

Spring Valley Grace Brethren Church

ATT: Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This letter is to update you on what is going on with the church. Last Saturday the Leadership Ministry Team met with Larry Chamberlain who is head of the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation and he is also functioning as our free financial advisor, he took pictures of the church and also information about the building and its condition. In his words, "every church has a life cycle, just as we do, and our church has died". Now it is time to take care of the final steps with the building and property. We are going to meet with a Realtor next week to begin getting appraisals of the building and the property. The funds that will be available after the property is sold will be used to help with other church plantings and also to help with the missions. We will be having an informational only meeting once we have more to tell and Larry has offered to come and answer any questions you might have. Larry also has most generously offered help from the B.I.F. to provide financial aid to us, should we need it, to help with the utilities etc, we of course would repay this when the property is sold.

We are also inviting you, the current members, to come in and see if there are any items you can use and to take them with you. We are also contacting Pastors in the district to see if any can use things like the hymnals etc. Pastor Jeff has been approached about the old books downstairs, we are going to donate them to the Christian Workman Schools of Theology, we will also be giving him the cross that now hangs in the front of the sanctuary. We have also offered some of the items left to Pastor Rich in Cleveland, of which he is most appreciative. Some of the furniture in the nursery has been donated as has some of the items in the kitchen. If there is something you are interested in and have questions about please call Nancy and she will be glad to help you (322-8340 or 864-1379) and to set a time to meet with her and Parke at the church.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we go through this most difficult time of making decisions concerning the church and that all that we do will be honoring to the Lord.

May God Bless You,

Leadership Ministry Team

Please,

Can we somehow save this church

Thank-you.

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