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# News Release

## **First Baptist Church of Tempe Launches \$2.8 Million Capital Improvement Project:**

Proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Century, State-of-the-Art two story education building to house offices and classrooms

**Tempe, AZ, February 7, 2010:** - The congregation of first Baptist church of Tempe Arizona today overwhelmingly affirmed recommended plans to proceed with a \$2.8 million capital improvement to build an expansive 24,400 square foot, state-of-the-art two story addition to the existing building complex.

The “Forward by Faith” is a congregation approved master plan to provide meaningful facilities for education, offices, worship, discipleship, evangelism and outreach from the church campus to help any willing person reach their fullest potential to become radically Christ-like.

In the weeks prior to this Sunday morning’s vote Dr. Roger Ball informed the congregation that more than \$1.3 million has been committed to this campaign. Dr. Ball further noted that the economic downturn has led to unprecedented potential savings in construction costs, citing research showing that the church will benefit by an additional 25% more build out.

Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman, who has visited FBC on several occasions, has commended the work that FBC does to strengthen Tempe Community with its Compassion Day outreach. The FBC leadership believes this project will not only

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benefit the membership, but will provide an open and inviting atmosphere for the community.

The proposed plan, designed by innovative Phoenix-based architect firm, Todd & Associates, Inc., will physically and dramatically change the campus. Construction by the Mesa-based firm Concord General Contracting, Inc., whose vigilance through the design and planning, kept a tight reign on materials and labor bringing the initial phase in under budget.

This present campus which was the result of the foresight of past building programs was in need of expansion to accommodate the ever growing membership and to provide adequate facility and increased classroom space for the youth department. Additionally, the offices will be consolidated and the IT department will be centralized representing a significant unification for FBC.

As a part of the next steps, First Baptist Church of Tempe on a 90%+ congregation approval will ask its members to make a 12 Month commitment while traffic patterns are rerouted and parking spaces are changed to accommodate the construction and the completed capital improvement.

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