

Reaching Beyond Design Questions & Answers

Suggest that we have a Family Bathroom

- Good idea. We added a family bathroom between the men's and women's bathrooms by the front entrance.

Will there be baby changing stations?

- We plan on putting baby changing stations in each of the bathrooms.

Do we have a Cry, Family or Nursing Room for use during a service?

- We don't plan to have rooms dedicated exclusively for these purposes, but we have multiple spaces that can be used. We foresee having a video feed for the services that can be piped to the adult classrooms, narthex, infant, toddler and any office or classroom. We will plan on designating space for these needs.

Suggest that we take out exterior window in the crib room to better control the lighting.

- The next design will not have an exterior window in the crib room.

What is the sanctuary floor?

- We aren't sure yet if it will be polished concrete, stained concrete, carpet or a combination of these. We will make a decision taking into account initial cost, maintenance, usability (including effect on acoustics) and aesthetics.

What are we doing for a Baptismal?

- We plan on having a portable Baptismal unit.

Sanctuary Chairs or Pews?

- We have \$45K in our budget for sanctuary chairs. We will work to find high quality durable chairs that will meet our needs.

Will we reuse our current furniture (office furniture, classroom tables/chairs, etc)?

- We will reuse as much of our current furniture that we can.

Do we have windows in the back of the sanctuary?

- We don't plan on having windows in the back of the sanctuary but there will be windows in the doors between the narthex and the sanctuary.

What is the plan for a visitor / help desk?

- We have \$10K in the budget for a moveable information/visitor/help desk (kiosk)

Can we have 2 doors into classroom 132 so it can be used by both adults & children?

- For child protection we don't want to have another access path to the children activity area so the current plan is to have only 1 door into this classroom on the east side of the north wall. We will have an internal door frame behind the drywall leading into the large activity area if we want to add a door in the future.

There is no line of sight in classroom 124 for child protection.

- We will add concaved mirrors.

Will we have a full kitchen?

- We plan on having everything that we have today and more, ie: stove, oven, refrigerator, dish washer and garbage disposal.

Classroom Storage?

- This is a future work item but right now we think that there will be upper cabinets in each classroom that have enough space for each ministry (ie: Awana, SS, M&Ms)

What is the plan for coat racks?

- We have plenty of wall space in the narthex to have coat racks. We also plan to have portable coat racks that we can bring in during the cold seasons. For the children area we will have coat hooks in the hallway between the classroom wing and the fellowship/gym area.

Will the hallway between the classroom wing and the fellowship/gym area be a traffic bottleneck?

- The hallway is 7.5 feet wide and we don't think that we will have a congestion problem there.

Can we add a double door to Mechanical room 111?

- Good idea. We will add.

Is there enough money in the budget for a quality A/V system?

- Our current budget has \$35K for acoustical treatment, \$50K for stage lighting, \$50K for video system, \$80K for sound system, and \$20K for an AV consultant. We think that this \$235K is enough.

Heating / Cooling

- Excel is still working on the climate control design. The plan includes multiple zones in the building so we can heat/cool just the areas that are being used. Geothermal is not in the plan as it is not cost effective. We are looking into in-floor heating in some areas. We will have air conditioning.

Will the roof be rock covered? If yes, make sure installation doesn't damage insulation.

- The roof design isn't completed but if it is rock covered they will install protection over the insulation to protect it from damage during installation. They would also use a conveyor to lay down the rocks and not carts.

In the future the fellowship/gym area will be used for outreach. Can we swap it with the classroom wing?

- We don't plan on changing for the following reasons:
 1. Our major ministry focus is in 3 areas: classrooms, sanctuary and infant/nursery areas. Our current design has these adjacent to each other and we don't want to change.
 2. Swapping these 2 areas will cause poor traffic flow from the kitchen to the fellowship hall.
 3. The exterior elevation view will look ill designed.

The traffic flow from the round-a-bout to the main entrance seems to have tight corners

- The design of the round-a-bout and the location of the wetlands dictate the current layout, which will meet the state and county codes for functionality.

Won't the utility, labor and maintenance cost increase with this larger building?

- Our preliminary calculations show our yearly costs will increase by \$35,500
 - Janitorial expenses will increase \$9,500
 - Electricity & Gas expenses will increase \$25,300
 - Maintenance expense will decrease \$1,600
 - Insurance expense will increase \$2,300
- Note that for the last few years we have been saving \$78,000/year (\$1,500/week) for our building program. Our current projections show that we will be close to having zero debt within a short time of moving into our new building. This \$78,000 will more than cover any additional cost associated with our larger building.