



Frequently Asked Questions



Future Exploratory Team – October 5, 2016

“For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans for hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

What is the current statue of the Exploratory Team?

The team has been working to provide their recommended decision to the congregation at a **Church Conference** scheduled for **Thursday, October 27th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary**. Hope to see you there!

What are the problems we are trying to solve?

There are multiple problems that the Exploratory Team has considered through their work in the last three years. Although our staff is AWESOME at doing an incredible job given what they have to work with, there are some core problems:

Problem	Why it matters?
No room for Elementary-aged Children in the Children’s Wing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every week 50-100 kids are sitting on the gym floor for Sunday School • For 70-90 Safari Kids (4th-5th grade) VBS happens outside because there is no room inside • We are not competitive with the programming other churches can provide with their space. • Children often bring their parents to church. If the kids aren’t inspired and excited to be here, their parents probably won’t be either.
Youth group meets in the basement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youth group room is dark, musty, and not inspiring. • Programming is limited based on the space. • We have heard feedback that parents might attend services at BUMC, but their children want to attend youth group at other churches.
High School next door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Groups that are thriving in other churches are nowhere near a high school.
Inadequate space for Adult Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have approximately 1,400 adults participating in adult ministries through small groups. • Some groups are so large that they are squeezed into a basement room on Sunday mornings. • Some attenders may not be able to go down the stairs to Adult Studies in the basement because of disabilities. We have no elevator to accommodate them.
Lack of Robust Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although we now have flat screens in many rooms, we are not competitive with our technology. • We cannot easily stream video into alternate rooms or accommodate sound needs. The quality and sound is not effective. • Attenders’ expectations for great technology in children/youth/adult classrooms as well as throughout the building continue to increase.
Inability to Provide High-Quality Sound because of lack of Acoustics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Music Ministry is constrained by the challenges they face with our current acoustics. • Our choir and bands are diligent about trying to work with the current sound, but it is greatly lacking.

Please share with your friends, teams and group leaders!

Questions/comments? Please call Sheila at 720.391.2050 or email alishouses1@gmail.com



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Music Program is a draw for many people looking to connect to a church through its music.
Renovating our current building is not sufficient to address our needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our current building cannot be built up (2nd story) based on our current construction. A structural engineer provided that opinion. We are land constrained on approximately 4.8 acres. Our neighbors are not interested in selling. We checked! To resolve the above issue, it will take more than knocking out some walls and remodeling. It's likely a scrape and build. It took 5 years for our neighbors to OK our parking lot. It is highly unlikely the community would approve new construction in any reasonable timeframe. Our current facility continues to age – and that means more investment just to keep the facility maintained. This is a Band-Aid solution that does not fix the issues.

Do we expect to grow into a Mega-Church?

No. That has never been the goal of the Exploratory Team. We do believe we will grow and reach more people with Christ by being able to provide the type of programming that draws attendance. From all of our research, we expect that we will grow based on that fact alone. However, we are not building a Sanctuary to hold thousands of people. The current plan estimate is a Sanctuary that can hold about 630 people at build. However, it is designed to be expanded through a thoughtful design.

There seems to be space in my service. Shouldn't we be overcrowded before we consider a move?

We wondered about that as well, so we did some research. Do you know that best practice states that sanctuaries should only be 80% full before people no longer feel welcome? It's counter-intuitive, but it's true.

Also, keep in mind that we have hundreds of volunteers on Sundays just keeping our groups, children's/youth/family/hospitality and other ministries running! Those volunteers are busy volunteering and may not be in services.

Finally, people connect to our church community in a variety of ways. Some people connect primarily through small groups. Some people connect through specific ministries. Only looking at how full a service may be does not tell the entire story. We have 4,000 people walking through our doors each and every week!

Where can I get the FAQs from prior weeks?

All FAQs, the RSI Study Results, and other information is available on our website at:

<http://www.broomfieldumc.org/BUMCFutureExploration>

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. Share God with Others.**

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