

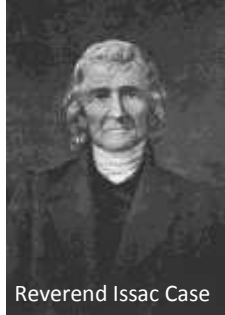
"Building The Church At Fayette To Impact The World For Christ"



FBC Building Campaign

A Legacy of Faithfulness

Church Beginnings: Fayette Baptist Church was founded 220 years ago in 1792 by circuit riding preacher Isaac Case from Rehoboth, Massachusetts. The church grew rapidly from the initial 23 founding members to a high point of 200 members in 1827, while also birthing churches in Chesterville and Livermore. Many came to faith and were baptized in the local ponds and lakes. Even the harsh Maine winters did not deter those who found new faith in Jesus Christ. In December and January of 1816-1817, 37 were baptized through the ice at Tilton Pond.



Reverend Issac Case

Fayette Corner

Then and Now:

Fayette Corner, where the church now stands, was once a bustling and prosperous community. There were three churches, five stores, three taverns, a post office, and a schoolhouse at the Corner. Daniel Judkins, one of the local tavern owners, would state that anytime when he stepped to the door



Fayette Baptist Church circa 1912

of his tavern, summer or winter, night or day, he could hear the rumbling of wheels, the creaking of axles or the jingling of bells. The technology of the time, carriage lines and transportation lead to the growth of Fayette Corner in the 1800s. All of that is gone now. When the transportation and economic centers of the state moved away, population of the town and the membership of the church dropped dramatically. The other two churches, the stores, and other buildings are wiped away by the passing of the years - even the stone foundations, dismantled and broken are difficult to find, though remnants remain. *Only our church* remains standing after 220 years of growth, decline, change, and regrowth. This is a testimony of God's faithfulness and His desire to use Fayette Baptist Church as a lighthouse to this community and beyond.



A New Beginning: A remnant of about 20 attendees remained when Pastor Russell Cotnoir, Jr. accepted the position as the 37th pastor of the church in 1988. Before becoming a pastor here, Russ was more drawn to the home church model in order to capture the hearts of unbelievers and those who were disillusioned by the mainline denominational church and were not part of a vibrant, growing, Christ-centered community. Yet, he followed obediently when God called him to Fayette. Interestingly, the Lord has built this church body with these same types of people through the years, calling them to



our old sanctuary in Fayette. We currently have 250-300 attendees and this number continues for grow. God's incredible grace and faithfulness has been evidenced in His use of the First Light radio ministry which has been drawing people around the state to Fayette for over 15 years. Now with increased mobility and technology, our reach is far extended beyond the small town of Fayette to the world through internet. Our sphere of influence for the Kingdom of God has been freed from dependence on the economic infrastructure of Fayette, but it is being impacted by the current infrastructure of our facility. With a facility designed in accordance to the needs of the growing church body, the history of the church may now come full circle with Fayette corner poised to return to a place of bustling community activity.

Our Mission: Hindered by Current Facilities

FBC Mission and Purpose Statement:

To **introduce** people to Jesus Christ and **invite** them to become His committed followers; to **incorporate** those followers into the local body, inspiring them to grow to spiritual maturity and equipping them to influence the world for Christ; to **involve** them in the work of the ministry; and above all, to **invest** ourselves and our resources for the service and glory of God.



INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION: Our church does an exemplary job meeting these first goals. Three things seem to draw people to FBC: relevant bible teaching, engaging Spirit-led worship, and a welcoming atmosphere. The Lord is using FBC to reach the lost and searching world. However, our ability to meet our other objectives is greatly hindered by our existing space constraints.

INCORPORATION: The Church is a family. God expects us to be a member of a church family. A Christian without a church family is orphaned. And a new believer without support and family is the first target of the enemy. It is difficult if not impossible to incorporate new believers into the church family when they arrive for Sunday service and find limited parking and seating, an overflow area that is undesirable and noisy, and little opportunity for good fellowship.

INVOLVEMENT: It is difficult to involve new believers in the work of the ministry when we have exceeded space for our ministry projects. Current ministries such as the Food Pantry and Children's Clothing Closet would provide ideal opportunities to involve new attendees in the church, but the existing space of the church limits our scope of influence.

