

# **BUILDERS FOR CHRIST**

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Greetings in the name of Jesus!

This year, our Construction Missions Teams have assisted three fine churches in Connecticut, Minnesota, and Florida for God, bringing the total to 77 since we began networking the mission work of our individual Teams. Those churches are in a position to expand God's Kingdom in powerful ways. Your commitment and hard work have provided facilities in most Northeastern states, many Midwestern states, and others in Virginia, Louisiana, Florida, and Alabama, to allow these fine Congregations to grow and add depth to their ministries. More than 1,300 Volunteers from more than 80 Churches and Associations served these churches within the Builders for Christ Network. We hope that many churches will continue to serve with us this year, again. These Churches will use their new and renovated facilities intensely as Tools of Ministry to their community and as the launching point for their service to God throughout the world. It would have been several years before they would have developed enough strength to undertake their project without the help of Construction Missionaries.

Dedication of the Sanctuary at Groton Bible Chapel is Friday night, January 17, 2020. The dedication of Temple Baptist in Panama City, Florida and 2<sup>nd</sup> Roseville in Minnesota will be announced as soon as they complete their projects.

The Project Coordinators of Builders for Christ have reviewed information from Churches in Missouri and two in Wisconsin this year. We have selected projects which appear to be very appropriate for our Builders for Christ Ministry. Three others we considered will not be ready this year, and hope to be ready in the summer of 2021. We are actively working with future projects to prepare them to be ready to allow BFC to partner with them dependably.

We are very pleased with all aspects of the possibility of a deep relationship with the following projects and want to share it with the many fine Teams who make up the Builders for Christ network, for your Team's consideration.

## **PROJECT "A" Valley Baptist Church, Appleton, Wisconsin**

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In 1994, Builders for Christ constructed an 8,000 sq.ft. Children's addition to Valley Baptist. That modest addition enabled them to have more room and increase the quality of their Children's Ministry. In 2008 The "C" Team of BFC returned to make another addition consisting of a large gathering space which they use as a Fellowship Hall, also. It included a kitchen, a modest Youth suite, and elevator.

In 2020 we will return to Valley to construct a 500 seat Sanctuary, a youth Suite, and renovations to several areas of the facility.

Valley is one of the most active churches in the Minnesota-Wisconsin Convention. Charles Dunning has led their congregation and several others to do Construction Mission work throughout the area for 26 years. He and their pastor, Larry Cramer, have been moderators of their Convention three different years, among many other significant things.

The existing Sanctuary at Valley is not large enough for their Worship and is missing several features required for their vibrant worship and ministries. It will be converted into educational space. The 2020 addition will require teams equal in size and skill of the BFC "A" Team.

The Coordination Conference there will be on the January 25, 2020 weekend in Appleton, WI. An advance crew for sawing will begin about May 13 with week "A" commencing on May 16. Week "B" will commence on May 23. Week "C" will commence on June 1. Other weeks will follow accordingly. The dedication service at Groton Bible Chapel will be Friday night, January 17, 2020.

### **PROJECT "B" Fruitland Community Church, Jackson, MO**

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The "B" Team of BFC will join Chilton Baptist Builders to construct an 8,000 sq.ft. addition to Fruitland Community Church in Jackson, Missouri. This is an expansion to the building Chilton Baptist Builders constructed for Fruitland built in 2001. Since completion, they have baptized 250, given over \$1,000,000 to missions, and given \$463,000 to the Cooperative program. Another church has been planted; 141 members have gone on foreign missions, and they have allowed a Filipino church to meet in their building. That project will need the type of work often provided by the BFC "B" Team churches in the weeks those churches normally serve. Tommy Bishop is coordinating this project. Framing will commence on June 20.

The work our BFC "B" Team did in 2019 at Temple Baptist in Panama City, Florida is virtually complete. It restored Temple's Children's Ministry Suite that was destroyed by Hurricane Michael.

### **PROJECT "C" Journey Church, Amery, Wisconsin**

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Journey Church (formerly First Baptist Church) is located in a small, wonderful town in northwest Wisconsin. Journey is a vibrant congregation. Their existing building has all of the educational rooms downstairs. Those rooms are not sufficient to house all of the needed classes and are small.

Their Gathering Space is smaller than needed. The 2,400 sq.ft. addition will allow the Senior Adults and Nursery to be on the main floor. This project will include internally expanding their sanctuary by removing three rooms, yielding space for their growing Worship Ministries. The area of that internal expansion is about 1,400 sq.ft.

The work needed by BFC includes wall framing, setting about 91 trusses, installing about 75 sheets of plywood roof decking, trimming eaves, siding, reroofing the existing building and roofing the addition, insulation and drywall, painting, trim, and constructing a Welcome Center counter and restroom counters. The church will do their electrical work in that they have two electricians in the congregation, but need any assistance with this that is available. The church has a well-qualified member who will be the field superintendent, as well as a constructor.

The Coordination conference for this project will be February 29, 2020 at Journey Church in Amery, Wisconsin

Grading will commence in early March. Foundations and the slab will be completed in May as needed for teams who commit to this project, certainly complete by June 1, 2020. It is estimated that about 200 BFC workers are needed throughout the weeks of the summer of 2020.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS OF OUR BFC NETWORK**

Indicate your preferences and flexibility on the attached Reply Form. Adjustments for everyone's needs will be integrated into a cohesive project plan at the Coordination Meetings onsite. It is important that each team feel free to serve at the time which will enable each to render the greatest mission service.

