

# God, The Builder

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." - Psalm 127*

*"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." -- Philippians 4:13*

God is building His church. Since 2002 we have been experiencing wonderful growth. Over the last three years we have grown numerically by 88%. We have run out of space in our sanctuary and are now in two services, and contemplating adding a third service in the Fall of 2005. We have seen more people saved in the last 12 months than in any time in our church's history. God is at work. His presence is felt, his blessings are being poured out.

We have run out of room for Sunday School classes. Our Awana Club program is using every room in the building on Wednesday nights. Parking is beyond maxed out. Both services are crowded. It is time to think about adding space to our facilities. Sanctuary space is the least of our worries. We need educational space, that is, space for ministries.

We do not know yet what we are going to be able to build or how much it will cost. We need to add enough classroom and meeting space to accommodate 300-350 people. That will more than double our present rooms. We need a new enlarged and adequately equipped nursery and toddlers rooms. We need to add an additional parking area. We anticipate hiring a Director of Children's Ministry which necessitates adding larger auditorium space for children's worship and Sunday School. This expansion should also entail a new enlarged gymnasium and kitchen.

We know that it is an expensive proposition and requires careful and prayerful consideration. We have established a building committee, are meeting with consultants, and have hired an architect to assist us in doing a feasibility study and developing a master plan. We know we will need to do this project in stages, but the sooner we get started the earlier we can continue to reach out and expand our ministries.

## **Will you join us?**

Pray: Prayer is first and foremost. Without the Lord we can do nothing. He is the Head of the church and He is the Builder of what lasts forever. Fervently ask and believe God for miracles.

Volunteer: The church is not a building and it is not about buildings. It is about people and reaching them with the Gospel of Christ and training them to serve him.

Give: If you are not already a committed member of the body of Christ through tithing and/or regular and faithful giving, consider making that commitment to Christ. If you already tithe, then consider stretching your faith by sacrificial giving above-and-beyond your regular faithful gifts. Consider making a faith promise beyond your regular giving over the next 5 years to help make this ministry dream a reality.

# Small Gifts Matter To God

*"For who hath despised the day of small things? - Zechariah 4:10*

*"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" -- John 6:9*

*"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; coneys are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a spider can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces. -- Prov 30:24-28*

God is the God of small things. He made them all for his glory and purpose. He took one smooth stone to kill Goliath. It took five loaves and two small fish to feed 5,000 plus women and children. God does not need much to work with. He just asks for your faith. Give him what you have faith to give and he will take it and multiply it, and do great things with it.

God didn't want a large army from Gideon, just a few good men was enough.

Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.