

April 20, 2020

Hello Church Members,

I pray everyone is doing well and staying safe. I know this is a challenging time for all us, but we do serve a mighty Lord and Savior. We will remain strong and committed as we continue down this road.

The purpose of the letter is to keep our church members informed in reference to project plans we have been discussing over the last 18 months. As recently as our last 2 business meetings we were having discussions on the Building and Grounds project associated with our church choir expansion. Of course, the Building and Grounds committee was working on this initiative way ahead of that time line.

Due to the current state mandated restrictions on public gatherings, it appears that we will be unable to use our church facilities in the foreseeable future. While we all miss being able to gather for our services, there is a positive. Mr. Randy Holloman has agreed to do the work and can start the 1st of May. We have met with Randy and did a thorough walk through of work to be done. He doesn't see any issues with proceeding.

The scope of the work is to expand the choir area by 8-10 chairs, improve accessibility of the pulpit area, as well as bring access steps up to current safety codes.

Work detail:

- Remove steps leading to choir seating area on both sides and replace to code (safety improvement also)
- Remove knee wall
- Remove and eliminate steps beside the organ and piano (no longer needed) (safety improvement also)
- Expand the pulpit area out by approximately 3 feet
- Expand and relocate the walls that hide the piano and organ
- Remove electrical and sound system plugs etc. and recess into the inner walls around the piano and organ
- Move heat register in pulpit area (small move to allow for recess steps)
- Build 2 sets of steps into the pulpit area (eliminates the need to add portable steps in the future)
 - Note: these will be built in and recessed
- Replacing both doors leading to the back hall area and bringing them up to proper code (safety improvement)



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- Removing carpet starting in front of the 2 front pews and all the way to the 2 door areas leading to the back hall area, including the pulpit area and choir area. All these areas are hardwood floors with plans to refinish. This also improves the sound system including the piano and organ. These recommendations have been previously made by the sound system vendor and organ and piano maintenance companies
- Estimated cost: \$12,000 - \$15,000

This is coming as a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee, unanimously agreed to by the Deacon Board, and also the Finance Committee.

Your Family Deacon will be contacting you over the next several days to see how you and your family are doing during the coronavirus outbreak and answer any questions you might have about the renovations. We are looking to get input from the members to assist us in possibly expediting this work.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

All the information you need to watch any of our services can be found at our website **pinelevelmbc.org**. Our website is also your best resource to watch and participate in Wednesday evening Bible studies, online giving, and to sign up for text messages, emails, and submit prayer requests.

To help you stay up-to-date, we have also added the records we have on file to our text and email services. To opt out, simply follow the instructions below.

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Sincerely,

Tim Overbee