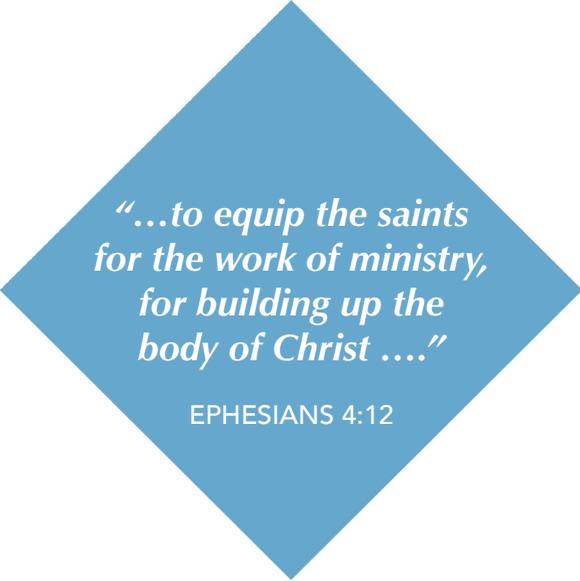


# CALLED BUSINESS CONFERENCE

JUNE 13, 2021



LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH  
DR. TYLER SMILEY, SENIOR PASTOR  
NEAL BOOTH, DM MTL  
JOE WOOD, JR, STEWARDSHIP MTL



*“...to equip the saints  
for the work of ministry,  
for building up the  
body of Christ ...”*

EPHESIANS 4:12

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## **WELCOME**

Dr. Tyler Smiley, Senior Pastor

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Neal Booth, DM MTL

## **BRIEF HISTORICAL REVIEW OF LBC PROJECTS**

Dr. Tyler Smiley

## **PRESENTATION OF IWC RENOVATION/COMPLETION MOTION**

Dr. Tyler Smiley

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Robert Puckett

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Dr. Tyler Smiley

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Neal Booth

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Dr. Tyler Smiley

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Yale Moore, Assistant DM MTL

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



Church family,

As a pastor I think often of 1 Peter 5:2 — “shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God

would have you.” The encouragement and support that I receive from this church family brings me great strength for this task. Indeed, by God’s grace and your love toward me, I find joy even in the weightiness of ministry in serving this church as pastor. I am humbled by this calling, and grateful to the Lord that I am able to serve him, and you all, in this way.

By God’s grace we have been called to steward a remarkable ministry at Lakewood. We are serving in the Lord’s church, and as Scripture teaches, “the church of the living God [is] the pillar and foundation of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). The Lord has blessed this church richly, and with such blessings come great expectations to use his gifts to us for his purpose and ministry.

What we are considering today is a significant decision regarding how our church will continue to move forward in serving the Lord in our own day. This decision maintains tremendous implications regarding the future of our church even after we have been reunited with the Lord in heaven, should the Lord tarry in his return. Consider how much of a blessing it is for a local church to have a facility that is set apart and dedicated to the Lord’s work. This is a blessing we might unintentionally hold for

granted, yet we can trust that future generations will be blessed by God through the campus and facilities that God provides and that we pass along.

Due to the rising cost of materials, the extended time necessary for the procurement of materials, and our needed timeline for the completed space we are moving quickly, though not overly-hurried, and we are trusting in God’s “wisdom from above.” The renovation and completion of our Interim Worship Center involves the responsible stewardship of the Lord’s finances, given by his people, for use in building his church and his kingdom on earth. I am humbled to be tasked as Senior Pastor with the responsibility of serving and leading this church in the vision the Lord has set before us, and I believe this to be the Lord’s direction. Even so, I value and recognize the necessity of unity and cooperation in the Lord’s work, and I trust that you also see how critical is our unity and mutual affirmation in the Lord’s intention for our church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this matter. I thank God for the wisdom and spiritual giftedness he has given to each one in our faith family. In all things, let us remain faithful to the Lord’s work, and not grow weary, knowing that our work in the Lord is not in vain.

