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Growing Our Ministry is about building our capacity in 4 areas of the church's life: ministry leadership, staffing, community ministries and space. Here are people who are providing leadership in helping us go forward.

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Growing OUR MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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A BUILDING IS JUST A BUILDING UNTIL...

A LONELY PERSON FINDS A PLACE TO CALL HOME...EVERY SUNDAY.

A NEWLY WIDOWED WOMAN FEELS GOD'S HAND ON HER ELBOW AS SHE WALKS OUT OF CHURCH BEHIND THE CASKET

A MAN STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION FEELS HIS SPIRIT LIFT AT WORSHIP

A GROUP OF TEENAGERS LIGHT CANDLES AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER ON A WEEKLY BASIS

A COUPLE ON THE EDGE OF DIVORCE ATTENDS A MARRIAGE TUNE-UP COURSE AND DECIDES TO GIVE IT ANOTHER GO.

YOUNG PARENTS GET ADVICE FROM OTHER PARENTS ON HOW TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AS A BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF JESUS

VOLUNTEERS PACK BACKPACKS FOR LOW-INCOME SCHOOL KIDS

A MUSICIAN LIFTS THE SPIRITS OF

450 WORSHIPPERS WITH A SINGLE SONG

A WORSHIP TEAM PACKS UP THE EQUIPMENT AND TAKES CHURCH TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AT EXTENDICARE.

A CHILD HEARS HIS TEACHER TELL HIM THAT GOD KNOWS HIS NAME

A CANCER PATIENT LEARNS THAT GOD HATES CANCER TOO.

A BUNCH OF SINGLE MOMS AND THEIR KIDS HAVE DINNER AND A MOVIE ON THE CHURCH

CHILDREN TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE CHURCH, USING THEIR SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

FAMILIES FIND A PLACE FOR EVERY MEMBER TO BE TOGETHER AND TO GO HOME WITH THEIR FAITH AFFIRMED.

A BUILDING IS JUST A BUILDING UNTIL GOD MOVES IN AND LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED.

FROM AN IDEA TO A SPACE FOR MINISTRY

NBUC is taking a great leap forward in the next year, as we add on to our building. We don't yet know how big the addition will be. That depends on how much the congregation decides to spend. What we do know are the options and what we could do with them.

David Parker, our architect, has produced a concept drawing that shows different spaces that can be added to our building. Here's what we know.

Our current building is 8000 sq. feet. It was designed for expansion when it was

built in 1987. At this stage, no decisions have been taken. Here's what possible, given our existing space. We can add a new sanctuary off the front of the church; it would hold 500 people at a time (double the number our current sanctuary can hold). It's also possible to put a basement under the new sanctuary. The cost of putting a basement under other parts of the church would be prohibitive, so if we want one, this is the time to do it.

Our current building can also take a second story added to the middle section of the church for offices, meeting space, and class rooms. Renovations to the rest existing space would

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make that space more useable as well.

That means it's possible to add c. 20000 square feet of space for ministry to our building. Here's how it could be done.

A new sanctuary:	9000 sq. feet
A basement under sanctuary	6500 sq. feet
A second story on middle section of existing building	4750 sq. feet

WHAT WOULD THAT SPACE MEAN?

A new sanctuary would be a more formal multi-purpose space, with the capacity for worship, for a set-up that would allow conferences, seminars, concerts, dinner theatre, and other community events.

The basement space would be the size of our current sanctuary. It could become our Christian education & discipleship centre, with rooms for children and youth, as well as space for worship, and meetings

A new sanctuary would mean we could retrofit our existing sanctuary as a substantial multipurpose family ministry centre, including our community ministry focus.

A second story on the middle part of the building would allow us to provide classrooms, meeting rooms, and office for NBUC's growing staff and volunteer leaders.

A we'd have a parking lot for c. 130 cars.

WHAT KIND OF SPACE WILL IT BE?

Parker Architects has been asked to provide us with drawings for a building in which all spaces are designed and equipped for different uses. They've also been asked to

make the building reflect the two sides of our faith focus commitment to worship and growing in faith--as well as reaching into the community. And they've been asked to provide designs for space that allows our ministries to grow.



No matter how much money we raise, we are limited in what we can build by the size lots that are zoned for churches or schools in Brampton. We'll need

to make multiple uses of every part of our building multi-purpose.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Design/Build Team has been very busy during September and October, meeting with David to refine the concept drawing by early November. The team and the architect meet with the Ministry Council later in October to provide input to the concept drawings.

All of us will get to see a 3D version of that concept drawing at *The Great Adventure*, the dinner and program for the whole church on November 5th.

