



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Highway 49 Steering Committee Update

East Side
Baptist Church

Feb 2019

VISION STATEMENT - Connect people to God, others and the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In **1912** East Side Baptist Church began the journey of reaching people for Christ.

Almost **108 years** later the church continues to focus on ministry both locally and around the world. God has touched thousands of lives through the love and service of many people over the years.

Now our church is embarking on our newest ministry journey. God has blessed us again with the resources and the ability to expand his kingdom on Highway 49. There is no doubt that this new location will provide opportunities we can not begin to imagine possible over the next 100 years. We give all the glory to God as we take this step of faith to obey his call to ministry.

Goal: to be very transparent during the entire process.

Update on Committees: The Construction, Transition, Stewardship and Finance committees all met together on Saturday, February 9th. Dr. Stan Norman, along with each Pastor, gave words of encouragement to all the committees. Over 30 people attended this meeting. During the 3 hour meeting lots of thought were shared and discussion had. Discussions focused on **UNITY** and our Mission Statement.

The room was filled with people who love God and are ready to accept the ministry God has called us to. The meeting closed in group prayer in the gym asking for wisdom as ESBC moves forward doing ministry.

Communication to Church: This newsletter will be a regular publication used to update the church on the work being done by these committees. It will be placed in all Connect groups (Sunday School) rooms and will also be emailed to everyone currently on the East Side Baptist Church mailing list. **Please make sure you are connected in one of these ways so you can be up to date during this entire journey.*

What's Next? All committees have met at least once and started to work in their respective responsibilities.

***Construction:** researching church designs, identifying an architect, working on an initial design to show the church for approval.

***Transition:** identifying the ministry opportunities on the East Side of town that will remain after our move, and opportunities on Highway 49.

***Stewardship:** designing the ways the church will be organized for giving throughout this process.

***Finance:** evaluating our current assets and their values.