Yours to serve in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Smiley'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dr. Tyler Smiley, Senior Pastor

# GOD'S GRACE IN DEVELOPING HIS CAMPUS

- ▶ CTV: Committed to Vision
- ▶ FTV: Fulfilling the Vision
- ▶ CTV: Continue the Vision
- ▶ FTR (For this Reason): Together We Build
- ▶ STV: Sharing the Vision
- ▶ Chapel Renovation & AV Upgrade completed in 2014
- ▶ Expansion Project completed in 2020

## THE VISION OF LAKEWOOD

LAKEWOOD IS A  
REGIONAL CHURCH  
THAT MAKES DISCIPLES  
OF JESUS CHRIST  
LOCALLY, NATIONALLY  
AND GLOBALLY.

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## MOTION

The DLC and DM recommend that the church initiate an Interim Worship Center (IWC) Renovation/Completion Project that consists of 4 phases.

### PHASES 1 AND 2

The current motion recommends approval to complete Phases 1 and 2 at a budget not to exceed \$3.2 million.

- ▶ Phase 1 will provide for IWC interior completion consisting of a permanent baptistry, new stage design, permanent rear auditorium seating, necessary AV upgrades, and other interior renovations and completions.
- ▶ Phase 2 will include the enclosure of the plaza, providing climate control space for Guest Information, preservice gathering, and Pastor's Reception area. Phase 2 will also include a cross tower on the exterior of the building.
  - By the grace of God, Lakewood has received generous beyond tithe gifts this current year, as well as in past years. In addition, the Stewardship Team has been preparing for the inevitable need of IWC completion by maintaining an active building fund.
  - Expenses for Phases 1 and 2 will be provided for from the existing Lakewood Building Fund. Lakewood will not incur any debt nor will a capital stewardship campaign be required for Phases 1 and 2.

- Upon church approval of this motion, IWC Renovation/Completion may begin on or around June 14th. Beginning July 4th, Real Life Worship will be held each Sunday in the Ministry Center. Given current conditions regarding the procurement of materials, Lakewood is prepared to conduct Real Life Worship in the Ministry Center through the end of 2021.
- The Senior Pastor, DLC, and Executive Pastor, Robert Puckett, will be authorized to make decisions within the scope of work and the “not to exceed” project budget identified for Phases 1 and 2. Associate/Senior Adult Pastor Don Ormsbee will be responsible for day-to-day oversight of Phases 1 and 2 and will provide program updates to the Executive Pastor, Robert Puckett.

## PHASES 3 AND 4

This Motion also allows for Phases 3 and 4 to begin upon recommendation of the Senior Pastor, with approval of the DLC, DM, and Stewardship Team.

- ▶ Phase 3 will consist of outside corridor on the north side of the Worship Center (facing Thompson Bridge Road) that will mirror the existing corridor on the south side of the Worship Center (facing the back parking lot).
- ▶ Phase 4 will provide a covered passenger drop off area on the north side of the Worship center (front), the completion of the front face of the Worship Center, and other such amenities as needed.
  - The Stewardship Team is authorized to expend such funds for Phases 3 and 4 as is required and may utilize building funds and existing church funds as is fiscally responsible.
  - A capital stewardship campaign and other special giving may be encouraged for the completion of Phases 3 and 4. Lakewood will not incur any debt for Phases 3 and 4.
  - It is hoped by God’s grace that Phases 3 and 4 might be initiated by 2022.
  - The Senior Pastor, DLC, DM, and Stewardship Team are committed to praying NOW for God’s financial provision of Phases 3 and 4.

