

Project 2021 Update

July 8, 2021

Waxhaw Bible Church Family,

In September of 2019 we launched **Project 2021**, a capital campaign and pledge drive targeted towards the replacement of our three modular buildings and the future construction of an updated Worship Center. Little did we know at that time all that was on the horizon for us, for our community, the nation, and the world. If one could go back in time, knowing what we know now, it wouldn't have seemed to be the right time to consider building or to kick off a fundraiser. But we would be remiss to overlook the faithfulness of God. In spite of all that has gone on, we have seen steady and increasing faithfulness on the part of God's people towards the furthering of the Gospel in our community through the planned construction on our campus. We are reminded of Proverbs 16:7-9, "When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even His enemies to be at peace with him. Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice. The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps." Great is Your faithfulness, oh God! As the Lord continues to direct our steps, we continue to faithfully sow into the ministry and the plans He has called us to. Last October (2020) we updated you on **Project 2021**, following a Family Meeting in late August. At that time, we set forth a couple of proposals regarding our path forward. Both proposals passed at our November 2020 annual budget meeting- clarifying permanent replacement and setting the \$500k threshold for loan investigation. Originally, we planned **Project 2021** to run from September 2019 until May 2021 and targeted May 2021 for breaking ground on Phase 1. We are now in July of 2021, and it should be pretty evident that we have not broken ground. While we planned our way, the Lord continues to direct our steps. With that in mind, we'd like to offer you some updates, thoughts, and an invitation.

- As a result of **Project 2021**, those who pledged have given \$149,000 so far. \$43,000 was given by people who did not originally pledge. The total given to the building fund (by individuals) from Sept. 1, 2019 and July 4, 2021 was \$191,400.
- We have transferred \$140,000 (\$75k in 9/2019 and \$65k in 2/2021) from the General Fund to the Building Fund.
- **As of July 8, 2021 we have \$395,162.25 in the Building Fund.**
- On page three you'll see a couple of charts that document our progress in the Building Fund over the past five years.

So, what's Next?

Upon seeking the Lord in prayer and considering all that has gone on over the past year and a half, we're updating our plan a bit.

- Extending the My Commitment Campaign of **Project 2021** until the end of 2021, both for those who pledged and have yet to complete their donations and those who have not had the opportunity to give through this program and would like to. We recognize that many people have given during this time apart from the campaign, and that's wonderful. We have been blessed by the generosity of newcomers and those who have been with us for years. While it's not necessary, you are invited to contact the church office to get a **Project 2021** commitment card to use.
- Considering we didn't break ground in May 2021, we are thinking and praying about a new target date for groundbreaking. As always, we welcome your thoughts.

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- Each week, we get closer to the \$500k threshold (set November 2020) that will trigger the investigation regarding a loan to provide the funding of Phase 1 construction. Our prayer and hope is that we can accomplish that goal within this year, 2021. **A brief reminder that we have not decided to get a loan.** While our hope is that we could complete this project without a loan, we want to keep all of our

options open and use godly wisdom to see this through to the completion of the new building. With that, we're asking that we continue to faithfully sow into the future of this ministry. But there are many other ways to participate:

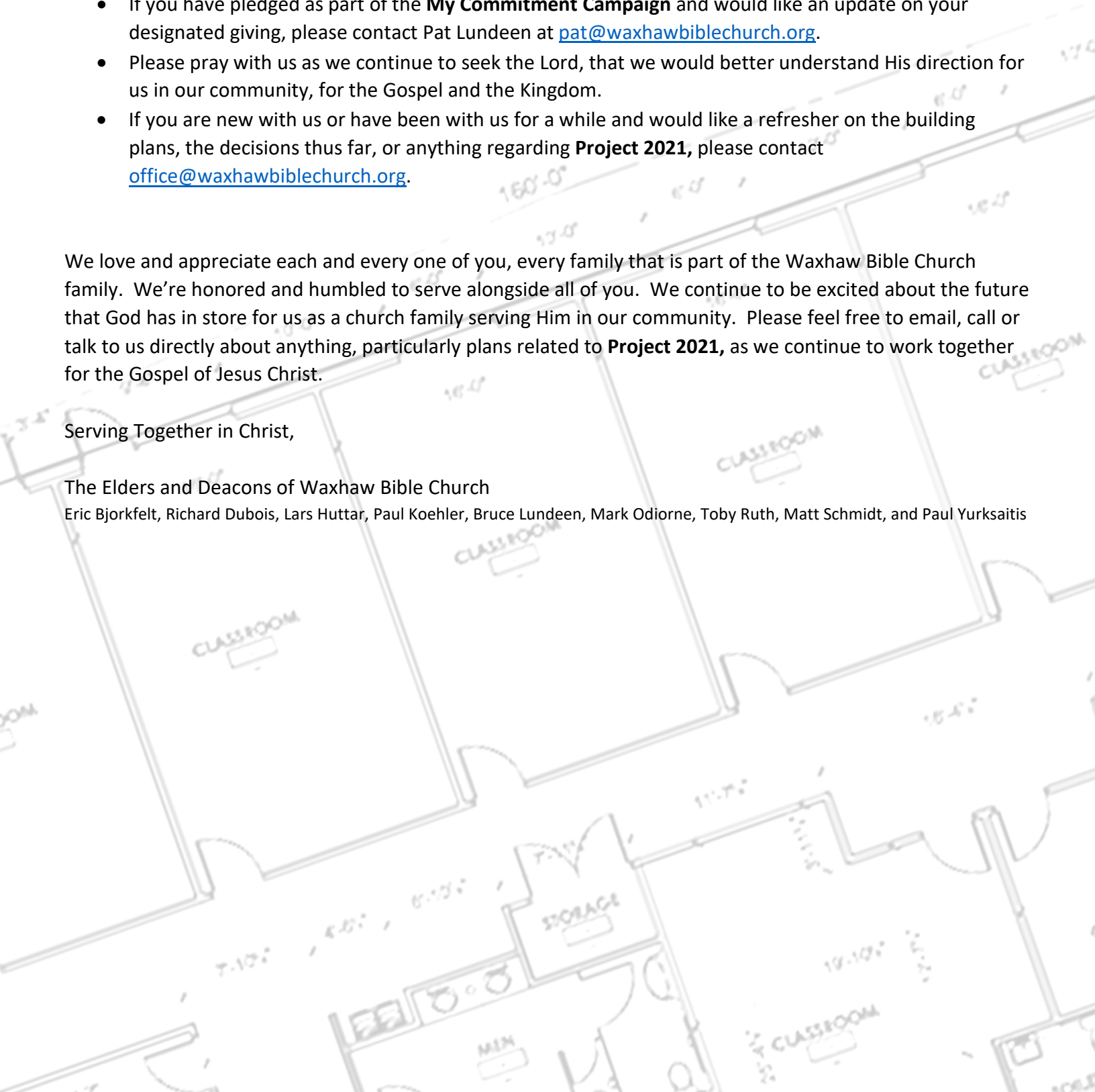
- Perhaps you are able and willing to run a fundraiser and invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us.
- Have you thought about approaching your employer or another potential corporate partner?
- Maybe you're gifted in administration, fundraising, or project management. Have you considered joining the Building Committee or Building Finance Committee?
- If you have pledged as part of the **My Commitment Campaign** and would like an update on your designated giving, please contact Pat Lundeen at pat@waxhawbiblechurch.org.
- Please pray with us as we continue to seek the Lord, that we would better understand His direction for us in our community, for the Gospel and the Kingdom.
- If you are new with us or have been with us for a while and would like a refresher on the building plans, the decisions thus far, or anything regarding **Project 2021**, please contact office@waxhawbiblechurch.org.

