

MIRACLE DAY 2010

First Christian Church has been approved to host the Region's 2010 Miracle Day as part of our 125th Anniversary Celebrations. Now we have to determine whether we're fully committed to doing this or not. Please be in prayer about what level of commitment you can offer. We want this to be an experience of trust, hope, unity and excitement for our church.

There are four main areas we would like to concentrate on for Miracle Day. Each one includes higher and lower priority projects. Much of the work will be painting, in various places around the property, some inside, some outside. There will be some building projects, primarily in the Neighborhood Prayer Garden. Here is a list of potential projects, with each portion categorized as first through fourth priority level. **This is not a final project plan!!! Everything will be thoroughly discussed and figured out before we proceed.**

Sanctuary Renovation

1st Priority: Prep and paint all areas with paneling and all trim. This will include the paneled wall in front, which will require scaffolding, and the paneled portions of the chancel. It will also include the bottom portion of the other three walls, either painting the paneling or the beadboard beneath it. The trim will include all woodwork and doors.

4th Priority: Possibly install new lighting. (Three or four chandeliers)

Possible follow-up work (in order of priority): Refinishing exposed portions of floor and replacing carpet. Re-covering pew cushions. Painting remaining sections of walls, window trim and ceiling.

Neighborhood Prayer Garden

1st Priority: Build outdoor altar in middle of south side. Create butterfly garden flower beds along east and north edges. Build and/or install benches (four, one in each corner). Build and/or install finger labyrinths on benches. Build and install "Neighborhood Prayer Garden" sign. Trim back "wild" plants in northwest corner.

2nd Priority: Plant privacy hedge on 14th Street side, and possibly parts of alley side. Install arbors for and plant grape vines.

3rd Priority: Install fountain (solar powered, re-circulating). Build and/or install ramp along alley side, to north of stairs.

Outdoor Play Area

2nd Priority: Sand and coat (paint or polyurethane) swing set to remove splinter potential. Add more appropriate ground cover under swing set and build barrier to keep it in.

3rd Priority: Fence off area with air conditioning units. Clean and re-paint fence. Remove holly bushes.

4th Priority: Fence off dog run at east end of courtyard, along building.

Outside of Building and Landscaping

1st Priority: Scrape and paint windows and other trim on both portions of main building.

2nd Priority: Paint all railings. Install new sign. Re-landscape corner bed, especially if sign moves. Pull out small bushes, move grass line closer to building by adding sod on north, west and south sides of building.

3rd Priority: Pick up debris around building. Pressure wash all sidewalks. Pressure wash parts of building.

4th Priority: Repair rock face under chapel stairs on north side.

Make sure to attend the **Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, August 16th** after worship where we will hear more about what it takes to host a Miracle Day and decide if we're truly up for this. Come and let us know what you want to do!