# CONCEPTUAL AND DRAWINGS



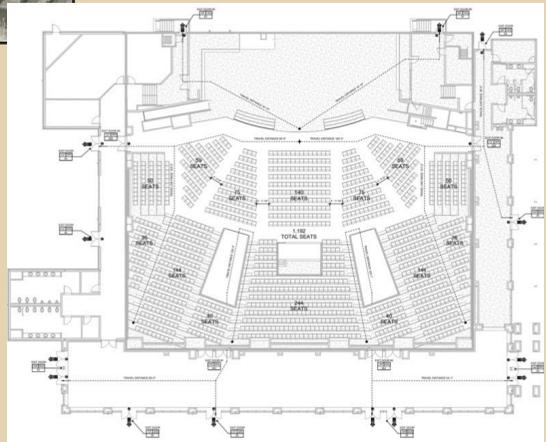
Exterior Phases 1-4  
with Cross Tower

Plaza Enclosure



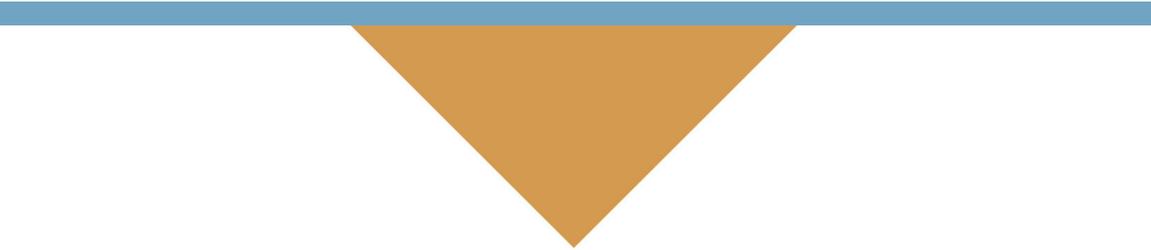
Renovation of Interior with  
Permanent Baptistry

Renovation of Seating  
and Stage Redesign



## IMPORTANT POINTS

- ▶ This project of renovating our Worship Center is the completion of what was started in 2004 with the building of our Interim Worship Center. Our vision was always to have a Ministry Center with a gym and a permanent Worship Center. This project brings to completion that vision.
- ▶ Throughout the years the Lakewood Stewardship Teams have carefully and wisely stewarded our financial resources in hopes of seeing God's unfolding vision funded. To this end, the building fund has remained open over the years, believing that God had future plans regarding the development of our campus and facilities.
- ▶ Our building fund consists of funds received over many years. The building fund has grown as God's people have given beyond-tithe gifts including gifts in memorial, gifts in honor, gifts given to be used at the discretion of the Senior Pastor, and other special and one-time contributions.
- ▶ Lakewood's building fund includes gifts made over decades in memory and honor of Lakewood family and friends requesting, "In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Lakewood building fund in memory of \_\_\_\_\_."
- ▶ By the grace of God, we are able to fund Phases 1 and 2 with no additional funds being raised while maintaining the full funding of our ministry programs AND maintaining our 30+% giving to local, national, and global missions. Lakewood has never sacrificed the great commission in creating and sustaining new building and facility space.
- ▶ God has blessed our ministry efforts and financial giving throughout the years, and the faithful giving of God's people at Lakewood have proven "you can't out-give God."
- ▶ Just as the cross is central on the exterior and interior of our Chapel, we are excited to include the addition of the Cross Tower as a focal point on the front and outside of our building, as a reminder that we "preach Christ and him crucified" and we all gather "at the foot of the cross."
- ▶ As is the case with our Chapel, the permanent baptistry to be installed with the completion of Phase 1 will be a visual indication that the Lord is at work calling new people to come and follow him. It will also serve as a permanent reminder for those who have been baptized of what the Lord has done.

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- ▶ As with all of our building and renovation projects, Phases 1, 2, 3, and 4 will not be “excessive,” “grandiose,” or overly-extravagant, but will provide functionality and multi-use space that is clean and welcoming, and will be a fitting gathering place of God’s people.
  - ▶ Just as we have been handed facilities and a campus provided by many who are now with the Lord in heaven, so too are we committed to leaving a legacy and opportunity for those who come after us to benefit from the same blessings of the Lord.
  - ▶ The completion of this project will allow space for various all-church gatherings.
  - ▶ We remain committed to our two venues of worship, “Crosspoint” and “Real Life.” As we continue to see each of these venues grow, the renovated IWC would become a very conducive environment for our Crosspoint venue as it outgrows our current Chapel.
  - ▶ As with our Chapel, the Worship Center:
    - Will be a place where people are changed, where they encounter the living and only true God, where God’s word is declared with authority, compassion, and grace, and where we take seriously the call to pass along our faith to the generations.
    - Will be a place where men and women, boys and girls, are called to serve the Lord through missions and church planting, where those same ones are trained for the task and then sent out to do it, and where their work for the Lord will be continually celebrated.
    - Will be a place where God’s people are trained and equipped by the Word of God and built up by God’s people to love the Lord and serve him in whatever area of life the Lord has called them to work and live. This space will be a place where God’s people come to find refreshment in the Lord, to commune with Jesus Christ, and to rest in the comfort and peace of his Holy Spirit. Then God’s people will be sent out from this place each week to take the message of the gospel into all the world.
  - ▶ Most importantly, just as with our Chapel, the renovated Worship Center will be a place where God is honored and Jesus Christ is proclaimed, for the sake of his name among all the nations.

