



From Where I Sit . . .

Elders Announce Special-Fund Drive – \$120,000

Shepherding a local congregation is a serious charge that God has placed on a group of men known as Elders or Bishops of the local church. Their responsibilities center around watching out for the spiritual welfare of our souls. They utilize deacon servants, Bible teachers, evangelists, and numerous individuals who might serve as helpers in key areas for the overall greater good of the whole church.

Our Elders at Broad Street are very open to the input from all of these many areas, and ultimately make decisions, both spiritual and logistically that are aimed at best serving the total spiritual need of the church.

With a strong input from many sources, **our Elders have announced the decision to buy the property directly across the street from our main building as a part of a continuing effort to guarantee that we are able to grow and expand at our present location as a local church.** Parking hasn't been a problem for several years due to the generosity of owners of the property where the furniture store and large parking lot are located,. We are very grateful for that generosity! On the other hand, we have no guarantees that this space will always be available. With this in mind the Elders have been advised and have agreed that we should be looking down the road for means of expansion that includes adequate parking space.

The purchase price for the lot and existing building is \$120,000, of which we hope to reduce what we have to borrow through a special fund drive from within the church. **On November 5 we are being asked to reach as deeply as we can – into our hearts and into our pockets – and make a separate offering over and beyond our regular contribution to reduce this indebtedness.** It's conceivable that the entire amount could be retired if we all take seriously our stewardship. I know of churches that have given several hundred thousand to several million dollars in a short period of time to accomplish great works.

If you are in a position to make a long term investment in the future of our work at this location, please prayerfully consider their request and give with a generous spirit. Some will need more time to put their gifts together, and certainly offerings would be welcome that come in later, but we do want to do as much as we can to lower the debt before drawing any bank loan proceeds after January 1 of 2007.

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