

# OUR FOUNDATION... BUILT ON A ROCK!

September 8,9,15 and 16 were very significant dates here at David's Star. On those days our members met to view the progress that has been made regarding the building of additional worship and school space, (perhaps you have seen the artist's rendering of the new facility,) and to ask questions regarding the many facets of the ***Our Foundation . . . Built on a Rock*** project. Attendance was very good, and the church Building Committee and Council would like to extend a special note of thanks to those who participated. Many insightful questions and comments were offered. The input was welcomed and greatly appreciated. All of the recommendations, questions, and comments were explored, and copies of the written comments were reviewed and discussed in great detail by the Building Committee. This does not mean however, that doors have been shut for congregation-wide input. We continue to welcome any comments or suggestions members might have. What a blessing it is to see God's people working hand in hand to carry out our Lord's great commission!

**On October 11 David's Star Voters will have an opportunity to decide on the following proposal of your church Building Committee. Please carefully read the material, and be certain to set that important date aside on your calendar.**

## ***Recommendations from the Building Committee***

- 1. We recommend that the Voters adopt the Master Plan prepared and presented by Plunkett Raysich Architects, Inc. as the Master Plan which will guide and direct any future building for ministry here at David's Star.***
- 2. We recommend that our immediate goal for ministry building at David's Star be the portion of the Master Plan labeled "Option 4."***
- 3. We recommend that the Voters approve an expenditure not to exceed \$55,000 from the "Our Foundation Built on the Rock" Building Fund for the purpose of contracting with Plunkett Raysich Architects, Inc. to prepare schematic drawings for "Option 4" and a corresponding computer generated "fly through" to use as a communication tool with the members of David's Star.***
- 4. We recommend that the Voters direct the Church Council to organize and implement a new campaign to raise funds for the completion of "Option 4."***

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***(See reverse side for Additional Comments)***

## **Additional Comments Related to the Resolutions**

*#1 The overall master plan received favorable comments from most members who expressed opinions. The master plan addresses all current ministry needs of the church, including its school ministry of Christian education. The master plan also makes provisions for future growth, looking out many years. Adopting a master plan will guide us, so that we as a congregation can make wise decisions about future building.*

*#2 The key features of "Option 4" include construction of a new worship space, connected by a glass narthex to the existing 1856 church, a lower level and connecting structure providing space for kitchen, fellowship, classrooms and other administrative space, as well as remodeling to the existing school. "Option 4" addresses current needs for congregational worship, fellowship and bible study, as well as the church's Christian educational ministry carried out by our school. This option was favored by the majority of members who expressed their opinions at or after the listening sessions. This plan is flexible and can be scaled back if we do not reach the required funding goals.*

*In adopting this recommendation it is understood that "Option 4" is not yet a final schematic or construction document, and some changes will likely be made to exact placement of walls, labeling of ministry space, etc, particularly in response to congregational input.*

*Adopting this resolution does not give the Building Committee the authority to sign construction contracts. No contracts for actual construction will be signed without a solid financial plan for funding this project and the approval of the Voters of David's Star.*

*Everyone must also understand that the current state of the boiler system needs to be addressed in connection with this or any other proposal to build at David's Star.*

*#3 As the architect completes the schematic drawings for "Option 4" we will have the opportunity to incorporate the comments of members, and take a step closer to actual construction documents. We have the drawing of an exterior elevation, but details need to be refined and we need to take a closer look at what the worship space, the lower level and connector will look like on the inside. For example, a number of members at the listening sessions were interested in a visual picture of how the lower level might relate to the existing school. The computer generated "fly-through" will be an excellent tool for members who have difficulty visualizing plans in two dimensions. The schematic drawing fees are based on a percentage of the projected construction costs for "Option 4" and are in line with standard architectural fees.*

*#4 This resolution is intentionally vague regarding the mechanics and timing of the future fundraising drive. The Church council, together with the Stewardship Committee, needs to prayerfully consider what sort of drive would be in the best interest of the entire ministry of David's Star, including this building program. We think it would be wise to begin this new campaign on or around September 1, 2008, understanding that it would overlap with our current campaign. We have to raise a substantial amount of money and commitments to begin construction on "Option 4."*

*Members who have outstanding commitments to the current campaign could personally decide how to handle any potential overlap period as the new campaign begins. Regardless of when a new drive might begin, individual gifts to the building fund will be accepted at any time.*