

**IT DOES MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE: SALVATION
LUKE 19:1-10**

What is salvation? Luke 19:9-10

- To declare us **right** with God (justification). Luke 19:9-10; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:1, 18; 8:1
- To **pay** the price for our salvation (redemption). Matt. 20:28; Eph. 1:7, 14; 4:30; Col. 1:14
- To **satisfy** God's demand for perfection (propitiation). 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10; Rom. 5:6-10
- To **restore** our relationship with God (reconciliation). Rom. 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:17-19

Who has made this possible? Luke 19:9-10; John 3:16

- God has been motivated by His **love** for us. John 3:16; 20:31; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 1 John 4:10
- Jesus Christ loves to bring us to **God**. John 3:16; Luke 19:9-10; John 10:11; 15:13; 14:6; 17:4; Acts 4:12; Matt. 20:28

Who is this for? Luke 19:1-2

- For those who **think** they have it all. Luke 19:1-2; 12:13-21; 18:18-23
- For those who **know** they don't have it all. John 3, 4, 8; Luke 7:36-50; Mark 4:1-20

What is our response? Luke 19:8-10

- We can **ignore** the truth and say, "This is not for me." John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Matt. 7:13-14; Luke 9:25; Acts 26:24-29; Luke 18:23
- We can **accept** the truth and say, "Yes, I need Jesus." Luke 19:8-10; Acts 16:30-34

June 8, 2015

RE: Faith, Family, Future Budget Update

Church Family,

We have much to be thankful for—we are a church that by God's grace is flourishing and is expanding to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our growing community. I am writing you today to update you on the latest construction budget numbers. You will recall in March 2014 we voted to proceed with construction of our new Preschool and Children addition for an "estimated" cost of \$9M. The \$9M was a number given to us by our architects in December of 2013 that they felt was reasonable. For several different reasons, we are now expecting our costs to come in slightly higher at \$9.6M—an increase of 7%.

There are two primary causes of the price increase. First, the architects underestimated the square footage of the addition. The error was discovered by our builder and our ministry staff worked diligently to make a number of cuts to reduce the project cost by over \$1M. Second, inflation added as much as 5% to the project cost. From the time we prepared the budget proposal for the church (December 2013) until the time we signed the contract with the builder (December 2014), construction prices, following years of steady decline, bottomed and increased about 5%. This is evidenced by even higher resale values today.

The good news is there will be no increase to our ministry budget. We were able to negotiate a favorable borrowing rate of less than 4%, we continue to make payments that are higher than the minimum requirement, and giving to the Faith, Family, Future Fund has been stronger than expected with more than \$200,000 in unpledged gifts. Also, the staff feels strongly that the cuts made to the scope of the project will have no immediate impact on our ministry and most can be added back at some future date.

Your staff and Finance Committee value the importance of integrity and transparency. For this reason, the church will vote again on the now \$9.6M budget on Sunday, June 28, in all morning services. Should the church vote NO there are essential items that could be cut from the program to bring us back to the original approved \$9M budget—items such as the indoor playground, childhood theming and parking lot development.

For questions or concerns, contact our Business Administrator, Chip Vincent, at extension 214 or cvincent@burnthickory.com.

In Christ,



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