



Report from the "Building Committee"
September 2002

We are excited to report on progress towards improvements and expansions at First Presbyterian! All of the upcoming projects will need your support and maybe some elbow grease in preparation for them.

We are hoping to replace some (if not all) of the church's heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units. Presently, we have all original equipment (1970) except for the heating part of the fellowship hall (it was replaced 3 years ago). The 5 different systems (sanctuary, choir room, fellowship hall, offices and downstairs) get different amounts of usage, but are all beyond their expected lifetime. We've been lucky.

Some of the problems we have are: the sanctuary units drip and stain the Narthex ceiling and threaten the furnishings; the downstairs unit must be manually reset (outside) each Sunday morning to get it to come on; the outside units are noisy, worn and badly weathered (you can find them easily around the right of the building in back, behind a hedge.) Three of the units are over the Narthex and should be replaced together to avoid duplicating labor and difficult access problems. Bob Gaw (chair) will be happy to answer questions about the HVAC plan.

The Building Committee obtained bids from 3 competent HVAC contractors and forwarded those bids (along with a recommendation) to the Session. The Session, meeting on Sept. 23rd, reviewed and approved the Church Building Committee's recommendation to accept Lanthier's bid and to proceed with the replacement of all units. The expected cost of the project is approximately \$36,000. Funds are currently available, but this expenditure will reduce church reserves substantially.

As we progress, we want to keep you informed and involved and will be asking for some help in minor areas preparing for the work.

The Building Committee is also working on a proposal for a significant building addition, so we encourage you to be listening for announcements and reading future bulletins for the latest developments. The "New Building Committee" is made up of: **Linda Shoaf, Pat Russell, Raymond Reynolds, Weston Reigel, Rick Mechtly, Angela King and Bob Gaw.**

Thank God for His continuing Blessings!
The Building Committee