

## Chairperson of Finance Committee Comments

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

I am excited about our building program and how it has progressed. With our pledges and "specials" that we have received from the Sale of our cook books, auction sales, yard sales, and family night suppers we have a total of over 77 thousand dollars.

We have set a goal of \$100,000 for our Homecoming, October 13. To help us reach this goal we have set several fund raising activities which includes the whole church and ask for your help and support.

Each Family Night (the first Wednesday night in each month) we will be having a supper from 6 till 7 P.M.. The price is \$3. for adults and \$1.50 for children 10 years and younger. The Youth are planning a spaghetti supper for August 28. September 14 is the Brotherhood auction. The Youth department is in charge of refreshments and bake goods will also be on sale. September 27 the Children's Sunday School department will have a poor man's supper from 4 till 7. September 28 we will have a yard and bake sale at the picnic shelter. October 11-12 we will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs at the National Guard Armory (Autumn Leaves Festival). Also the Married Young Adults, and Single Young Adults will be planning something. As you can see everyone is getting involved and wants to do his or her part.

We feel like, with our fund raising events and everyone doing their part and giving what they can, our dream of a new sanctuary will soon be a reality. We hope to make October 13, the day of our Homecoming, a special one and we give God all the praise and glory for all He has done and blessed us with. Our church family is growing both in member and spiritually and I believe that it is God's will that we are going to have a new building.

Thank you for your support and what you have already given and I am looking forward to the things that we can accomplish in the days to come for I believe the best is yet to come. God bless each of you.†

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## Building Fund Goal October 13, 1991

On June 12, 1991, upon recommendation of the Building Committee, the church set a goal of having at least \$100,000. in the building fund by October 13, 1991. Also, the church authorized the Building Committee to set a specific goal to be raised on Homecoming Day. The Building Committee established that goal at \$10,000.

Many individuals, committees and organizations have conducted, or plan to conduct, fund raising activities which will help to achieve our building fund goals. The WMU and the Youth Sunday School Department have already conducted fund raising events. Other fund raising events currently planned include:

- | Date          |   |
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| September 14  | - Brotherhood Auction Sale<br>Youth Selling Refreshments  |
| September 27  | - Children's Sunday School Department<br>"Poor Man's Super"   |
| September 28  | - WMU Yard Sale and Bake Sale   |
| October 2     | - WMU Supper Prior to Family Night  |
| October 11-12 | - Baptist Men and Others At Autumn Leaves<br>Festival Sell hotdogs, hamburgers<br>WMU Bake Goods Sale |
| Unscheduled   | - Single Young Adult Sunday School Class<br>Doughnut Sale   |



The Building Committee commends each of these groups for their efforts. Some events will result in raising considerable amounts for the building fund; while other events will not result in comparable amounts, these will help to achieve our building fund goals.

Several years ago someone wrote an amusing illustration that is appropriate for our current situation: "There was a man named Little. Mr. Little was married to a woman whose name was Mrs. Little. Mr. and Mrs. Little had seven little Littles. They lived in a little town where Mr. Little taught in a little school for which he received a little salary. One day somebody asked Mr. Little how he and Mrs. Little and the seven little Littles got along on such a little salary, and he said, 'Every little bit helps!'"

This is a beautiful statement about any church that is being successful. God has always used committed people, regardless of how much or how little they have, to carry out His kingdom's work, because every little bit helps.

Some other actions which may help us reach our goal includes these:

1. Those members who did not make a pledge last October may consider making a gift at this time (or over the next few weeks);
2. Friends of the church who are not members may wish to contribute to the building fund;
3. Those who made pledges may wish, if in a financial position to do so, to pay their pledges ahead of time;
4. Those who have paid their pledges up may wish to make another gift to the building fund at this time;
5. All members and friends may choose to take part in one of the fund raising activities listed above;
6. Continue as enthusiastic supporters of the building program and contribute to the building fund;
7. Encourage others to support the building program and to contribute to the building fund.

We wish to commend those who made a pledge last October and who have paid faithfully on that pledge. That is a major reason why there is now \$80,000. in the building fund.

The Apostle Paul never doubted that the hand of the Lord was ever there for those who had a need: "But my God shall supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus our Lord" (Philippians 4:19). Paul's Lord is the same Lord which we worship today. With His help, our hard work and commitment, victory is assured. Let's support and encourage each other in this momentous task.†

## Encouragement From Our Pastor

I am so excited about our building program. We need a new building to expand God's ministry. We want to thank everyone for their sacrificial giving. It takes a lot of money to build the kind of new facility that we need. The quicker we raise the money we need, the quicker we can start building. God loves a cheerful giver, and the more you give the more God will bless you. You can not give too much to the Lord's work. Giving to God is such a blessing now, and it will bring eternal rewards when we stand before Him.

God has really been moving in our church. Several have been saved and the Lord is dealing with many more. I am so excited about the salvation of souls. This is what church work is all about. A new facility will broaden our ministry and will help us to reach even more for God's kingdom. It will really be great one day when we can have our own baptistry. I know it will mean a lot to each one to have enough room in our facility for our services, weddings, and social meetings. Our church is really growing and we will need a larger facility to hold our expanding Sunday School. We can be proud of our church because we are so active in mission work for the Lord.

I hope you are excited the way God is working in our church. Please come as much as you can to our services, be much in prayer about souls, the sick, and our building fund. We have such love in our congregation, we can not do anything but grow in love and in number. God is adding to our church, and we need to encourage our new members. Let us all do everything we can do for God, so that we can truly say we are co-laborers with God. I love you all very much.†

In Christ:  
Pastor

## Chairman of Deacons Comments

As I write these notes it is in the middle of August and I am tempted to try to look two directions at the same time. The year has literally flown by and we are only two months away from our October 13 goal of \$100,000. toward our new sanctuary. At the same time we have raised \$70,000. plus in the last 10 months.

The hardest part of any race to run is the last lap of any event. We are twenty some thousand dollars away from our first goal. We have seen some salary freezes, sales tax increase, college tuitions raised--even school lunches and haircuts are higher. Time will not wait for us! Costs of new sanctuaries are increasing too! But let us not despair because the work of the Lord will go on! Our blessings have also increased as we have progressed through the past year!

Our attendance has remained strong and actually grown some in each one of our Sunday services. We have 10 awaiting Baptism now and have had several professions of faith and rededication throughout the past year.

There seems to be a good spirit among our church family as we continue to work together. The Nominating Committee has been fairly successful in getting positive responses for church offices and 3 new deacons have just been named for a new term of office.

Let us not tarry or be deceived that all is well; however. Satan is still out there biding his chances. We know GOD has won the overall fight but we must do our part to bring honor and glory to his name.

I can't wait to be a part of the new church growth that will take place as we continue working toward a new sanctuary.

We can't even begin to comprehend the blessings that are waiting out there for us!†

Dale Parsons