



## Message from the Pastor



**“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name,”**  
~ Psalms 103:1

One of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 8:28, *“And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God and to them that are called according to His purpose.”* Let's look at how this Bible verse applied to our Bond Hill project.

First, National Amusement, which owned the property, had received several offers to purchase the 30 acres in Bond Hill. National Amusement decided to interview all interested parties to see who had the best plan for Bond Hill. Corinthian was scheduled to be the first group to be interviewed at 9 am. However, as a result of one of our team members coming in from out of town and not being able to arrive at the interview until later that day, our time was switched from 9 am to 2 pm. Therefore, instead of us being the first group to be interviewed, we were the last group. By being last we were able to offer an amount that exceeded all the other offers. This led to us winning the bid to purchase the land. God switched our time and we won the bid.

Several years ago, we purchased 3 acres on Whittier Street to build a family-life center. Then we were informed that the city wanted a portion of our Whittier Street property for the new I-71 highway connector. This sparked us to look for a location to relocate our church, in addition to opening the door for us to sell the 3 acres we had planned to build the family-life center on. We sold the 3 acres for 10 times more than what we purchased it for.

We then became inundated with requests and offers to either purchase our Bond Hill property or lease it. Offers came from the City of Cincinnati, the Port Authority, Wal-Mart, car dealerships, senior housing, sports facility, construction companies, schools, retail businesses, restaurants, you name it. We had a flood of offers. But none of those deals worked out. Either we said no or the deal just wasn't a good fit. Now we understand that it was our God who had said no to all those previous offers. He closed those doors because He had something better for us.

In November 2014, we sold 25 acres to Mercy Health. Mercy Health is the 4th largest employer in Ohio. Mercy will move their headquarters to the Bond Hill site. Corinthian retained 5 acres for the purpose of relocating our church to Bond Hill.

Currently, we are in the process of getting the selected architect, HCO, under contract. A rendering is needed from the architect in order to give us an idea of what our church and family-life center will look like. Hopefully, we will have our drawings completed and financing in place so we can break ground this year.

What I need from you Corinthian is for us to stay faithful, committed and focused. I know it seems like it is taking a long time to build our new church. But, let us not become weary in doing this good work for at the right time we will reap if we don't give up. And I am confident, regardless to what opposition we face, regardless to what decision we have to make, I'm confident that everything is going to be alright. I'm confident because...

**"All things are working together for our good"**

~ Pastor K.Z. Smith

## What's Happening Now.....



**Corinthian Baptist Church Fund Development Team**  
**“Buy a Brick/Pave a Stone”**

*Psalms 78:4 ~ “We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord. We will tell of His power and the mighty miracles he did.”*



*(Examples of the Paving Stone and Brick)*

**The Brick Campaign** is off and running! As a congregation, we are anxiously awaiting the day when we can see our bricks and pavements proudly displayed on the grounds of our new facility.

We hope our congregation continues to realize the importance of this investment in our church and those who are still interested decide to make purchase. Not only is this act an investment in our church, it's sowing a seed into our community, while leaving a lasting legacy.

The inscription on your brick/paving stone can display your name, honor someone or memorialize a loved one. Bricks start at \$100.00 for 3 lines or 39 characters and paving stones are \$300.00 for 162 total characters. Brick sales are every 1st and 3rd Sundays in the Adult 2 classroom. Payments can be made in \$10.00 increments.

### **“Endowment Program”**

*Matthew 6:21 ~ “Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.”*

Corinthian Baptist Church is launching an endowment program for all interested members.

**The Endowment Program** is simply a program where people can leave a final gift to our church in support of all the valuable things we accomplish in our community.

The reality is when a person passes, three possibilities exist –

1. There is a clear and documented plan on what the person wanted to do, and that plan is followed.
2. There is no plan, and the estate goes to probate court and the court uses state law to determine what to do.
3. Families fight over the estate.

Stevie Swain is available to assist families with financial planning and assigning their final gift to the church.

Her contact information is:

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### Communications Team Mission Statement

*The mission of the Executive Development Team (EDT) Communications team is to maintain a positive and transparent flow of communication between the EDT and CBC congregation ensuring that all updates are provided in a clear, concise and factual manner. Stir-up excitement among the congregation while engaging them to become actively involved in the building effort.*

### The Communications Team...

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