

# FAQs about our *FOR THE KINGDOM* CAMPAIGN

## **Will this impact our Mission giving?**

- The Bear Valley budget and Move The World amounts given to missions will not decrease.
- In the longer term the amounts given to missions will increase, because of a stronger church body that is connected, matured and unleashed. Having a fully-functional facility empowers us to continue to accomplish our vision with the next generation.

## **How will this impact the children's ministry?**

- Security will be much improved. Checking in and out will be able to be more controlled.
- Parents and adults will be better trained to provide spiritual growth for their own children.
- A wider range of classes can be offered in the new configuration.
  - Both regular and "discipleship" classes can continue and expand.

## **How will this impact the youth ministry?**

- An expansion of meeting areas for youth ministry helps us prepare our youth to face the world.

## **How will this impact adult classes?**

- Adult classrooms will now be separate from the (downstairs) children's area, and will all use "adult-sized" chairs and tables.
- Some new classrooms may be equipped with seminar-desks to permit class members to be able to write and learn in an easier fashion.
- We will have some dedicated space for short-term training classes, in addition to the standard long-term Bible Study/ fellowship classes.

## **What is to be renovated downstairs?**

- Walls will be moved and hallways re-configured to allow:
  - A lower level welcome center (and security center) just inside the door.
  - Babies, young children, grade school, and youth will be grouped in their own areas.
  - The main "youth room" will be enlarged by the removal of the back hallway.
- A moveable folding soundproof wall will divide the downstairs gym in half to allow:
  - One half to be for children's games (padded walls, carpeted floor)
  - The other half to be quieter for adult use:
    - Large classes (up to 120 people, with a sound system)
    - Smaller luncheons (in a nice reception hall)
  - The moveable wall can be opened so that the entire lower level gym area can be used for large banquets (as it is now) with a ceiling and sound system.
- The counseling center will be moved out of the building for better client privacy.

### **What is to be renovated upstairs?**

- A very large second floor area will be added over the gym area to allow:
  - 3 new adult classrooms: various sizes for class size flexibility, some with tables.
  - Fireside Room will be the largest of these classrooms.
    - Not only classes, but nicer décor for small weddings and receptions.
  - A central welcome, fellowship and information area enlarges the existing foyer
    - Huge area for fellowship without the push of the foyer crowds.
    - Tables and chairs available to meet visitors and talk over coffee.
    - Congestion in foyer and hallways is greatly reduced.
    - Centralized information area instead of being scattered.
    - Structured places for depositing food items, etc., for our missions.
  - Two Entrances to the “upper gym” area: one replaces the present window over the gym; another entrance opens by the south door onto Jewell.
- An expanded ladies room still conveniently located on central hallway.
- The prayer room will be moved to part of the existing Library.
  - Prayer room will have a quieter entrance directly from worship center.
  - North side balcony upgraded for use as outside prayer patio for extended seasons.
  - Remaining Library will be dedicated space for the library (open on Sunday AMs.)

### **What about the parking problem?**

- We expanded our lease with Carmody Middle School to include their south lot (60 spaces) giving us a total of 420 parking spaces available on Sunday.
- Our use of the new “People Mover” bus as a shuttle to the Carmody lots is working well.
- We expect to gain additional parking at the new Shopping Building in the fall of 2008.
- The cost for a two-level parking garage on our own lot would be \$2M - That is out of sight!

### **Why at this time?**

- Bear Valley is a healthy church with no declining membership.
- Bear Valley people are younger than they were 20 years ago.
- If a church waits too long before upgrading its facility, people start leaving and visitors do not come back. It is much wiser to prevent such a decline than to wait and attempt to reverse it!

### **Why are we really doing this?**

- To maximize the spiritual effectiveness of BVC by upgrading the function and usability of this facility for now current and future generations.
- To create a better place for people to connect and spend time together.
- To provide needed classroom space upstairs with state of the art technology for teaching God’s precepts and performing a multitude of ministry opportunities for His Kingdom.