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Dear BCF Family,

This document purposes to answer anticipated questions relative to our current plans to build a church facility in Bergheim and its related fundraising.

Q: What reasoning was used to come up with the proposed square footage?

A: We began with the spaces we anticipate needing for a 400-450 person worship service with our existing ministry model of Discipleship Hour. Through the design phase, this number grew slightly to 475 seats. Likewise, the layout of the building on the land was done in such a way as to create areas with natural light that were easily accessible without adding a second story. The estimated 20,000sf grew to 28,500 and now includes approximately thirteen classrooms from nursery through adults. A warming kitchen, coffee service area, and a family lounge were included to facilitate fellowship as well as receptions and church events. Finally, a “nice-to-have” but not a necessity is an intimate chapel that doubles as a church library which was added from feedback by members in the informational meetings and design phase.

Q: What type of finish out is planned, and what are the reasons for it?

A: Our desire is to build a building that looks like a church. The conceptual design is provided to give you an idea of what that looks like. We desire a worship space that has natural light, a vaulted ceiling, and a combination of wood, stone, and sheet rock finishes. We are not planning an ornate cathedral, but we are looking for a space that draws from more traditional church aesthetics; a space where our children would consider getting married, our church family can celebrate the lives of those that have gone to meet Jesus face to face, and a space that invites us to lift our gaze as we corporately worship our Lord and Savior weekly (with His creation peeking in from outside). The north wall of the worship space is glass, and the chapel side walls are glass.

Q: What is the elders’ position on debt?

A: We don’t like it. If God can provide twelve acres of land at no cost to the church, then God can provide the rest. But we don’t know God’s plans. We are asking Him to supply through you just as He supplied the building of the temple through Israel. As much as we don’t like debt, we are open to a small amount if it gets the project started to avoid overpopulation of our Voss space, any threat of the BISD agreement coming to an end, excessive building cost inflation, etc. The elders are in agreement that any debt proposal would be brought before the congregation for approval before moving forward, and that the anticipated debt payments would pose no hardship on the church budget.

Q: What is the anticipated timeline for construction?

A: There are several steps that need to happen before the church is deeded the land. First, the site master plan must be formalized by the developer with acceptable access to major roads. The location and permitting of the Public Water System must be determined and obtained. Civil engineers are currently working with the developer to locate the water well and holding tanks, as well as drainage requirements and holding ponds. BCF is moving ahead with formal

architectural design as the site plans are developing, and as the church raises capital with the hope that construction can begin as soon as possible.

Q: Will there be a building committee for the project?

A: Yes, the building committee was formed by the elders early in 2026, and the committee has been involved with the staff and elders in the design phase with the architect.

Q: What are the plans for The Cup and The Annex going forward?

A: The Cup remains the primary outreach mechanism for BCF in this community, which not only introduces us to our neighbors, but the Voss community as well as the Bergheim business community. A generous donor has offered to fund the construction of The (second) Cup as well as church office space on the church land. Current leased spaces will be terminated upon completion of this phase, which will take place before construction of the church begins.

Q: What are some giving options that we should consider?

A: There are many ways to be a part of making the building a reality. You should always consult tax and financial professionals to ensure you are using the tax advantages available to you. For instance, those drawing from retirement funds may be able to allocate part of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the church. Stocks can also be donated to the church's brokerage account with tax advantages from capital gains taxes. If you find yourself in the position of Barnabas and have an asset like land, The IRS (unlike the tax collectors of the Roman empire) allows for the land to be donated/deeded to the church and then sold which allows a tax deduction for the donor without capital gains taxes, then the church can sell it for the proceeds. For many others, praying for wisdom on how your monthly household budget could adjust to commit to monthly giving over a specified timeframe is the best option. Our hope is that as a family church, all families will commit to do something. From lemonade stands to land sales, everything belongs to the Lord and He will use His church to provide for her needs (1 Chron 29:14).

Q: Can we phase into this plan?

A: Yes and no. Building only a worship space without children, student, and adult discipleship spaces would turn away families and severely disrupt the discipleship and closeness that BCF enjoys currently. There are spaces that can be phased, which include the chapel and the outdoor courtyard areas. Phasing is something that should be considered when possible but results in a more expensive construction in the end than if the entire was able to be constructed at once.

Q: Why 475 seats?

A: It is simply twice the number of seats set out at Voss every Sunday morning (233). A room is functionally full when 80% of seats are occupied. We feel this is a very reasonable size to build given the continued growth of BCF and the community around it. All classrooms are sized based on the worship space occupancy.

Q: Do we need a chapel and library?

A: No. Would it get used? I believe it would not only get used, but it would be an inviting space that could be opened to the community during the week for prayer and contemplation. Small weddings and funerals would find their home here. The space also adds another discipleship room when needed. A lending library has been a desire of many of our church family since we began.