

# CPTF Suggestions as collected from the congregation

During the period between August 28 through September 18, 2016, the Capital Planning Task Force (CPTF) solicited opinion from the congregation identifying capital projects that would enhance the faith experience of our members and present more welcoming facilities to potential new members. Opinion was offered via inserts in the weekly bulletin for each of those three weeks. Over 100 suggestions were received. This is a transcription of those bulletin insert sheets.

1. Improved areas for youth and children.
2. Improve office space and Sunday school and youth facilities
3. The church would be more welcoming if I had 3 wishes!
  - a. A gym for fun activities
  - b. Small chapel
  - c. Bring vibrant life to Bouton Hall and the upstairs classrooms
4. Full kitchen in Fellowship Hall
5. Spruce up Bouton Hall
6. Spruce up the upstairs classroom
7. Bathrooms in Fellowship Hall
8. Ways to make money:
  - a. October craft fair
  - b. Health / Wellness fair in Fellowship Hall
9. Parking lots lights
10. New carpet in Admin bldg.
11. Update restroom in Admin bldg.
12. Move WPC letters to wall by office parking lot
13. Perimeter bldg. lighting.
14. Update Bouton Hall
15. Improve kitchen facilities
16. Improve campus lighting sanctuary and admin bldg.
17. Tear down or repurpose admin bldg. now!
18. New education center or rehab old sanctuary to education center/multi-purpose
19. One service at 11 a.m.
20. New speakers in the sanctuary that can be understood. The ones in the narthex and restrooms are fine.

21. Gym/Indoor pool/workout area
22. Daycare facility
23. Stop patching and buy new
24. Incorporate more modern art in the hallways
25. The middle building needs updating
  - a. More modern bathrooms
  - b. Bouton Hall updates
  - c. Children and youth rooms updated and easily identified
26. Bathrooms added to Fellowship Hall
27. Fenced / inviting playground to show we welcome children and families
28. Invite more community organizations to use our facilities
29. Started a preschool or mother's morning out to attract new families
30. Coordinate the narthex
31. Video screen in narthex and literature racks (instead of in admin bldg.)
32. Remove outside sign at Houston/parking lot and replace with web address so those at corner of hwy 3 and nasa could see it.
33. Permanent signage on buildings so visitors know where to go.
34. Landscaping on NASA road one.
35. Sign/billboard on major highways or freeways
36. Do something about the education wing.
37. Active Bible studies and Sunday school for children.
38. More organized youth program – could use help from other members.
39. Do some cosmetic work. Fix the lights and A/C that is broken, paint rooms, fix floors.
40. Pay off our debt.
41. Continue the plan to expand Fellowship Hall.
42. Fix Fellowship Hall roof and walls. Paint walls.
43. Fix what we have, don't move.
44. Complete all repairs and upgrades. How about a building fundraiser.
45. Make the facility more open to outside organizations for meetings (Griefshare, AA, etc.)
46. One service combining contemporary and traditional OR move first service to a smaller area.
47. Where do we start? So many repairs needed.
48. Help congregation in a financial crisis.
49. Ways to uplift Christ, our service to HIM while fixing the debt crisis
50. Any interest from my transplant fund could go for the debt.
51. Rome was not built in a day, Jesus' ministry took longer than a day so in that vein start small with one garage sale or an auction of quilts or square dance or bridge tournament. Each little thing will give us money without losing our church!
52. Hang posters in the youth rooms as well as Bouton Hall. They are out of date!
53. Start a F.R. fund.
54. Have an Order a Pie from WPC.
55. Spring/Fall fair. Charge for booths or ask for donations!
56. Health/wellness fairs for area firms.
57. Debates with local leaders (charge admission)
58. Debates with national people.

