

Master Plan Update  
The Red Brick Church, 11/14/17

Our church has formally begun the process of developing a master plan for the use of our site. Below are updates on our progress. Don't miss: "Ways You Can Help at the End of this Document."

1. Jan-Sept/17 - The Deacons and Trustees drafted a charge for a Master Plan Committee (MPC).
2. 4/22/17 - A group of pastors, trustees, and deacons visited Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee, WI to learn from that church's experience with building programs.
3. Aug - The Deacons and Trustees discussed and agreed on who might compose the MPC.
4. Sep - Preliminary meetings took place with possible MPC members.
5. 9/17/17 - A preliminary MPC meeting took place. We agreed on the need to update the congregation and review the long term strategy of buying adjacent properties for the sake of expansion.
6. 9/24/17 - Pastor Chris reviewed our purchase of adjacent properties as a part of the sermon series on 2 Corinthians 8-9. (See the below diagram).



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7. 10/15/17 - At an **all church meeting**, Our church family responded to a survey with overwhelmingly support for developing a master plan.

At a church family meeting, the need for a master plan was reviewed with the congregation. Sunday School Superintendent Brooke Adams, Pastor Chris Brauns, Trustee Chair Jeff McLindsay, Pastor Tim Michalek, and Matt Rhodes all participated in the meeting. Jeff McLindsay gave an update on the rental properties. We received Feedback forms from 59 people. On a scale of 1-5, with 5 being maximum agreement, people rated the statement, "Our Church needs a master plan for the use of our site," as: 52-5, 6-4, 1-3.

8. At the request of the Deacons and Trustees, the following people have agreed to be part of the Master Plan Process (as their schedules allow): Brooke Adams, Brad Baker, Chris Brauns, Terri Carby, Clyde Gelderloos, Dan Houston, Matt Rhodes, Randy Stukenberg. This group represents a wide range of involvement in different areas of ministry, time in our church, age, and relevant experience.

A number of activities are currently taking place: preliminary architect interviews, collecting congregational input regarding priorities, site visits to other churches who have completed projects, reading of relevant resources, a preliminary summary of needs / wants.

9. 11/12/17 - The MPC met to discuss how we will move forward.
10. Our Trustees have evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of owning rental properties. We are also considering the for interns and additional staff help.
11. 1/28/18 - **At our Annual Meeting it is possible we will have motions regarding (a) an expenditure to retain an architect for a master plan and (b) a possible recommendation from the Trustees regarding demolition of 1-2 rental properties in 2018.**

#### How Our Congregation Can Help

1. **Pray!** Our facilities are only a tool to be used for reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Throughout our history, our church has seen God use our space in that way. Let's pray with the urgency of those who know eternity is at stake.
2. **Ask questions!** Be encouraged to talk to the MPC, Deacons, Trustees, or pastors.
3. **Share your input or thoughts in written form.** We will survey our congregation in the days to come. At the same time, we are asking different areas of ministry to submit to us their thoughts on the need for improvements in facilities.
4. **Understand:** The Master Plan Process will require a great deal from our leadership including our pastors.
5. **Give!** God loves a cheerful giver -- let's pray for a strong conclusion to 2017 such that our extra giving will help us surge ahead with the Master Plan and demolition of properties in 2018 -- if God so leads our congregation.