Executive Development Team Committee

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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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CBC's TWELVE TRIBES "POSSESSING THE LAND" PLAN

"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." ~ Deuteronomy 15:10

CORINTHIAN, just like the Children of Israel, we have been chosen to "possess the land" God has given us.

Just like the Children of Israel, God wants CBC to be <u>obedient</u> and make the <u>sacrifice</u> expected to possess the land.

 \underline{ALL} the Tribes were told to march around the walls of Jericho for six (6) days in silence. ALL the members, old and young, men and women, boys and girls, were to $\underline{participate}$. After seven circuits on the seventh day they shouted and the walls came tumbling down.

As foolish as this plan sounded, it was GOD's plan and He wanted faithfulness and obedience. When <u>ALL</u> of the tribes did what GOD had instructed them to do, they were able to "possess the land".

CBC'S Twelve Tribes Plan, requires <u>faithfulness and obedience</u> of <u>ALL</u> for us to possess the land.

"Obedience to God brings victory" the simple act of walking around the walls in faith, brought the land to the Israelites.

The plan encourages <u>ALL</u> to participate and make a <u>sacrificial</u> offering in obedience to GOD each month and we will possess the land.

Even though it is a simple plan, the reward comes from doing what GOD wants us to do.

God has blessed Corinthian with the land but, faith without works is dead. Every member should participate, as did the Children of Israel, and we will possess the land.

God keeps his promises and rewards faithfulness and obedience.

Let's not miss out on our blessings but continue to show our trust and gratefulness to GOD and make a sacrifice (whatever the amount) each month.

GOD will continue to prove himself to Corinthian.

~ Trustee Frank Byndon

Message from the First Lady



"When???"

When will Corinthian break ground? I'm sure you are just like me, tired of being asked that very same question with no ready response. It is a legitimate question.

Well, I believe the wait is over. I am very confident that our groundbreaking ceremony will be in the very near future. I believe we will break ground this year. Don't tell my husband I said that, but I truly believe we will. Let me share with you why I am so confident.

It is my prayer.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." \sim Mark 11:24 NIV

It is God's project.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." ~ Psalm 127:1 NIV

The Lord has given us the provisions.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 4:19 KJV

God has honored us as the people.

"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." ~ Nehemiah 4:6 KJV

Therefore, we must be patient.

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." ~ Isaiah 40:31 KJV

Corinthian, I truly believe this is our year. So the next time someone asks you "When?" change your answer to tell them that it is our prayer to break ground this year, but because this is God's project we will be patient. We praise Him for His provisions and He has favored us to be the people for this project.

~ First Lady Connie Smith

What's Happening Now....



The Vision Is Still Before Us

I remember like it was yesterday, when Pastor KZ Smith stood before the congregation and spoke of the vision and the need to build a new church. Some of us jumped up, some nodded their heads, others clapped, but in totality, everyone agreed and supported the vision. That was almost five years ago. Where do we stand now? The vision is still before us. God has given us signs that He is still in charge as we continue to gain new members. Where are we as a congregation? There has been no letting up of ministry works and ministry growth.

After Pastor Smith got us excited about our future some failed to realize there would be a long road and hard work ahead of us. The Executive Development Team has worked tirelessly and diligently on your behalf to make decisions that will define this church for years to come. We have purchased and sold a portion of our property and we are now in the development phase. There are some who are sitting back and waiting until the work is done before they give to the building campaign or waiting to support a ministry. When we all connect and work together, we grow in strength. We have to believe in God's promise. We have to keep the faith and be in prayer for the committee and our church. We must pray that we are listening to the leadership and direction from God and not to our own understanding.

I leave you with a story from the Civil Rights Movement: An African-American man traveled north to find work and settled down in a small town where a neat little New England Church served its residents. He tried to join the church but was turned away, as the church had no willingness to grow beyond its current size. He was given various reasons for their decision. He grew discouraged and prayed that the Lord would help him. One night, he had a dream. The Lord himself appeared to him and said, "Son, are you sure you want to fellowship with that church?" "I am, Lord." He replied. "I want to use my talents and give my service in ministry. Will you help me?" "I wish you luck," said the Lord, "but I've been trying for years, and I can't get into that church myself."

Let's continue to have open hearts and minds for growth in ministry, for God is working with us to build our new church. Let's work with Him.

God's blessings to each of you.

~ Gwen L. Robinson-Benning, Chair of the EDT committee



Corinthian family this is your space for questions, comments, encouraging remarks, motivational statements or whatever you wish to express regarding our building project. Please submit to Sharon Sams, any member of the EDT Communications Team or place your write-up in the designated box located in the vestibule.

Let's hear from you!!!



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.

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