



Building Campaign Update

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The *Renewing the Vision* campaign, the second campaign in our effort to realize God's vision for Bush Hill Presbyterian Church in the 21st century has come to an exciting conclusion. As of Sunday, June 21, 2009, we have reached \$825,950 from 97 pledge units.

What does this mean? To date, the Bush Hill Church family has put forth or pledged approximately \$2.3 million towards an estimated \$6.3 million dollar project. We have more to do. But we should take a moment to enjoy this significant milestone. We should take a moment to give thanks to an awesome God—a God in whom we placed our trust to lead us forward. This campaign was rooted in prayer. And it was a success because of prayer. We ask that you continue to pray, “Lord, what do You want to do through me to fulfill Your will for our church.”

What's next? Once again, we wait for the next step in the approval process of the county. Our special use permit and our site plan have been approved. The next hurdle is the approval of our building permit application which we submitted in April. On paper this process is supposed to take a minimum of 60 days. We continue to check in with the county to make sure everything is moving forward. Once our building permit is approved, we will begin a bidding process to see who we will work with to build our new building!

Please remember why we are doing this. Remember all the ministries that were highlighted on Ministry EXPO Sunday. In brief, the groups behind the many ministries at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church presented their visions of continued ministries and how an upgrade to our facility could enhance these ministries. We saw skits, we heard songs—we saw the good, the bad, and the ugly of our beloved old building.

Many “thank yous” are in order. A great number of volunteers helped us all to *Renew the Vision*. Without this large cast we ran the very real risk of becoming complacent or even discouraged. Instead, as we gathered and shared our ministry stories, we were encouraged and invigorated. And of course we must recognize the generosity and the sacrifice embodied in the pledge commitments put forth by our brothers and sisters in Christ at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church.

While the official campaign pledging period has ended, if you continue to pray to God about how you might be involved with this process, we would joyfully accept any fruits from your conversation with God (in other words, you can make a commitment to this campaign at any time).

Grace and Peace from all of the *Renewing the Vision* Leadership Team.