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REPORT OF TASK FORCE ON SPACE UTILIZATION AND MINISTRIES

The collective ministries of First Baptist Church are what give the church life, what gives the church its character, and what defines the church to those people outside the church walls, looking in.

The task force has discussed some of the ministries with the various leaders of those ministries. The following are common themes expressed by those leaders.

1. The congregation known as First Baptist Church has determined it will stay at its current location at 22nd St & Covell Ave. where it has been in the same building since 1951. The location will stay the same. Yet, changes are on the way. FirstB may not stay the same. The facility cannot stay the same.
2. Leaders of the ministry expect Sunday worship attendance to grow to about 750 people. Most of that growth is expected in Family Life Center (FLC) Service attendance.
3. Small groups are the heart, the aorta of church ministries. In order to be effective, small groups need places to meet... places that are designed to fit the character of the group, “belonging” spaces.
4. A top level priority is to have all worship services in the same place, one sanctuary. All ministry leaders are of one mind on this priority! In keeping with the expected growth of the FLC Service changes in the worship area may be necessary... including new methods of seating, greater reliance on supportive media and electronics, space for a gathering area, etc.
5. Given the space available, expansion of any ministry at FBC will have to be at the expense of one or more of the other ministries.
6. All ministry areas (sanctuary, small group “belonging areas”, youth gathering area, etc.) need to be equipped with state-of-the-art electronics and multi-media capabilities.
7. Every ministry will be most effective if it can operate from one area or their own belonging space within the church facility. There is need for consolidation of the dis-jointed parts of the various ministries of FBC.
8. The various Worship Arts will grow and develop as the Pastor of Worship leads by equipping, training, and empowering people for the work of those ministries to ensure a unified approach to the substance of two stylistically different services.
9. Through our discussions, it has become apparent that we need to find a name for the service that is held in the Family Life Center.

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