

To the members and friends of St. Andrew Baptist Church,

We have at last come to the time to begin the reconstruction of our Worship Center at St. Andrew. It has been over three years since Hurricane Michael devastated our beautiful building, but God is working to get it all rebuilt, including some wonderful updates that were needed as we try to be a church that serves all generations.

Let me try to describe the new Worship Center for you, not just the building itself, but what it will enable us to do as a Four Generation Church. If you park on the north end of the campus near Hwy. 98, you will see the beautiful new carport leading into the main entrance. There you can unload or park and enter the building without encountering any steps up or down, a blessing to our Senior Adults and our families with little children.



On entering the building, you will find an enlarged wrap around Commons that will provide inviting gathering space for all with easy access to the Worship Center itself and to greatly enlarged and brand new restrooms. Do I see smiles on the ladies' faces? Fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord will be greatly enhanced as we both come to Worship and leave going to Lifechange Groups or headed out to our mission field.

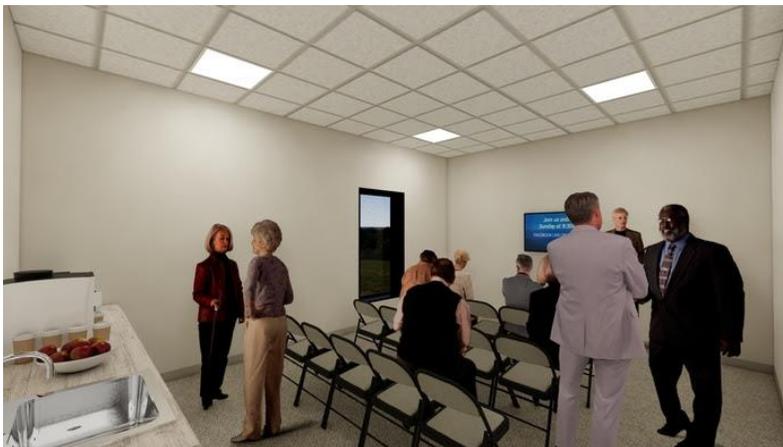
The Worship Center itself will offer an environment that will help us enter His gates with thanksgiving and go into His courts with praise. There will be a comfortable blend of old and new. The gorgeous stained glass windows overlooking Lake Huntington are still in place, as beautiful and inspiring as ever, as is the stained glass behind the baptistry. New wood trusses bring an updated appearance to the ceiling of the building.





The seating will be fixed individual theatre style seats that are comfortable even on that rare occasion when the preacher goes a little long! All of the lighting will be brand new and fully controllable to be appropriate for every setting. The Choir Led service will finally be able to get the choir back up on the platform behind the Worship Pastor, with plenty of room for the orchestra.

At the touch of a few buttons, the atmosphere can be changed to be right for the Band Led service. Not only the lighting, but all the sound and video equipment will be new and state of the art as well, allowing us to offer our very best to the Lord in song and expressions of adoration. Music honoring the Lord should be the very best!



Another major change that has been made in the reconstruction is Small Group space for our Senior Adults that connects to the Commons. Our Seniors will no longer have to walk up or down steps or ramps. They can park, come into the Commons and go to Worship and Lifechange Group, all on the same level. Parents will be right next door to the Kid Zone Building, making the drop off and pick up of the little ones easy.

We offer our gratitude to the Lord who has been strongly at work developing the plans to make all of this a reality. This Worship Center will be a place for the proclamation of the gospel, the preaching of God's Word, and the making of disciples on mission with the Lord. What we will do here will fuel all that we do at the Center of Hope, in missions throughout our country and around the world. Without these foundational functions of the church burning brightly, the lamp of our witness will grow dim.

Now, as the Lord said through Haggai the prophet, "It is time to build the House of the Lord." This will be His house. Not because He is confined to it, but because He lives inside each of His children. As we come to worship and study God's Word, the Lord is in us and with us.

Will you, as a member, or as a dear friend of St. Andrew Baptist Church, with a willing heart, commit to give an offering to the Lord specifically for the rebuilding of our Worship Center?

A commitment card is included in this mailing. God always chooses to work through His people to build His Kingdom and His houses of worship. We believe that everyone should have an opportunity to be a part of what God is doing here at St Andrew Baptist, and as you return this commitment card you are joining with God to complete the renovation of the Worship Center. Fill your hands with the blessings that God has lavishly given to you and give back to Him as you complete the card. Giving to God is a wonderful act of worship and is needed to complete the work. Here are some ways that you can complete the commitment card.

- You can complete it and bring it this Sunday, January 30.
- You can go online at sabc.org and fill the card out on our website.
- You can mail it in to St. Andrew Baptist Church, 3010 W. 15th St., Panama City, FL 32401.

When God told His people to build the Tabernacle, He said, "Bring Me an offering."

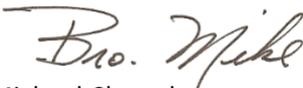
When the Lord led David to provide the funds for building the Temple, he said, "Who will join me in coming to the Lord with full hands?"

Jesus reminded us that God uses the same basket to bless us for giving that we used to bless Him in our giving.

When God was ready for the Temple to be rebuilt after its destruction by the Babylonians, He spoke through the prophet Haggai saying, "It is time to build the House of the Lord." Each was encouraged to give according to his own ability.

Now it is OUR time.

The Shepherd Loves the Sheep,


Michael Claunch