

Frequently Asked Questions

Future Exploratory Team – July 31, 2016

What is the Exploratory Team?

It is a team that has been working to optimize the future of BUMC related to fulfilling the church's mission through its physical location and building. By serving our community with excellence, we fulfill our mission to Worship God, Grow with God, and Share God with Others.

What has happened with the feedback provided by the congregation?

The feedback has been prioritized and is being evaluated by the team. The evaluation includes discussions with Lee Architects on what is feasible and the impacts to cost as well.

What will happen with our Christmas Eve and Easter Services in a new building?

We will not be able to do Christmas Eve and Easter in the "way we do them now". This is true. How we plan events is a reflection of our space, so we intend to optimize the Christmas/Easter experience within the new space just as we have tried to optimize our current space.

Will we have a real kitchen?

Yes. We heard your feedback, and we agree. We need a kitchen. So we are adding it to the plan.

Will a location change negatively impact Broomfield High School Students?

No. We don't believe it will. Our current proximity to BHS has not resulted in large numbers of students becoming part of our community in a meaningful way or that leads toward discipleship. We've mostly provided food service, which is valuable, but not the main mission of BUMC. The churches in our area with the most vibrant youth ministries and biggest impact on local high schools are not near any high schools.

It may be sad to lose proximity, but there are many ways to engage BHS and the 6 other high schools from which we draw students. Excellence in programming and providing a safe and fun space for youth are two ways to do that.

What are we not accomplishing now?

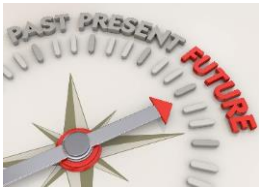
Family Ministries: Currently, our Sunday School for elementary age children is hosted in the Family Life Center. Each week we must set it up in an effort to make it appealing to children and functional for Sunday School. As one observer noted, "We have our children sitting on a gym floor every week."

After the final service on Sunday, we break down the FLC and store all of the setup supplies until the next week. This transitional space does not provide our children with a space that is dedicated to them and their needs. This creates challenges when children and parents compare BUMC to churches that do have dedicated space. It also creates additional work for staff and volunteers that could be better spent with children.

Although we are making do with the space we have, it is not ideal for children.

Student Ministries: Our current youth room doesn't quite fit all of us when we are all together. It is a long, narrow room that can make conversation difficult. It works for some types of activities (playing video games, board games, table games, general hang-out), not so well for others (discussion time, worship music, large group games). We do

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not have dedicated space that is fit-for-purpose. We are using the Family Life Center on Sunday nights to help alleviate this issue.

We believe that we are losing ground in providing the best family and student ministries in town. Part of the reason is because we cannot compete with the space provided at other churches in the area. If kids are making a choice to spend their time in a musty basement or in an open, inviting space that feels welcoming to them – what are they going to choose?

How will a new location help us provide better services/programming?

Family Ministries: Imagine a facility designed with designated space for our children, which allows them to have a safe place within the church to grow and learn in Jesus. Our children's needs are better served when they feel the importance they have in the life of the church. Sitting on a gym floor for Sunday School is a much different experience than sitting in an inviting, child-centered classroom.

Student Ministries: A new facility would allow us to have a designated space for youth that we would not have to set up and tear down for every youth group. A larger youth space would allow for continued growth of our Student Ministries, so youth invite their friends and family to join them in a space that they are inspired by and can thrive in.

I heard that they just want us to be like Flatirons or a Mega Church.

We can tell you that is incorrect. The team has never been given a direction to plan for a mega-church. We have been giving direction to find new ways to inspire, thrive, and create a vibrant future for the church.

I heard that a decision to relocate has already been made.

A decision has not been made. The Exploratory Team is still gathering input, and your voice is really important in this process. We encourage you to share your ideas, concerns and thoughts with them.

I heard that the reason they want to move out of this neighborhood is because it is more economically disadvantaged than other neighborhoods to the North.

We are so glad you mentioned that because that is not correct. Let us assure you that everyone on the Exploratory Committee is interested in one thing – and that is to fulfill our mission as a church and listen for God's will in this process. God loves all people regardless of the size of their checkbook, and so do we.

I am just a little afraid of all of this talk.

We understand. One way you can help alleviate that fear is to get involved, ask questions, and make sure you understand what is happening. One perspective that some have found inspirational is to think in terms of what this will mean for future generations. How can we be the stewards today that will embrace what is needed tomorrow for our children, grandchildren, and growing community?

When will we know more?

The team is completing their work for an overall church meeting this fall - in the October timeframe.

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