59. I will shave my head once we collect x number of pennies.
60. Narthex needs comfortable seating for gathering between before services. Added benefit: another meeting area.
61. Light walkways between buildings at night for safety.
62. New kitchen/bathrooms with showers in FH so we could focus on ed bldg.
63. Space during "of ties" – Bible studies, etc. Think parlor in narthex. This should be done professionally, not with nice hand-me-downs.
64. Showers/bath/kitchen make us a host church for travelling youth groups.
65. Temp housing during disasters.
66. Fully functioning for internal and external events.
67. All exterior lighting needs to be replaced and updated. The fixtures are poor and bulbs burn out shortly after being replaced.
68. Sanctuary lighting needs to be replaced. The type of bulb needed is difficult to find anymore.
69. The A/C and heat in library is not working.
70. The lighting in FH needs to be updated.
71. Covered walkway between buildings.
72. Showers. We could respond to disasters in our area and support mission groups who need an overnight stop.
73. Set aside budget funds for replacement of expensive equipment which inevitably fails such as sanctuary A/C systems, roofs.
74. Lights in parking lot.
75. New chairs for meeting room, choir room and extra chairs.
76. More people at services.
77. Go back to one service. Sunday school 9:30-10:30, church at 11.
78. Allow a Hispanic service Sundays at 1 pm.
79. Lights in parking lot.
80. Community groups such as grief, weight loss, scouts.
81. Upgrade the bathrooms in the education wing.
82. Staffed information booth.
83. Label buildings and rooms with colored signs with symbols.
84. Community groups such as grief, AA, scouts.
85. An adult lounge area in a part of FH using a mobile partition. Couch and comfortable chairs in a circle. Coffee tea, water. The model could be the youth lounge.
86. Repaint interior rooms a brighter color.
87. Clean and fix gutters.
88. Allow non-church groups to use facilities.
89. Better signage.
90. Improve the positioning of the alter flowers. They are to be seen! They are not seen behind the baptismal font and only those sitting in the front see them at the foot of the pulpit. A good spot would be to the left of the pulpit (facing the pulpit) on the stand for that purpose. Fresh flowers are a lovely addition to the service and a means for the congregation to remember loved ones. Perhaps someone that attends first service could make sure of the placement each Sunday.
91. Update carpet, furniture, etc.
92. Welcome more outside groups.

93. Improve office and narthex.
94. One or more covered spaces to discharge or pick up passengers.
95. Covered walkways between buildings. Gloria Dai has nice ones.
96. Replace flat roofs with slanted roofs.
97. Permanent signs telling where everything is.
98. Redo kitchen and education wings.
99. Pay off debt like this:
  - a. Charge more to groups using out facilities like new directions. Scouts would be free.
  - b. Have a Sunday school raising (like an old fashioned barn raising) invite people in the community and Presbytery to build us an education wing. Make US a mission.
  - c. Raise funds slowly at the Thanksgiving feast with an auction.
  - d. Contests with the children like VBS.
  - e. Garage sales
  - f. Contests like the "Newlywed Games"
100. Make last stall in women's restroom larger to accommodate a wheelchair.
101. Spruce up the Narthex
102. Working lights in the big parking lot
103. Well-lit handicap parking area
104. Outdoor security cameras
105. Cell phone power stations in education wing
106. Spruce up outdoor garden and flower beds
107. Modernize the education building
108. Update the kitchens
109. Video panels in the sanctuary (ditch the projectors and screens)
110. Tear down and rebuild the education building
111. AEDs
112. Outdoor labyrinth and prayer garden
113. Covered walkways between buildings
114. We are overdue on a new roof for Fellowship Hall. I was told at a workday 2 years back that the roof then was over 30 years old. We might want to look at utilizing the same brand of shingles and same roofing company. Perhaps members of the congregation could purchase a square of shingles.
115. Major renovations (or rebuild) to administration and education buildings.
116. Concentrated efforts on outreach advertising. Bring your neighbor drives.
117. Need money! Appeal to congregation quarterly to make increases in pledges with 100% participation. Explain the things that are not being funded currently.
118. We need more members so there can be more money.
119. The present practice of asking for money to retire the mortgage dilutes pledges to the main operating budget. Mortgage is the lower priority.
120. Many regard the annual pledge campaign is a zero-sum gain. I.e. the total remains the same the distribution changes. (TRK).
121. Better lighting in parking lot.
122. Large signage with maps in parking lot.
123. Use Fellowship Hall for Sunday school.

- 124. Offer small tours of our building and history. Charge for it.
- 125. New plumbing in admin building.
- 126. Restrooms in Fellowship Hall.
- 127. Use our history (moon chalice, stained glass, etc.) for tours.
- 128. Use our sanctuary to display religious art and or music.

Some analysis on [top vote getters](#) and [common themes](#)

16 votes	Improve Education Building
12 votes	Improve Fellowship Hall
11 votes	More outside groups using our facilities
10 votes	Lighting
7 votes	Improve Administration Building
4 votes	Do something about Ed/admin restrooms
4 votes	Do something about signage
4 votes	Single service
3 votes	Pay off debt
3 votes	Paint
3 votes	Do something about Kitchen(s)