

# ***Imagine Update***

April, 2006

To our church family,

Since our last update at the end of February, the long range planning committee has been working with our architects reviewing over 15 potential building plans for Phase 1 of our master plan. This process takes quite a bit of time as each plan must be measured against the goals of the Imagine campaign as outlined in the February update, then each plan must be preliminarily cost out to ensure that it will be within our targeted budget. The proposed plan will then be approved by our church staff, the board of elders and the City. The results of this process have led us to the following conclusions:

- Phase 1 will begin on the south end of our church property
- The new facility will be built adjacent to where the pavilion is now located
- At least 3 of the houses along Almira will be removed for this project
- We will build a two story facility, approximately 15k sq. ft. in size
- This facility will be used primarily for our children's ministry and church administration/staff
- To replace our covered pavilion, this plan will include greatly expanded outdoor gathering space, both covered and uncovered, along with a small coffee house
- Our church grounds will be significantly upgraded to include new parking and landscaping along Almira, creating a welcoming atmosphere for our neighbors and guests
- Our existing church building will receive a "facelift" to match the new design look
- The fellowship hall will also be upgraded to match our new look and retooled to match today's ministry needs

Now that we know "what" we are going to build and hope to accomplish in Phase 1, we will be turning our attention to "when" we can start. No date has been or can be determined at this time. However, we have hired engineering consultants who will be assisting us as conceptual drawings are turned into blueprints. We will keep you posted on our progress, but understand that this step will take some time, so please be patient and be in prayer for:

- Our committee, staff, elders, architects and other consultants as we determine how this new building will be divided up for use.
- Our staff, as they will be going through a complete move while working in their ministries at the same time
- Our visitors, that they will see God working "in" the body of our church and not just the construction "on" our church
- Our church, that we will continue to meet the needs of our congregation, guests and the community around us throughout the building process

God's richest blessings,

The Staff & Elders  
Eastside Christian Church