Dreams & New Directions

The future hope of our church has been and continues to be to build people up and out. Allowing those called to us to be welcomed into the church body, encouraged, supported, and given the opportunity to serve and minister to others would be a dream fulfilled in this expansion. Expansion of the church provides many opportunities for new direction in community connections and outreach.



Some of our dreams include:

- **Food Pantry-** our small division of the Good Shepherd Food Bank will be dramatically increased in our scope of impact with greater dedicated space.
- **Children's Clothing Closet-** Currently operated from a member's home, this ministry will have a permanent home and open hours, providing a service to the community and another opportunity to draw people to Christ through love and giving.
- **Community Outreach Projects-** Outreaches and other events will allow us to develop new relationships. Witnessing opportunities will result from those in the community working alongside believers toward a common goal. Enlarging the fellowship space will enable us to successfully hold meals, conferences and retreats on a larger scale.
- **Secondary Emergency Shelter-** the church could provide space as a secondary emergency shelter for surrounding communities.
- **Christian Daycare/Preschool-** consolidation and enhancement of our Sunday School facilities would allow for the development of a top notch Christian Daycare/Preschool, drawing more families from around the area to Fayette.
- **Making Ourselves Ready and Available for the Lord's Future Direction for FBC:** Opportunities will continue to arise as our church body seeks to meet the needs of the lost world around us. With space available to take in new believers and take on more ministries, we will be ready to say "Yes, Lord!"

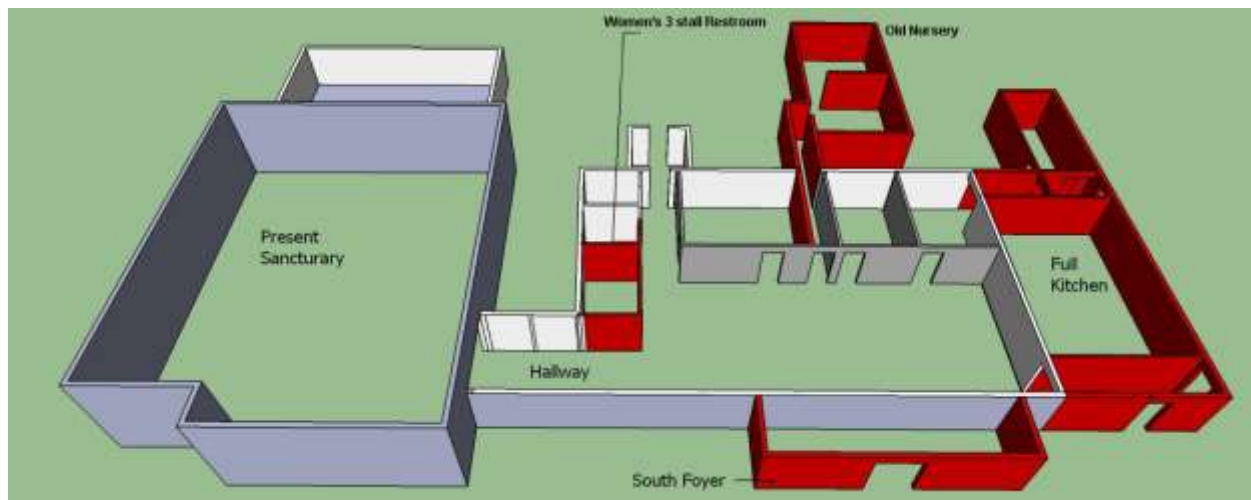


Building Plans

Growing to build the Kingdom

Fayette Baptist Church has a legacy of growth and change through the generations. The first meeting house was built in 1802. This was replaced in 1837. Electricity was added in 1950, followed by the learning center in 1979, the new parsonage in 1991 and offices, classrooms and balcony in 2000. The recent addition of the red Sunday School building and the purchase of chairs to replace the pews were fully funded in a remarkably short period of time. We know that when the Lord guides the project, the funding becomes available despite any anticipated obstacles. It is therefore with great thanksgiving that we anticipate the completion of this expansion for the glory of God and for the sake of His Kingdom.

