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# Youth Express

## Fulfilling Promises

"Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes... but no plans." -- Peter Drucker

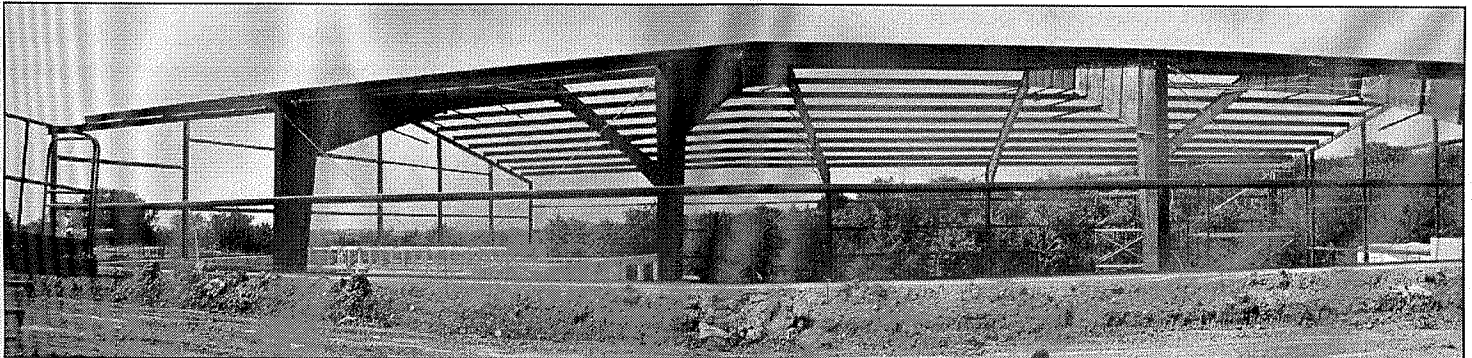
God has promised us that the best is yet to come for the church. He has promised us a latter day outpouring before His glorious return for His bride. We, the church, have great hope in this great and precious promise from our Lord and Savior. Above that, God made a commitment on a cross that initiated an unbelievable plan to bring these great promises to pass. Church, we have more than empty promises that many in our world have. We have so much more than the idle hopes and dreams of people without real hope. Our Pastor has made a commitment to allow God to fulfill His promises to this church. That commitment has produced the plans and current construction of a new school and Riddle Hall and plans to expand into a new family center and 4000 seat sanctuary in the future.

With the opening of new school we now have the room to grow. Prior to the building of the new school, Apostolic Academy did not have the space needed to accommodate more than the 130 students we had this past year. Our Sunday School teachers were in a similar situation. If we had an influx of 50 new children from the Bus Ministry, the classes would have not have been able to contain the blessing. But now that Apostolic Academy is moving out, our Sunday School teachers will have nearly twice the space. They will be able to decorate their rooms to enhance the environment for their classes. Dedicated Sunday School rooms will open the door to create a tremendous environment in which to teach the children.

We all may have our own individual account of the past, each true and real in our own life and experience. However, as the acceptable year of the Lord dawns before us, what are we beholding on the horizon? How great is the door which God is opening before us? I must confess to many selfish dreams of the coming revival, my Dad receiving the Holy Ghost and being baptized in the Mighty name of Jesus. my Mom praying through again to the Holy Ghost, brothers, sister, friends being healed

physically and spiritually and joining the work here in Apostolic City. But I recently awoke to the "Talk of JC" relating an estimate of 33,000 new people coming into this city during the next three to five years. As I listened in a state of awe to the "Talk of JC", my mind quickly shifted to the "Voice of Apostolic City" compelling us to "launch out into the deep and let down our nets". He further stated that this building isn't going to be big enough to contain the coming revival that he wasn't going to limit by putting a number on what God was going to do. As my mind began to race, this scenario began to emerge in my mind...

Being an engineer by trade the numbers began to fly first, there are currently about 18,000 people in our community, so we would be tripling the population in less than five years. Going by straight percentages adding 33,000 people to this community, we would be looking at an increase of 1000 souls at a minimum. There would be no way for our current parking situation to accommodate that number. Thank God for 100 acres just North of here. As I thought of our pending growth, it occurred to me that many other edifices in this great city will bloat, I mean experience growth. It will likely be more growth than they can handle. No other church in this city could seat or park 1000 people. As we move on to greener pastures off of Rucker Road, what a blessing it will be to be able to sell our old building for a few million dollars to finance our move to a new Sanctuary. Without this type of community growth, there would have been no buyer for a church building which only seats 1600 people. Not only is God bringing the souls to fill the building, prompting the need for another building, but He is providing the means to sell the old tabernacle to pay for the new building at the same time. God has given our Pastor the vision to purchase land for a fraction of the cost only months before the news comes that causes land to be a valuable commodity. Not only do I see a 4000 seat sanctuary, with a family center, Riddle Hall, an elementary school and high school, but I see an Almighty God who is providing it all. Considering all these things my overwhelming conclusion is that the best is yet to come for Faith Tabernacle and Apostolic City.



Ongoing development of Riddle Hall. Keep your eyes open for future pictures as the building progresses.