

This Week in the Church

8/14 – 9/4

There was nothing of significance to report 8/14 through 8/28.

All quotes for air conditioning in the gym have been received. Three quotes have been received ranging from 65,000 to 53,000. The 53,000 quote is the most well thought out and innovative. All the Trustees have approved the lesser quote, and it will be brought before Administrative Council (9/14) given it is a major financial decision for the church. Given grants, donations, and money set aside for joint projects serving both congregation and CDC, we have all needed funds. Ad Council passed a 90% CDC to 10% church ratio to pay for the project.

A proposal for improving audio and video capability has been brought before the congregation. We have gone from contractor quotes in excess of 50,000 to a \$7,000 proposal with donated technical expertise from BJ McCants and sweat equity from the congregation. We can make vast improvements, with current technology, which can be readily added to in the future. We are also blessed to have such an option at BFUMC. Please let your Trustees know what your thoughts are if you have concerns. Info concerning the proposed upgrade is still on the table at the back of the sanctuary. It would be great to have these upgrades for Homecoming and BFUMC's first ever Veterans Day effort in November.

An unexpected blessing has been received! Virginia Anne Lancaster (pastor's aunt) gave BFUMC \$5,000. We continue to be blessed as we invest in God's house.

The church is getting a refund! We received an IRS notice stating we had overpaid. Congregation and CDC will be receiving \$6,200 back. My assumption is that we were over on payroll taxes. We continue to be blessed as we invest in God's house.

We have been exploring a way to secure better internet services. It appears that Spectrum will provide much greater service for a much better price, than the provider we have been with for many years. Since it is the church's best interest, my assumption is the Trustees will move forward. This will greatly improve our live streaming capabilities for worship and other activities.

We are starting a discussion with Joe Roberson Roofing this week. On both sides of the firewall between the church and gym we have ongoing leaks. Leaks on the church side are contained, and all water exits the building, but that is not resolution. On the gym side, all classrooms upstairs have leaked for years. We are seeking a dry watertight acceptable solution in the future.