Please note: Funding requirements listed are approximate and do not account for the possibility of donated labor or materials which could substantially reduce the cost.



Phase 1: Funding required: ~\$250,000

The first phase of the project has been developed to meet some of the immediate needs of the church and will be able to stand alone until the second phase is fully funded. A large commercial kitchen will be built in the space used currently by the information desk and nursery. Seventy additional parking spaces will be added, which should eliminate the need for on-road parking for the time being. The hallway from the sanctuary to the learning center will be widened by removing the current bathrooms. Additional bathrooms will be built in the space now dedicated to the café area. A foyer will be added, lending a modest increase to the space in the learning center. The nursery will be moved behind the existing Sunday School classrooms in the learning center, connected by a new hallway.



NORTH ELEVATION

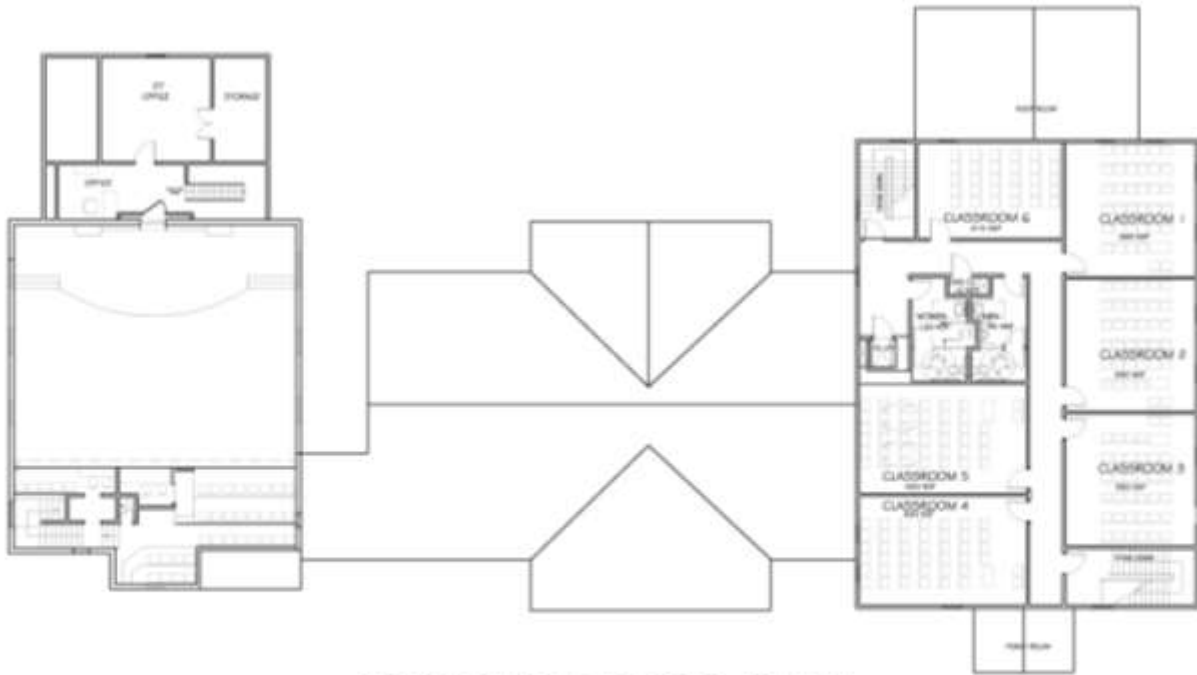


SOUTH ELEVATION

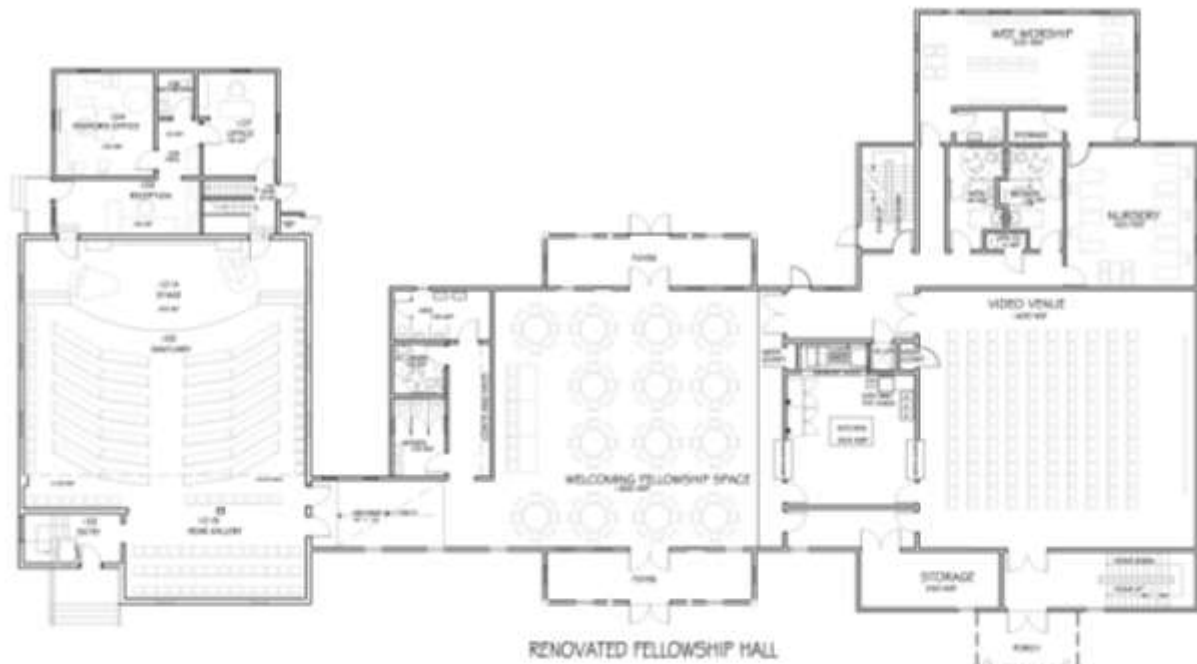
Phase 2: Funding Required: ~\$1.25M

This phase will complete the building project. A two story building similar in size and style to the sanctuary will be added to the other side of the learning center. The first floor will have a second seating venue with state of the art video and sound. This venue can also be used for functions and community events. The kitchen will be central to both the new learning center space and this second venue. The first floor will also house the wee worship and nursery areas, allowing for the removal of classrooms in the existing learning center, hence increasing fellowship space. All Sunday School classrooms will be housed together on the second floor of the new building. A large basement will provide plenty of storage for ministry projects such as the food pantry and clothing closet, as well as space for the youth group. The red building will house the church offices. The existing offices will provide space for the worship ministry and a green room/counseling rooms, as well as storage. Parking will be further expanded, and a new foyer on the north side of the building will become the main entrance to the church.