We love and appreciate each and every one of you, every family that is part of the Waxhaw Bible Church family. We're honored and humbled to serve alongside all of you. We continue to be excited about the future that God has in store for us as a church family serving Him in our community. Please feel free to email, call or talk to us directly about anything, particularly plans related to **Project 2021**, as we continue to work together for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

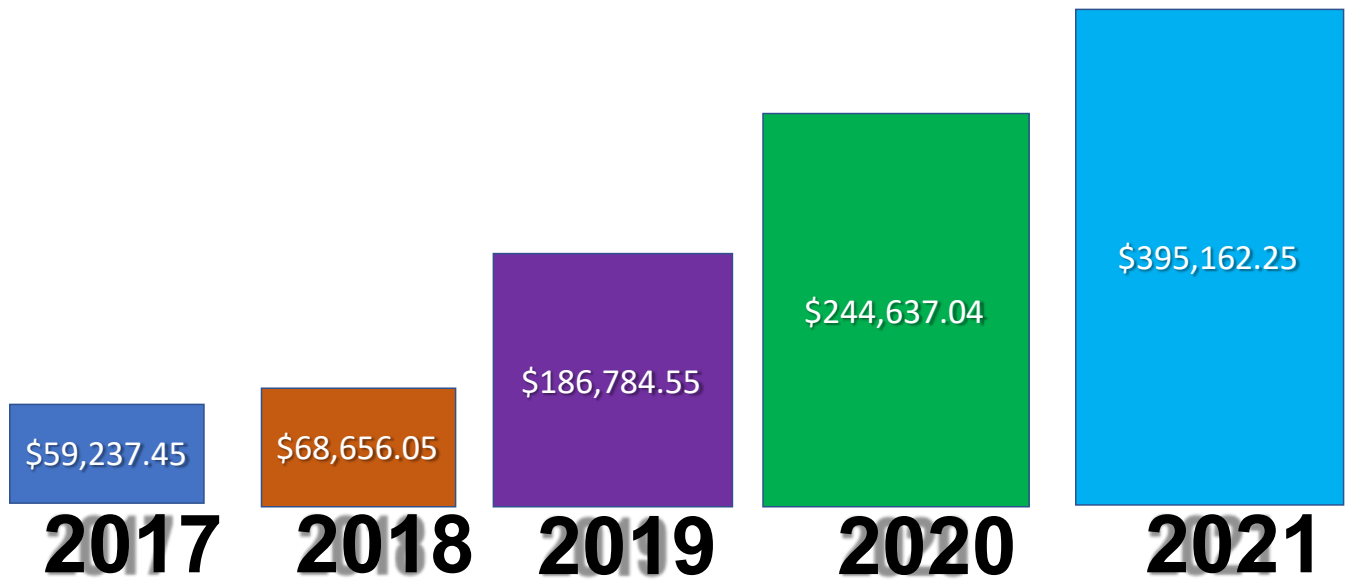
Serving Together in Christ,

The Elders and Deacons of Waxhaw Bible Church

Eric Bjorkfelt, Richard Dubois, Lars Huttar, Paul Koehler, Bruce Lundeen, Mark Odiorne, Toby Ruth, Matt Schmidt, and Paul Yurksaitis



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