

Church Council Motion:

Background: Over the course of the last several months, the church council has been meeting to discuss plans and ideas for the proceeds of the sale of the church camp last fall. Since the sale, the money for the camp has been in a separate account, and the balance remains the same as it was when reported in December of last year (when we voted as a church on the annual budget). During our last several meetings, a vision for how to best be stewards of that money began to emerge. We began to think of three different areas of resource stewardship: ministry, physical plant, and financial. We asked the different chair people of the committees to make lists of things that were short-term and long-term needs. That list of needs is changing and emerging as we talk through possibilities, but we have found that each of them fit into one of those three categories.

In our way of thinking, ministry encompasses support of new ministries, ways of enhancing the effectiveness of worship and ministry, and the support of our ministerial leaders. To this end, the council has included a recommendation from the deacons to begin funding retirement benefits for full-time ministerial staff. More information and a report from the Stewardship Committee on their recent meeting with a representative from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will be shared in the communication meeting.

We have identified a list of items to be purchased and/or added to our current budget that will begin this process, and the church council has passed a motion to bring to the congregation for a vote at church conference. Here is the motion:

Motion: The church council moves that we provide funding for the following items from the proceeds of the sale of the camp, divided into the following categories:

Ministry Resources:

Cost:

Video Camera to video sermons:	\$2000
Omnidirectional and headset microphones	\$1200
Retirement funding for full-time ministers	\$4000 (through the end of the year)

Physical Plant:

Resurface and reseal west asphalt parking lot	\$4023
Repair broken concrete areas in east parking lot	\$2850
Video Security Monitor System	\$1000
Electrical work and lighting toward back of sanctuary	\$5000
Projector and Screen for Choir at back of sanctuary	\$3000
Air- conditioning units (repair chiller and new units	\$10,000

In office area of new building)

Please read other side for further explanation:

The total for these items is \$33, 073, which leaves 90% of the principle for the sale of the camp intact.

Important things to remember:

While this proposal does not account for the third category, financial stewardship, we have begun conversations with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Foundation, which has a good track record of growing and protecting assets for churches, to think through ways of investing a significant portion of the camp sale proceeds wisely through them.

This is not the final list of items we will bring to the church for a vote. There are other items within the 3 categories that we will bring to the church as they are prepared.

We also anticipate further income to the church above the sale of the camp, through money that was provided to the church from hurricane damage. That figure will not be available until work is complete from the hurricane damage and remediation.