

THE FUTURE

The Sustaining the Future team has looked at various scenarios from 12 million dollars down to the proposal we are presenting. After close examination, the team is recommending that Trinity “Sustain the Future” through a substantial updating as opposed to “Setting the Future” with additional construction.

The current project recommendations include new flooring in the majority of Phase 1, updated furnishings, accessories and paint in the Adult Education areas, Media Center and Administrative Offices and new acoustical moveable wall panels in the Adult Education area. The Fellowship and South Halls along with the Chapel will have updated sound and video installed. The Central Venue will receive a new updated sound and video system, new stage design, new LED lighting with a new ceiling design, new flooring and a redesigned seating layout with new seating.

Trinity has a bright future ahead. Trinity is one of the leading churches in the Lake Area and through this process the facilities will continue to provide a culturally relevant environment from which to reach the Lake Area for the cause of Christ.

FAQ

When is Trinity doing this?

The preference is to begin fall of 2019. However, much depends on planning and availability of contractors. No firm date has been set.

Are we using an Architect?

Yes, the team has enlisted HH Architects from Dallas Texas. HH specializes in faith-based buildings. They have designed over 1,000 projects.

What is the cost?

We currently have \$883,000 in the “Sustaining The Future” fund. The Finance Committee has set our debt to a maximum of \$3 million. It is important to know that the \$3 million debt will be incorporated within our current budget. While we are not doing a long term pledge campaign, we will do a onetime special offering. Any monies received during or after the one time offering will be added to the “Sustaining The Future” fund.

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THE VISION

This project we're proposing to you is focused on our future, but it has its roots in our past. A generation ago, God gave our church a vision and a task to accomplish. Through prayer, faith, and financial sacrifice, almost twenty years ago we relocated our church campus to this corner in south Lake Charles. That generation meant it as a gift to us today. As you look around our church body today, you'll see a mix of new faces and familiar ones. It is our desire to know and do the will of God more fully. In order to accomplish this, we are asking you to join us in renovating our worship and education spaces to more effectively reach and minister to the next generation—to have a part in presenting a gift to those yet to come.

Wallace Brady and the Sustaining the Future committee

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THE PAST

We're building NOW, come see HOW! February 2, 1997.

“Upon recommendation of the Project Committee, and the Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church, the following motion is presented to the church: to enter a capital fund raising program to raise 2 million dollars in 2 years, to proceed with the selling of church assets, and to authorize the Building Committee to begin building site preparation.”

That was the verbiage for the motion that evening in **1997**. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on June 1, 1997. Trinity moved forward with a campaign called “Shaping the Future” and the vision was fulfilled. On October 3, 1999 Trinity moved from its downtown location and held the first worship service in the new facility (on the corner of Nelson and Country Club) which we currently use. For those that remember, this was called Phase 1. Phase 1 is the name of the building that houses the Central Venue, Adult Education Area, Administration Offices, Media Center, and the majority of Preschool. Phase 1 was built with the intention of a new auditorium eventually being built in the open area south of the circle drive.

Do you remember where you were in 1999 and what you were doing? Here are a few things that were going on at that time. Rewinding VHS tapes after watching a movie, taking notes in school from an overhead projector, calling your friends from a house phone with a cord, saving files on a floppy disk, waiting for dial-up to connect to the internet, using physical maps, paying bills in person or by mail, taking pictures with cameras that had film, worrying about Y2K and skimming the Yellow Pages to find phone numbers. The average cost of a new house was \$131,750.00, average income per year \$40,810.00, average monthly rent was \$645, cost of a gallon of gas \$1.22, cost of a new car \$21,050.00, US postage stamp 33 cents, 1 lb. of bacon \$2.59, ground coffee \$3.41 per lb., loaf of bread \$1.49, dozen eggs 89¢.

THE PRESENT

In the past 20 years hundreds of people have come to faith at this campus. Our current church membership has grown to over 5,000. We literally reach people around the world through several mission points. We have become known as the “Family Place” and Trinity seeks to minister to individuals, couples, parents and families through an ever-present marriage and family ministry.

God has blessed us and in more recent years we have been able to Share, Secure and Span the Future by adding state of the art facilities to our Phase 1 building. These include The Trinity Center, The Cavern, Student Center, TK's place and the North Venue. We have also established the Trinity Counseling Center. Thousands are reached through the various programs, events, Bible studies and services these additions have allowed us to provide.

Trinity has maintained the original facilities well, however over the years our Phase 1 building has become worn, and in need of updating. It is now time to renew, refurbish and remodel the Phase 1 building. A close look will reveal flooring that needs to be changed, lighting that is obsolete, and a sound system with outdated technology. After 20 years the facility is out of sync with our other buildings on campus and needs to be updated to present day standards.

