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# Generations

OUR JOURNEY OF GRACE AND HOPE CONTINUES

## A Note from our Pastors

These are exciting times at First Baptist Church. At our 2nd church-wide gathering at the North property, God blessed us with a great time of food, fellowship, praise and worship.



Jim Gibson

"FOR THE PROMISE IS TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL WHO ARE AFAR OFF, AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL." ACTS 2:39

During that time we remembered the past generations who have sown seeds of grace and hope for us. Then we had the opportunity to sow seeds of grace and hope for the generations that will follow. It was exciting to see families plant their seeds in strategic locations and then pray for a future harvest. The blessings continued as 3 days later we saw 2,500 people attend our Fall Festival. There is much excitement as already we are beginning to see harvest from seeds we continue to sow. Please continue to pray for our journey. And, take every opportunity to prayer walk the new property. God has given the land. Let's claim it for the future!



Allan Lockerman

# October 28th:

## A Celebration of Grace and Hope

As Cheri Morgan is prone to say, "God showed up and showed out!" on Sunday October 28th as hundreds of First Baptist members and guests gathered on the Stuart Road property for a day of celebration. The cool briskness of the morning gave way to a delightfully beautiful Sunday afternoon for the outdoor lunch festivities, and the warmth of the sun was matched by the sweet spirit of fellowship and glowing smiles as folks began making their way from morning worship services. Those arriving early began to immediately seek out prayer points along the trail which winds its way through the woods where the new transitional worship center and educational space is noted by corner markers. The crowd continued to arrive by car and bus throughout the morning swelling to more than 1200 by the time lunch was served. For many God used this day to widen our eyes to the great vision He has for us by allowing a tangible means to tie the images of the master plan to the site. As people entered the door to the "Commons" area, some drifted to the "pulpit" others to the "back row" to get a perspective of the size of the transitional worship center. Parents showed children where their classrooms would be, and Sunday School teachers began to imagine a place where new believers would be disciplined. Anticipation abounds! Pastor Allan Lockerman has often proclaimed that this move is to position our church for the future, that the real benefactors are future generations. This became a day to



celebrate God's grace in the present generations and to catch a glimpse of hope in the laughter of the many children playing throughout the property. As we gathered for a time of praise and worship, those children stepped forward to lead in song. In their sweet voices God spoke to many, saying "This is why we are here," and the pictures of tomorrow have become clearer.

Pastor Allan finished painting the vision with a Spirit anointed message about how God's grace and hope has delivered us to this great opportunity, pointing to the fields behind him, helping us to see the houses on those hills...more importantly the faces of mothers and fathers and children who will live at the doorstep of our new home. He called the church to action, to a time of prayer. Each person was given two seeds, representing grace and hope. Pastor encouraged everyone to plant the seeds on the property with a prayer for God to continue to pour out His grace on the church. As the service concluded families joined hands and chose meaningful spots to plant their seeds...near the pulpit, in their classrooms, in the permanent sanctuary, the library, the parking lots, the future home of Lake Allan. Everywhere you looked people were planting seeds, and praying. "Unbelievable," says Pastor Jim Gibson, "the planting of the seeds was the icing on the cake. This was a great day, a confirmation of what God is doing, the unity and the variety of ages. There was just a great spirit."



## YEAR-END GIVING: How can I be involved?

"The generous people of First Baptist Church are blessed to be able to respond to these year-end opportunities."

As we look forward to our Capital Stewardship Emphasis with the theme of "Generations-Our Journey of Grace and Hope Continues" in early 2008, we are reminded of our mission and ministry challenges in 2007.

- We need to make sure our current ministries supported by our annual budget stay fully funded this year.
- Also, as in the past, our generous support of our annual year-end mission offering will hopefully and prayerfully continue and even increase.
- And, some of you may have personal situations that will allow you to give to the Stuart Road project in 2007.
- There are also special tax considerations for specific age groups that expire this year which allow you to contribute to any of the above causes from your IRA savings.



## October 21st: Phase I Presentation



"EXCITEMENT!" seemed to be the most prevalent word that described the atmosphere of our evening service on October 21st when the first in-depth presentation of our relocation plans was unveiled. The response from the FBC family appeared to be one of great anticipation as we move forward with GENERATIONS, Our Journey of Grace and Hope Continues. After viewing a brief fly-through of Phase I, Brother Allan gave us an overview of the specific areas of this first phase. At the conclusion of the service a formal motion was presented to proceed with the relocation project as presented.