

RECOMMENDATION

The Church Council, Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committees unanimously recommend to the members of First Baptist Moss Bluff the proposed renovation project for the worship center at a cost of \$550,000.

Worship Center Renovation Questions/Answers

1) How long will the renovation take?

It is scheduled for six – eight weeks and will start Monday, July 19th.

2) Where will we meet during the renovation?

We will continue to hold two morning services during the renovation project. The morning worship services will be held in the Family Life Center and Wednesday prayer meetings will be held in the Adult Ministry Center # 108. There will be no Sunday evening worship services during the renovation.

3) Will the Family Life Center be big enough and able to cool?

Yes, it certainly will be big enough for two services and plans are being made now to improve the cooling needs. We should all expect that some things may not be able to be done in the Family Center considering limitations with sound system, lighting and other variables. This should only raise our expectation to return to the finished worship center.

4) Why pew chairs instead of pews?

Both options were seriously considered. It came down to cost, use and appearance. The current pews would require upholster replacement ranging from \$120,000 - \$140,000, which does not include foam, wood finishing and repairs. The whole cost is estimated over \$200,000. The pew chairs are a full 21” wide and will give us the opportunity to have different floor arrangements for different events from worship services to weddings to seminars. The seamless appearance will provide a modern look that can be custom arranged for various venues and events. The recommendation includes purchasing 750 pew worship chairs. The Uniflex pew worship chair comes with a lifetime warranty.

5) Will there be a place on the pew chair that will hold a Bible?

Yes, there is a book rack conveniently located under the pew chair and is easily accessed from the back of the chair in front of you. There is also a cuphole for times when we observe the Lord’s Supper. The pew chair will also have a card holder for envelopes and other literature.

6) Who will get the old pews?

First, we would like to make them available to a mission start or church. Second, church members would be offered them if desired. In respect to the pews that have name plates, the name plates will be removed and made available to family members.

7) Will we have new Bibles?

Yes, around 250 New American Standard version Bibles will be purchased and placed in the pew chair racks.

8) How will the renovation be paid for?

The financing of the renovation will be handled in three different ways. 1) The finance committee has recommended that \$200,000 be transferred from the church general account. 2) Members will be encouraged to give at any time and two special offerings will be taken. One on the last day we are in the worship center before the renovation and one on the first Sunday after returning. 3) Interim financing will be established through the church scholarship fund using the guidelines it was established for.

9) Does the church have any debt?

Yes, the church owes \$375,000 on the Children's Ministry Center. The total cost for the CMC which was completed in 2005 was over two million dollars. Through generous giving and an aggressive payment schedule it is estimated this balance will be paid off in 2012. Important note to emphasize is that this loan was also assumed by the scholarship fund, thus we are paying ourselves the interest instead of any outside banking institution.

10) Why two projectors and screens?

Two screens will better facilitate the worship response by making the screens better visible and in line with the worship leader and team. The recommended built-in wall style will enhance the overall room's appearance and keep the baptistry area open at all times. In addition, the current projector is almost 8 years old and the two new projectors will provide a clean, clear digital image on the screens because of the advancements in technology.

11) What are the colors of the paint, carpet and pew chairs?

The colors were selected in keeping with the theme of the other facilities that adjoin the worship center and in consultation with an interior decorator. The church decorating team selected a two color contrast with the walls in Brunswick Beige and the beautiful trim in Shaker Beige. Both of these colors will aid in the reproduction of lighting as well as emphasize the architect original intent of the room's design.

12) What are some of the items in the audio/video project?

One significant amount involves the two video screens and two video projectors. Another significant area is the sound board itself. It is a digital board which the sound industry is moving towards and will provide ways that will enhance the quality sound for speakers, music programs, soloist, etc. The current board is over 6 years old and has been showing problems that could be a significant amount to repair. The last significant area is with the stage lighting. The plan involves adding a new and larger light board and adding more direct lighting for the stage area.

In addition: 1) The cost of this type of equipment is expensive. It is specialized and professional grade with very small tolerances; 2) There are four components to the technical part of the project-- audio, video, platform lighting, and acoustical treatment; 3) The expertise required to design and install these components is quite high.

13) What about the lights in the congregation? (House Lights)

That is greatly addressed in this renovation project. The project involves replacing the eleven house lights with efficient and brighter fixtures that will enhance the overall appearance of the room but mostly create enough light that we will have no problem seeing our Bibles.

14) Why do we keep updating the sound system?

We will not be installing a completely new sound system. We will continue to use all of the current audio equipment that is functioning correctly, including all amps and speakers. We will simply be adding to the existing system to give uniform coverage throughout the Worship Center.

15) Did we receive any other bids for the technical portion of the project?

Yes, we received two bids.

16) New digital church sign –

The renovation project not only includes the needed repairs and updates for the worship center but also a digital church sign will be placed on Highway 171. The sign will greatly assist in our visibility to the 30,000 people who travel the highway everyday. \$50,000 of the total renovation cost is designated for this sign that will compliment the worship center renovation.