Please consider the following specific things, so that this Ministry can be most effective and coordinated:

1. **Please answer the attached Reply Form to communicate your intent for service in 2020 by returning a copy to Lawrence Corley and Tommy Bishop by January 3, 2020.** After you confirm what your church is ready to commit to, send another copy indicating that firm commitment; you may reply by email, if possible, copying **each** of the Project Coordinators. Full contact data is listed for each of the BFC Project Coordinators on the each project's description.
2. We will use your reply forms to confirm who will need to be scheduled each week so that the dates may be coordinated and set. A schedule will then be sent to each of those committing to the project. Generally, each team should go the week they customarily serve, while considering the start dates listed above. However, with such large projects this year, we will need some of us to serve during the weeks in which no one normally comes so that we do not overload any of the weeks. We do need everyone's help and involvement to level our staffing of every week. Each of us is needed to serve if we are to complete what we need to do for God on these three projects.
3. If you do not wish to participate in these projects, please contact the NAMB to secure another needful project, but let us know immediately of your decision. Their website is [www.thebridge.namb.net](http://www.thebridge.namb.net) or 800-462-8657. The web page is [www.namb.net/bbuilders](http://www.namb.net/bbuilders).
4. Please attend the Project Coordination Meeting for the project you select!!! It will be January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Appleton, during March or April in Jackson and on February 29 in Amery. At this meeting we will synchronize each of our teams to a task within their ability, the weeks each will serve, the logistics, and how you may witness the ministry personality of the host church. They will communicate the details of their project and logistical preparations they have made for your group.
5. Please insure that we have updated contact data on you and your key leaders!

Pray for your mission task, and also for our hosts. This will strengthen your team's relationship with your own church and allow God to speak to more than those who have been directly involved in this Ministry, concerning how they can support your team's ministry from within your body of believers.

**Give a copy of this letter to any leaders of other churches** with whom you have a relationship. Try to get a few from those churches to join you, so that they can learn, first hand, how their own church can grow in their own mission vision. This is not about numbers. It is about increasing what we can do to expand God's Kingdom.

Each of us enjoys our mission service and our relationships with each other. Thank you for your commitment to this work for God. We share a deep concern for the lost in our nation as the basis for so great an effort to reach them for our Lord. Certainly there will be many who will hear of our Savior as a result of the sacrifices you have made on these projects. These buildings will be *Tools of God's Ministries* for generations. Let us join again to plan carefully so that we can be as effective as possible in our service next summer. God bless you in your work for Him.

In His Service,

*Lawrence Corley*

Lawrence Corley, Coordinator of the "A" Team  
and Coordinator of the BFC Project in Amery, WI

*Tommy Bishop*

Rich Powell, Coordinator Project in Jackson, MO

cc: Coordinator for each Church serving last year  
NAMB, Baptist Builders



**BUILDERS FOR CHRIST 2019 MISSION PROJECTS**  
 (Reply electronically or by mail to Lawrence Corley,  
 and Tommy Bishop by January 3, 2020.)

Please **legibly** indicate your intent to be involved in the coordinated effort to construct the following Projects:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Project "A" - Appleton, WI  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Project "B" - Jackson, MO  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Project "C" - Amery, WI  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I will contact the NAMB directly for another construction assignment  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I have other plans to minister in 2020 to \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Is my first preference of dates of service (include first and last date of construction work)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Is my second preference of dates of service; I am willing to help level staffing each week  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Is my third preference of dates of service; I am willing to help level staffing each week  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I cannot change this date; please work with others to allow me to hold this date, or to ask  
 me personally to change assignment.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults who will be in my group  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of High School students who will be in my group working in construction  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults included in my group who will be doing mission work other than  
 Construction and Food Preparation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children who will be in my group (Children below the age of 16 should NOT be  
 on the Construction Site, even if they are a part of your group)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the probable number from my Church who will attend the Coordination Meeting on  
 January 25, 2020 Appleton, WI.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Is the probable number from my Church who will attend the Coordination Meeting in  
 March or April in Jackson, MO.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Is the probable number from my church who will attend the Coordination Meeting on  
 February 29, 2020, in Amery, WI.
5. My Group Name is \_\_\_\_\_; My Church and Location is \_\_\_\_\_
6. The contact persons for my group are **(please print clearly)**:
 

<u>CONSTRUCTION LEADER</u>	<u>LOGISTICS LEADER</u>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Fax Phone: _____	Fax Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Church Phone: _____	Church _____
Phone: _____	
E-Mail: _____	E-Mail: _____
7. Major skills of our Group Leaders and Team:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Other construction skills we have developed within our teams:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Other Mission Service my group would like to share during our week of service (That is not Construction in  
 Nature):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ This is a firm commitment but the number of participants will firm up later. I will call/email the Project Coordinators if there is any change.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My answers are tentative; I will confirm this with you by \_\_\_\_\_, 2020
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep me informed about 2021 Projects. I will serve elsewhere in 2020.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Please take me off your mailing list; I am going to focus our mission service for Christ's work elsewhere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Add the people listed on this sheet to your Mailing List (list all data as in Item #6, above).

***\*\*Please copy or email your response to all Team Leaders.***