



**SECOND**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

MASTER PLAN  
**PHASE 2**

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**STRONG**



We have been entrusted with a rich legacy from our founding to the present day. Each of us stands on the shoulders of the faithful who have gone before us. They prayed, served, and generously gave in order to see the Lord's vision for Second Baptist to become a reality. We must continue to do the same. As the Scripture says, ***"It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."*** - 1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV. We want to remain faithful not only for today, but for generations.

I am grateful for what the Lord has accomplished through us in Phase One of our Facility Master Plan. As we prayerfully discern the Lord's leading for Phase Two, I invite you to consider a financial commitment over a three-year capital campaign.

Only God knows the number of people whose lives will be impacted by Jesus, for Jesus in the coming years through our faithfulness in praying, serving, and generous giving. May the Lord do even more than we could ask or imagine!

KINGDOM FIRST, SECOND STRONG!

*Dr. John Birchett*  
Dr. John Birchett, Jr.







## Why We Are Here

### The Numbers That Truly Matter

In the year 2000, **90,000 people in Greene County** reported having no religious affiliation whatsoever. Just a few years before that, God led us to this campus at 3111 East Battlefield Road. By His providence, He placed us here to be a light—a city on a hill, a beacon in the darkness, a kingdom-outpost for Christ.

It matters that we are here.

It matters that we gather, that we go, and that we engage our community.

This campus isn't simply where we meet—it is where God has planted us.

## The Need Around Us

### A Growing Mission Field

By 2010, the number of people unaffiliated with any faith had grown from **90,000 to 130,000**. These aren't individuals identifying as non-Christian—these are individuals identifying with no faith community at all.

This is the world around us. This is the world God has called us to reach.

**“We live in a world lost in darkness—and that is why our presence here matters.”**

God has directed Second Baptist Church to be woven into the fabric of this community for generations. And He is calling us to look ahead with faith, expectation, and readiness.

## Stewarding God's Provision

### Caring for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow

In 2022, the church affirmed a long-term master plan to care for our facilities and strengthen our ministry infrastructure.

We divided that plan into two phases so we could steward wisely and move forward with clarity.

Phase One was completed under budget at \$9.6 million.

Now we stand at the threshold of Phase Two, believing God is leading us into a season of sowing, investing, and future-building.

**“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” — Ecclesiastes 3:1**

We want to be faithful in this season—faithful to the mission, faithful to the community God has placed around us, and faithful to steward what He has entrusted to us.





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## Kingdom First. Second Strong. More Than a Mission Statement

You’ve heard us often speak the phrase: “Kingdom First. Second Strong.”—It is a mindset.

We are not here to make Second Baptist Church famous.

We are here to make Jesus famous.

God has placed us here, and we want to steward this campus, this calling, and this moment for His glory.

At the same time, we must be a strong congregation—able and ready to do all that God desires to accomplish through us.

## How We Got Here: The Master Plan

In 2021, the facilities audit revealed a wide range of needs—some urgent, some moderate, some overdue—just like in any home.

The Campus Strategy Team collaborated to form a comprehensive master plan addressing:

- Building systems and lifespan
- Deferred maintenance
- Functional improvements
- Maximizing ministry environments

The master plan originally projected a cost of a little over \$20 million, divided into:

**Phase One** — Completed at **\$9.6 million**

**Phase Two** — Estimated at **\$11.5 million**

Phase Two includes the worship center, adult spaces, and office spaces.



## Our Current Financial Position

### PHASE ONE

RECEIVED & PAID: \$7.62 MILLION

REMAINING DEBT: \$1.98 MILLION

ACTUAL COST: \$9.6 MILLION

In Phase 2 we remain committed to keeping debt below \$5.5 million once pledges are fulfilled consistent with church-approved limits. Estimated Cost: \$11.5 Million

## Two Key Congregational Moments

### 1. September 7 — Vote to Proceed

On this date, the church voted:

**“Do you affirm proceeding with Phase Two, not to exceed \$5.5 million in debt after pledges are fulfilled?”**

Affirmation authorized us to:

