastor, Staff, Deacons and Trustees made the decision to present to the church the following motions from the Building Study Committee, on Sunday morning January 29 in all morning services without discussion:

1. A motion that Trinity Baptist Church authorize a Building Committee to work with Mr. Ray Fugatt of CR Fugatt AIA & Associates in the development of detailed construction documents. We further authorize the Trustees to enter into a contract with selected contractor(s). The total project cost not to exceed \$2.9 million.
2. A motion to approve a Building Committee comprised of Charles Allen, Sonny Steen, Greg Webb, Mona Hastings, Billy Brame, Jackie Roe, Craig Barber, John Spratt, Jason Barber, Boo Granger, Jack Judice, and Ed Grimshaw, Chairman.
3. A motion that Trinity Baptist Church enter into an agreement with Mr. Ray Fugatt to provide architectural services that will use the preliminary plans to develop detailed construction plans.

Compensation to be 6% of construction costs, estimated to be \$126,000.