

# Frequently Asked Questions about the Vision

**How much is this vision going to cost?** We have received quotes and came up with some estimates, then added about 30% more for extras and increases, and came up with a total of \$125,000.00

**Can you really do this for this amount of money?** The Vision Team has done a lot of homework to come up with the \$125,000.00 amount. For many of the projects we have received direct quotes. We know that costs will often go up, so where we did get quotes, we used the highest one in figuring our goal. There were a couple of things we did not get quotes on but we feel we have a decent estimate. With our final number added up for all the projects, we then added almost 30% to help with any shortages on our estimates or increases in costs. Then we rounded that figure off to the \$125,000.00.

**How are we going to raise this kind of money?** While this is still being discussed, we have a couple of ideas. One will be presented on a date after the June 8 meeting. We know we will be asking for some financial commitments from the congregation. These commitments will probably be for a 3 year period. We will more than likely obtain a conventional loan as well.

**How does changing to chairs give us more spaces than the pews?** Several thoughts were considered as we looked at chairs. In the pews, most people will not sit closely together. Usually, each person takes up between 24" to 36" for "their space." In pews most people like to spread out. People are much more comfortable sitting next to someone in a separate chair.

The layout of how the chairs are set up can be changed while the pews are stationary. This will allow for reducing the width of aisles and rows if necessary to allow for more seating.

**If we are planning to use the bus for shuttling people, what will we do if it is gone on a trip?** We would hope to utilize some of our members vehicles.

**Isn't the date of October 1 too late for beginning the sanctuary remodel?** This date is our 'absolute latest' date to get started. We will likely start before then, but we HAVE to start by then to have any hope of completion by November 16.

**How are we going to accomplish all of these work days?** We are going to be incorporating a pledge system for time and tasks. Everyone will have the opportunity to make commitments for tasks that need to be completed.

**What are we going to do about the spirituality of the church—why are we so focused on the physical?** One of the issues we are currently dealing with is that we don't have space for new people or their vehicles. There seems to be an attitude of contentment among our congregation, while it should be focused on outreach. Focusing on this "Reliving of the Dream" for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary should help engage the attitude of the congregation getting it back to why our Church was established in the first place, and also why the Church was first established in Acts. Our hope is that engaging the congregation in this will set the foundation for engaging in outreach for Christ.

**Why are we doing the maintenance on the church?** We have many areas of the building that if they continue to be ignored will end up costing us quite a bit more later. Also, we want to be certain that our building is inviting, and looks like we care. We want our building to be inviting to the community.

**What if the congregational vote is no?** We would have to wonder what we missed in seeking God's will.

**Are we going to start eating in the sanctuary?** The intention of removing the pews and using chairs is not to make room for eating. However, it seems practical to utilize that space so we can enjoy real fellowship at our crowded dinners. As the largest room in our building it would seem to be poor stewardship to not utilize it in various ways.

**Do you plan to get everything done by November 16?** No. If we can that will be outstanding, but '*everything*' involves a lot of maintenance items that may have to be put on hold while we do the major projects. If the response to our commitment pledges is good enough, then we may.

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