Phase 2 Floor Plans



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



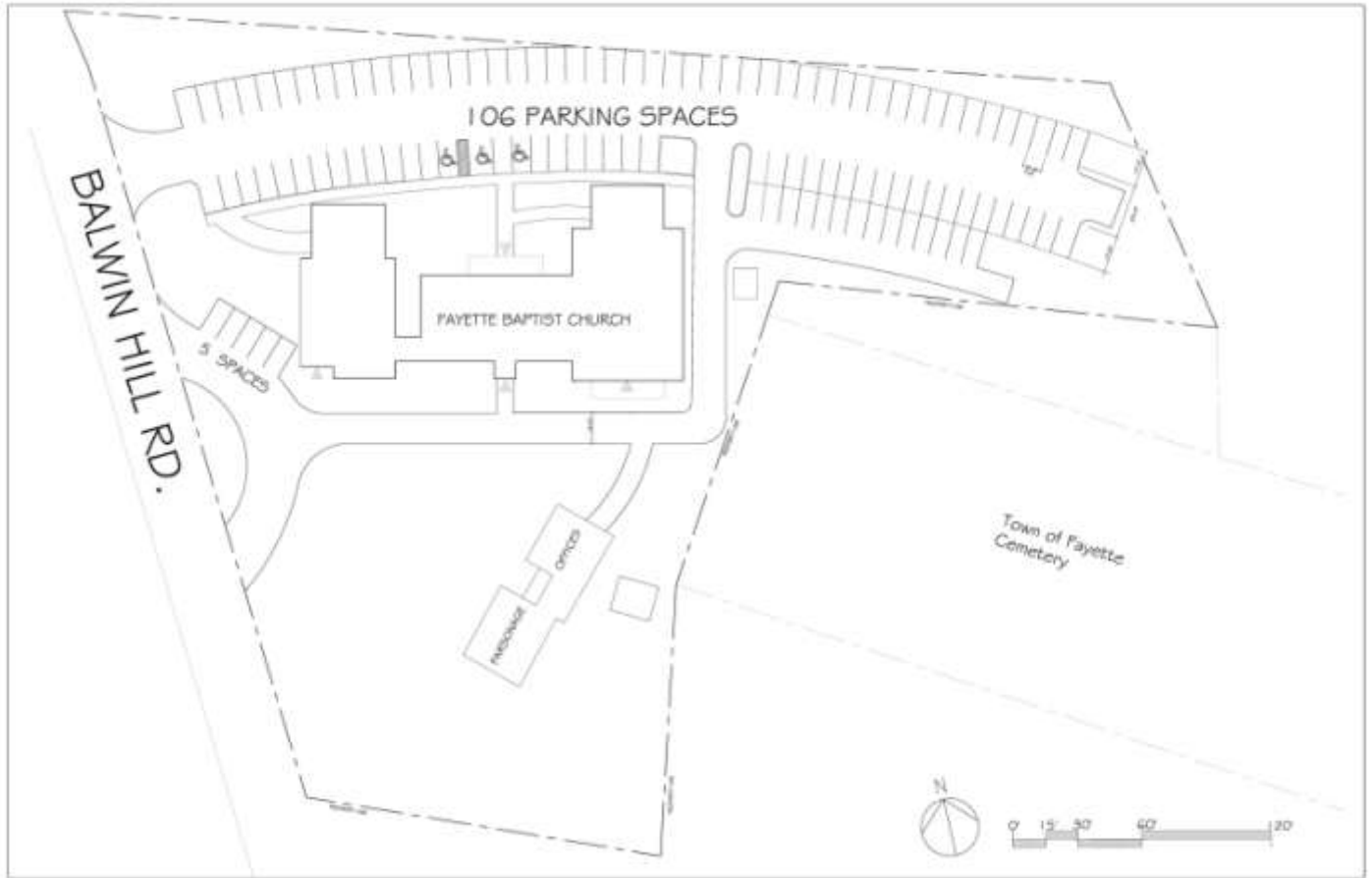
FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Phase 2 East and West Elevations and Basement Floor Plans



Phase 2 Site and Parking Plan



Investing in the Kingdom

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9



The final section of our mission statement is: ***above all, to invest ourselves and our resources for the service and glory of God.*** When we become members FBC, we state that we covenant with God and our Christian brothers and sisters to promote the usefulness of the church as God's instrument for the good of all, trusting in the grace and help of God.

FBC has been a very useful instrument for God over the past 220 years as seen through the number of new believers that have been added to His Kingdom by coming through the doors of this small country church. We are now at a cross roads where the usefulness of our church is being limited by the size and condition of its physical structure.

Please join us in diligent prayer for this expansion project. King Solomon wrote that unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain (Psalm 127:1). We believe that the Lord is building this house and that we, in faithful service to Him, are offered the opportunity to help in His work for His glory and the sake of His Kingdom.

How Can I Be a Partner in the Building Campaign?

Pray- Include the building campaign in your prayers regularly, asking for the Lord to bring the necessary guidance, skill, expertise and funding.

Serve- Offer your ideas or your skills to fundraising events such as community dinners, cookbooks, auctions, carnivals- the sky is the limit to how we can raise the funds if we have people willing to joyfully serve and make these events happen!

Give- Prayerfully consider how you and your family can give to the FBC Building Campaign. One time gifts, pledges over time, or donations at special offerings taken on the 4th Sunday of each month will all help to reach our goal.



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