# Who are the Players?





"Great projects happen because of shared vision and aligned interest --- only possible through dialogue, collaboration and purposeful work". Equity, Inc. an Ohio Corporation (hereafter known as Equity) stands by this proclamation. Headquartered at 445 Hutchinson Avenue, Suite 800 in Columbus, Ohio with additional offices in Cincinnati and Dayton Ohio as well as Texas and Florida, Equity brings to the Corinthian building project a wealth of knowledge and experience to combine with our vision for church growth and partnership with the Bond Hill community.

Equity is a full service real estate development company offering brokerage, development, construction including design build, finance, property management and asset management. They understand development from a faith-based perspective and in collaboration with CBC will provide solutions consistent with our values. Strong support and respect for our church's vision and mission will ensure focus and dedication on this project to provide the best use of our land. Integrity, passion for excellence, inspiring personal growth and most importantly honoring God are the team's core values. Values define conduct; conduct defines outcomes; outcomes define reputation. Great businesses are built on great reputations!

Equity is a team of specialist organized to add value for their clients. Among the array of skill sets the team brings includes broad real estate experience, specialization in healthcare projects, development and site location expertise and urban redevelopment and construction projects of all sizes. Broad based experience in mixed use and community development projects bring together retail, housing, finance and medical usage into one complete initiative.

Focus will be placed on the added value the CBC project will bring to the Bond Hill community. The goals and objectives for Equity will be to always strive to place the church as a center-point between commerce and community in order to create a holistic environment for partnership and supportive services.

Vision Statement for Bond Hill Property.....

"We are a sustainable community
(of believers) that serves as the
spiritual and economic gateway
to Bond Hill"



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# CBC On the move

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#### **Corinthian Baptist Church**

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### Introducing Trustee Fred Gunnels, Chair of the Trustee Board



On any given Sunday at 8:00 am worship services you will see the soul of Bro. Gunnels as the bass guitar player for our SonRise Choir. He also accompanies both the Celestial and Men's Choir. He is an active Sunday school teacher and student. In his professional life, Bro. Gunnels was an Account Manager for a fortune 500 company. Currently, he is an active Real Estate Broker specializing in Residential Sales and Property Management.

Bro. Gunnels has spent the past five years serving as the Vice Chair of Trustee Board. This year he became the Chair of Trustee Board. Simply put, he views his role as "overseeing all aspects of financing the project and making sure initial obligations involving the new project are paid in a timely manner."

Our church finance team as we know is to be commended with keeping great records. Bro. Gunnels understands that we're all in this together, he expresses "we will work with leaders and other financial professional groups or consultants to obtain the best option for the church. We vet all financing options and manage the finances to see that all bills involving professionals initially needed to move the project forward are paid. We will sound the alarm if financing options are not acceptable or in the best benefit of the church."

The team, along with Bro. Gunnels, remembers that doing God's work is first and foremost while keeping the current economic state in mind. "We would like to end up in a position where the new facility is not a burden on the congregation, but a gateway for an expansion of our current ministries and implementation of new ones if needed to accomplish the goal of winning souls to Christ."

Bro. Gunnels does not take this position lightly, he is aware of the commitment and challenges this responsibility holds. "When you take on a project that encompasses this scope/magnitude there are normally a lot of players involved and numerous meetings. The time commitment is enormous. But, the finance team is a committed team of individuals who have the best interest of the church at heart. So with help of the team, we are able to work as one unit to accomplish the goal."

Let us continue to uplift Bro. Gunnels and the entire Finance team in prayer.

## Message from the Pastor



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

#### "The Friendliest Church In Town"

When I first came to Corinthian the heading on the bulletin was "*The Friendliest Church In Town*." Then, I discovered that it was more than just words printed on a bulletin. There were smiles, greetings, handshakes, hugs and a sense that visitors are welcomed here. And, it was also what motivated many visitors to become members. Now, 24 years later, a lot has changed. Our congregation has increased in numbers, new ministries have started and many of our members have gone on to be with the Lord. But, with all the changes the one thing that has remained constant is Corinthian is still a friendly church.

Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that has friends must shew himself friendly." What does it mean to be friendly? One meaning of friend is one who loves. That is why Proverb 17:17 says, "A friend loves at all times." Love begets love. And love requires love as it's recompense. Just like in marriage or in personal friendships, congregations must not only plant the seeds of friendship but must continue to cultivate them with love.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. We as a congregation are connected to each other. Therefore, every member is asked to demonstrate our theme as "*The Friendliest Church In Town*." Look for ways to show love. Help seniors and physically challenged persons in the parking lots. Greet members and visitors with a smile and a kind word. Kindly move over to free-up space so more people can sit on the pew. Exchange phone numbers with new members so that you can encourage them during the week. There are a number of things we can do to demonstrate kindness and to show God's love.

Let's take it to a higher level as *The Friendliest Church In Town*!

~Pastor Kazava Smith

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



"Mark the Date"

Corinthian Concert Series, Volume I

Friday, May 3, 2013, 7:00pm @ Corinthian Baptist Church All Choirs Mass Concert

Under the direction of National Recording Artist, A. Jeffrey LaValley and our very own Dr. James McCray Jr.

Mr. LaValley is a composer, musician and producer. He has worked with phenomenal music groups and artists such as Tramaine Hawkins, Myrna Summers, Lou Rawls, Aretha Franklin, Keith Pringle, Rev. James Cleveland, James McCray Choral Ensemble, Charles Fold Singers, New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Florida Mass Choir, Jackson Southernaires and many more..... His faithfulness to the Lord and his dedication to his music allows him to minister to all walks of life, bringing lost souls to Christ.

We are so appreciative that Mr. LaValley took the time out of his busy schedule to come and share his gift with us.

We are requesting all choir members please register with any member of the committee by April 21, 2013.

Doors open at 6:30pm,

\$5 ticket donations available by calling CBC or Dr. James McCray Jr.



## 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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