

Building for our Ministries

The past month has been one of intense activity on your Building Program: an architect has been selected to work with us to design the new or expanded facilities; and BP fund-raising was kicked off with a wonderfully successful breakfast.

On October 28, Jan Kingsbury led BC3 members in putting on a wonderful breakfast, extending St Chad's great fellowship tradition of providing breakfast after each Sunday service. In addition to waffles, Louisiana "grillades", spinach quiche, and chile relleno casserole, fruit pizza and other sweets, Bo Keith and Rich Simpson mixed up some pretty tasty mimosas. Merri Jean Jones and others made table decorations out of various building tools to complement the Lego church that Debra Kincaid had made. BC3 members sported, for the first time, their Building Committee denim shirts, prompting parishioners to sign up to order almost 40 similar shirts with St Chad's distinctive cross – and you may still order yours from Bo Keith. Your exceedingly generous contributions, coupled with the profits from the shirt sales, added more than \$1000 to the Building Fund. Jan and her sub-committee are planning on additional fund-/fund-raising activities to be held on about a quarterly basis, so keep your eyes peeled – to BC3 updates here on page 2 of *The View*, to the bulletin board just inside the front door, and to St Chad's website – for details.



The second major activity of the past month has been an intensive process of interviewing and evaluating the several architects which had been short-listed by Larry Babineaux' sub-committee. Using the detailed Request for Proposal that Larry and Hal DeHoff had spearheaded as a basis, three well-qualified architectural services firms presented their qualifications and initial thoughts on our expansion on 29-30 October. After a careful, prayerful and thorough deliberation process by BC3 and the Vestry, the firm of Fanning Bard Tatum was selected, with Bill Fanning and Sanjay Engineer being the principals for St Chad's expansion project. We will be meeting intensively with them over the next few months to produce a preliminary design concept for your review and input.

That concept will be presented to you at a gala celebration early in 2008 to kick off the Building Fund Pledge Drive. Since that gala will be planned by the same crew that planned the recent BC3 breakfast, you can count on it being something not to be missed!!

Although your financial pledges to the Building Fund will not be formally sought until early 2008, please know that you can make advance contributions to the Building Fund in 2007 -- for example, to take advantage of income tax benefits, especially for those having to take mandatory distributions from IRAs -- and they will be credited against the pledge that you make later. To take advantage of that, be sure to note your desire to do that when you make your donation – and mark it as a BF contribution.

As always, BC3 encourages you to provide inputs to your Building Program at any time, not only when we have special event to elicit them. You may call me or any other BC3 member, or chat with us at church on Sundays – you can tell who we are by the green "Building Committee" stickers on our St Chad's nametags. **Bob Gough, Chair**

Hot off the press

The St. Chad's shirts are now in. Please pick them up from Bo Keith on Sunday mornings. The embroidered denim shirts are \$25 and the t-shirts are \$12. If you have already placed your order, please pick them up; if you would like to place an order, please see Bo Keith or call him at 293-4185. A portion of the sales goes to the Building Fund.