# A PRAYER FOR OUR RENOVATED WORSHIP CENTER

Almighty God,

We thank you for the love that you have shown to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you for this church that is your possession and people. We believe that this church is “the church of God which Jesus Christ bought with his own blood.”

Throughout history, you, Lord, have stirred up your people to build houses of prayer and praise, which were set apart for ministry and the proclamation of your Word in Scripture. We know that this campus and these facilities are a gift from you, and we are full of gratitude for these buildings that you have provided, by your grace and through the generosity of your people.

We ask you to receive with gladness the work of our hands, our plans, our service, and our financial gifts of love, and that you would use this renovated Worship Center as a place for your people to worship you in Spirit and in truth. We remember now, just as we believed in the building of our Chapel and in the building of our Interim Worship Center, that what takes place within these walls is to be focused on your glory and the praise of your name. Just as we have dedicated our Chapel and our Interim Worship Center, so to we dedicate this renovated Worship Center to be used by you to draw many to Jesus Christ and to build up the saints in your church for the work of the ministry.

We thank you for those faithful men and women who have gone before us, who have given sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure, and whose giving has become a great blessing to us. Fill us full of your Spirit of wisdom and of generosity so that our lives might also be poured out for your glory and good work. Grant us your grace, Father, that we would honor you with our whole selves, knowing that one day we all will stand before you and give an account of our lives.

Help us to trust in you with all our hearts and minds, and to follow your vision for us wherever it leads. We believe your word: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” Build this house, O Lord, we ask, for the sake of your name among the nations.

To the praise of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

## SPURGEON & THE METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE

*A hymn composed by J. Tritton combined with a gospel hymn used for the opening service of the Metropolitan Tabernacle. The opening service was led by the church's pastor, Charles H. Spurgeon, on Monday, March 18, 1861, at 7:00AM.*

Spirit of glory and of grace,  
Your favor we entreat,  
You true Shekinah of the place,  
Where true disciples meet.  
Oh, let the labor of our hands  
Be precious in your sight  
And long as this our temple stands,  
Your presence be its light.  
Here float the gospel's banner wide  
O'er faithful hearts and brave;  
And here, O Jesus crucified,  
Come forth in power to save!  
Make bare Your arm, You King of saints,  
To bring dead souls to life;  
And when Your children's courage faints,  
Renew them for the strife.  
No Bochim this—a place of woe—  
But Pisgah's holy steep;  
Where dying ones their heaven shall know,  
Ere yet they fall asleep.  
While we who live shall urge the race,  
If Jesus be but here,  
Spirit of glory and of grace,  
Revealing Christ, appear!

Saved from the damning power of sin,  
The law's tremendous curse  
We'll now the sacred song begin  
Where God began with us.  
We'll sing the vast unmeasured gram  
Which, from the days of old,  
Did all His chosen sons embrace,  
A sheep within His fold.  
The basis of eternal love  
Shall mercy's frame sustain;  
Earth, hell, or sin, the same to move,  
Shall all conspire in vain.  
Sing, O you sinners bought with blood,  
Hail the great Three in One  
Tell how secure the covenant stood  
Ere time its race begun.  
Ne'er had you felt the guilt of sin  
Nor sweets of pardoning love,  
Unless your worthless names had been  
Enrolled to life above.  
O what a sweet exalted song  
Shall rend the vaulted skies,  
Then, shouting grace, the blood-washed throng  
Shall see the Topstone rise.



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