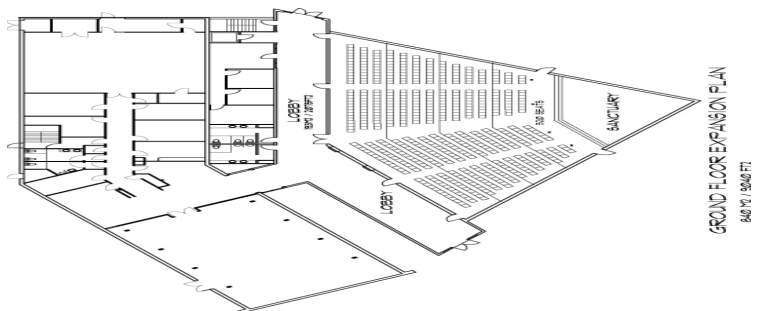
The concept drawing will be available for several weeks at the church prior to a congregational meeting, when we'll get a chance to vote on whether or not to accept the concept or to ask the architect to go back to the drawing board. Once David gets the word from us, he plans the building process and does all the work that architects do to turn a vision into bricks and mortar. That includes preparing working draws, mechanical, and electrical details, permits, contracts with builders, etc.

HOW DO WE DECIDE?

Over the fall and the beginning of 2007, we'll be making 3 decisions.

- Which of the architect's concept drawing suits us best?
- How much money are we willing to borrow, in addition to what we raise internally?
- Therefore, what building elements do we build now?

In August our architect began consulting with ministries and small groups about their space needs. He got 80 questionnaires from NBUC leaders, plus comments from individuals with good ideas. Then he met face-to-face with our different groups and with our Design/Build Team. David Parker is using this information to guide his work.





OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Ministry Council set the goals for our campaign:

- Challenge goal: \$800,000
- Faith Goal \$1,000,000
- Miracle Goal: \$1,250,000

But getting there takes a plan. So NBUC's Financial Campaign team has been working with our consultant, Ben Harder, for some months now. Ben's approach to capital campaigns is to ask church leaders to make their commitments before asking anyone else. Those folks will make their decisions in the month of October; the amount committed in the first phase will be announced at *The Great Adventure*, the all-church celebration event on November 5th.

Phase 2 of the campaign begins on Monday November 6th. That's when canvassers will start delivering the commitment cards and envelopes to all of us. About a week later, the same person will stop at each of our doors to pick up our card in its sealed envelope. Each of us is asked to pray about our decisions and to turn in our card, even if we decide not to participate at all.

The envelopes will go to Fred Bertolini, our Follow-Up Director. Fred's job is to work with Glen Blackwell, our church Treasurer to tally the total commitments and our progress in actually getting the funds into place. When every card is returned, the campaign will officially end. That's when we'll all hear how much we raised. Then we can get on with the decision about how much additional space we can build.

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A BIG THANK YOU!

Our home visitors report that they had a wonderful time talking with a great many people in the NBUC family. Thank you to all of you who invited the visitors into your homes to talk about NBUC's vision and future direction.

God bless!

PRAY THAT GOD WILL STRETCH US.
 PRAY THAT GOD WILL INCREASE OUR COURAGE AND FAITH.
 PRAY THAT GOD WILL GUIDE US ON THIS JOURNEY.
 PRAY THAT GOD WILL USE US IN BRAMPTON.

A FAITH STORY

A woman from a church in Calgary was struggling with what to commit. At the time, the real estate market was a bit flat and she hadn't made many sales. As she prayed, she realized that her work was also something that God could bless. So she decided to contribute the commission on the first sale she made each month.



Over the 3 years of the housing market woman kept her end of the story, she 4 times the amount she had committed!

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We do!

The Growing Our Ministry Project is about building our capacity to make that dream a reality at North Bramalea. For us it means:

- *Hearing God's heart as it beats for the people of Brampton and feeling our hearts grow as they resonate to the heart of God.*
- *Welcoming twice as many people into the life-transforming experiences we have in worship and discipleship growth*
- *Opening our doors for all the activities that make family life what God dreams it will be.*
- *Providing a support base for the people of this congregation who feel God's spirit rising up in them for new community ministries, e.g. creative parenting events.*
- *Putting our collective hands on our city for the blessing of its people.*
- *Having the leaders, the staff, and the space to do all that God has called us to.*

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE.....

An Event for the Whole NBUC Family

Get set for a great evening on November 5th, when NBUC hosts The Great Adventure at Brampton's Holiday Inn on Queen Street. Mary Southcott's team has worked out a wonderful meal for us. They'll be calling everyone in the church to get reservations. If you didn't get an invitation in the mail, please call the church office as soon as possible to let us know. (905 450 8003). Space is limited, so you will definitely need an invitation. Unfortunately, space restrictions mean we're not able to open up the event to bring all our friends and relatives.

The event is designed for the two big things that make a good evening: lots of food and great fun. Some of the most creative folks in our church have been working all fall on some new pieces for our inspiration and entertainment. Jamie Holtom has agreed to act as our MC, so if you've got a few jokes to replenish his stock, send him an e-mail!

The Great Adventure kicks off the two weeks of our overall capital campaign. But more than that, it brings us all together in one place to celebrate what we have come to mean to each other and what God is inviting us into in the near future. The NBUC vision—better lives, better families, better Brampton—is a big one. It's a vision that takes all of us and that benefits each of us.

This event is free because the Growing Our Ministry project is about the ministry of all of us in this church. Therefore, NBUC wants to thank everyone—from the youngest to the oldest—for what they bring to the church as it is now and as it will be in God's future.