3 April 2010



MOVING DAY - 17 APRIL 2010

Dear Family and Friends

Moving day is fast approaching! MBC will be relocating to the former Parkside Timber and Hardware building at 245 Bridge Road on 17 April. Our first service will be at **9:00am**, on **Sunday 18 April**. Please pass this information on to everyone you know. This information will be published on the church web site as well as in newspapers and a sign placed at the current and temporary church buildings. This will be an exciting day! A map to the new location is shown on the next page.

Before we can have our first service, we need to move in! Already a large number of committed volunteers have helped to prepare the site for our arrival, including cleaning, repairing roofing, removing old walls and building new walls. I am ecstatic at the progress made and the commitment of God's servants to help out. All of the Deacons have an overwhelming sense that this is the home God has allocated to us.

We are calling on all church family to assist in the big move on Saturday 17 April. There are many jobs to do and really only one day to do it. Here are the jobs that need to be done:

- Relocate the church chairs and pews from the church to Parkside
- Relocate the Sunday school / creche furniture and resources to Parkside
- Relocate the red carpet from the Sunday School to Parkside
- Relocate the fridges / kitchen equipment
- Relocate and set up the audio / visual equipment to Parkside
- Clean up the existing gardens at Parkside
- Clean the floors at Parkside
- And much, much more!

We would also benefit from people willing to provide sandwiches / drinks for lunch and workers.

If you are interested in helping, please do the following:

- Contact Kel Purdue (4942 5500) or Heleen Mandall (4942 5371) to let them know.
- Meet at the current church building at 8:00am (or as advised).
- Bring your hat, gloves, suncream and water bottle.
- Cleaning and gardening equipment if you have it.

Work will also be done at 8:30am on Saturday 11 April to "clean and beautify" the new church. Please bring gardening equipment, gloves, water bottle and cleaning equipment if you have it.

Project Status

The fact that we are moving means that we are very close to finalizing all of the details needed for the building project. Prelimary quotations for work have been received and we will have a final quote complete in the next two weeks. These are looking very good and are in alignment with our original budget. After we have fully moved out of the current church, we will be commencing demolition. We would expect that construction would therefore commence before the end of June and we would be likely to start new services in January 2011. Volunteers are also sought for the construction phase of the project.



Prayer

This project's past and future success continues to be determined by our commitment to prayer. Please spend time alone or with others to consider the prayer needs of this project (which are listed below).

Praise

- Moving day is fast approaching!
- For the continued offers of volunteer labor and services from within and associated with the church.
- For the provision of an alternate temporary home after our first choice became unavailable.
- For God's financial blessing to the church to date.

Prayer

- For continued provision of volunteers to assist with the refitting and relocation activities for the Parkside building.
- For the continued provision of finances to support the project, prior to the commencement of the project and ongoing during construction and beyond.
- For the sustaining of relationships during the phase of transition and that we will not feel "displaced".
- For the effective continuation and growth of existing and new ministries during the period of transition.
- For the health and protection of our builder, Dave Harney and his business, as well as our architects, Steve Turner and Andrew Allen and STEA.
- For the wisdom, health, safety and protection of all volunteer workers on the project, especially those involved with relocation and demolition of the old site.
- For the finalization of final quotations by Dave Harney and other details before we sign development contracts.
- For the speedy finalization of all other details associated with the relocation, demolition and commencement of construction.
- That God will bless all givers (financial and volunteer) to the project.
- For security of the Parkside building and our contents.

Yours in Christ

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