

# **“BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE”**

## **BUILDING FUND DRIVE BEGINS**

- ◆ On this web page you can **download and print a pledge card for the “Building for the Future” building fund drive** that was approved during the congregational meeting on January 29.
- ◆ **The goal of the recently approved drive is \$230,000 for phase one alone and \$360,000 for phase 1 and phase 2 together.** On the first day of the drive, right after we established the building fund drive, we received 9 pledges for a total of \$70,000.
- ◆ You may pledge a one-time gift, or give in 6 month and yearly increments for a 3 year period, or you could give monthly for that same three year period.
- ◆ **The drive is designed to last no longer than 3 years.** If we get enough money to reach our goals we will begin to build.
- ◆ The Session wants to stress that people should give only above and beyond their regular contributions. **If someone would have to reduce their regular giving to the ongoing work of the church in order to give to this building drive, they should not fill out this pledge card.** Otherwise the mission of Bethany would be impaired.
- ◆ **What is my fair share, someone might ask.** Well, with approximately 180 giving units and a goal of \$360,000 you can do the math. However, some have more resources than others and not everyone will be able to give, so some will want to give more than others are able. We want to stress that every gift is important, no matter how small or large for that matter. If you have resources and you feel thankful for what God has provided for you please give generously to this important plan for our future. In order to reach our goal \$3000 gifts, \$5000 gifts, \$10000 gifts and even \$25000 gifts or more will be needed.
- ◆ **What can I do to help?** - Pray, think, talk to your loved ones about the amount you are able to invest in the future. Don't forget to dream, imagine the possibilities with a church family multipurpose room, a more functional kitchen, covered and more visible entryways, expanded narthex for fellowship, a more attractive exterior and more efficient office space. Also pray for our goals of expanded outreach, support for youth and families, and mission to the community.
- ◆ Ask now what God is leading us to as a church family and how God is leading you to respond.