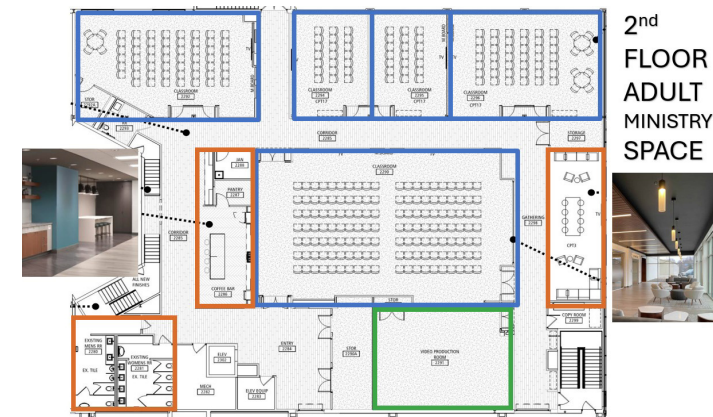
- Complete construction documents
- Prepare accurate bids
- Stay on project timeline

No borrowing of funds began here. This step is about readiness, not indebtedness.

### 2. February 8 — Pledge Sunday One Service at 9:30am

On this date, we will each prayerfully bring our three-year pledge toward Phase Two.

Pledge results will be announced on February 22.





## Pray with Us

**Pray** that God will use Second Baptist Church to expand His Kingdom.

**Pray** that people will build deeper discipleship relationships through Phase Two.

**Pray** Phase Two is accomplished.

**Pray** for the leadership of Second Baptist Church.

**Pray** for the workers who will bring this plan to fruition.

**Pray** the local community would be drawn to our Lord and His Church

**Pray** for volunteers to serve to accommodate our growth.

**Pray** that God would provide all of the funding needed.

**Pray** for God's blessing and presence to be in all the new spaces, and the campus to be a place where He is glorified.

**Please prayerfully consider how God is prompting you to support Phase Two.** What is a meaningful sacrifice the Holy Spirit may be calling you to make in order to grow His Kingdom? We celebrate that Second Baptist Church has always been a generous church, and we would ask that you pray God would reveal to you an amount to support this new season in the life of our church.

**All gifts are meaningful and appreciated.** The church staff is happy to answer any question you may have so please feel free to contact the church office to learn more about Phase Two or any question you may have about a gift.

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## February 8 — Pledge Sunday “As the Lord Wills”

One Service at 9:30am *\*if canceled due to inclement weather, we will pledge on March 8*

PHASE TWO >

WORSHIP CENTER \$8.5M

ADULT SPACE \$1.8M

OFFICE SPACE \$1.2M

### Types of Gifts

- You can make a one-time gift by physical check or online at [secondbaptist.org](http://secondbaptist.org) under “Give”.
- You can set up a recurring gift online at [secondbaptist.org](http://secondbaptist.org) under “Give”. Once logged in designate reoccurring to the Second Strong Offering Fund
- Foundational Gift
- Donation of Stock
- Planned Giving through a Bequest Life Insurance Policy, or a Qualified Retirement Plan
- In-Kind Donations

Cumulative Total	Number of Donors	Total Amount	Monthly Amount
\$2,500,000	5	\$500,000	\$14,000
\$1,500,000	6	\$250,000	\$7,000
\$1,000,000	8	\$125,000	\$3,500
\$1,200,000	12	\$100,000	\$2,800
\$1,125,000	15	\$75,000	\$2,100
\$1,000,000	20	\$50,000	\$1,400
\$625,000	25	\$25,000	\$700
\$525,000	35	\$15,000	\$420
\$500,000	50	\$10,000	\$280
\$450,000	60	\$7,500	\$210
\$375,000	75	\$5,000	\$140
\$200,000	80	\$2,500	\$70
\$170,000	85	\$2,000	\$56
\$135,000	90	\$1,500	\$42
\$95,000	95	\$1,000	\$28
\$100,000	200	\$500	\$14

**TOTAL  
RAISED  
\$11,500,000**

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861**

*Gifts can be contributed over a 36-month time period.*



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Check out the  
**Facility Master Plan**

