



WILMINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Vision Projects Report – May, 2025 (Quarter 2)

Project Leaders: Nick Clark & Jim Vance

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Below are progress reports on existing projects and priority initiatives:

Roof Replacement: [EDITED]

We currently have a roof exclusion on our insurance with Mennonite due to 35/100 grade according to their roof grading system. We have received 4 new estimates from roofing companies, and they all agree that we need to replace the roof within the next two years (before the end of 2026) to avoid harmful deterioration.

Estimated Cost: \$29,000-\$35,000

Funds Available: \$28,000

Train To Serve Internship Program: [EDITED]

According to the Barna Group research, 1 in 4 pastors in the United States plan to retire before 2030. Senior pastors 40 years old or younger make up only 16% of the pastor pool, and the average age of pastors is 52 years old. Also, 4 out of 5 pastors say that their churches aren't doing enough to train the next generation of Christian leaders. Translation: the American church is about to face a massive pastoral crisis. We want to play a vital role to counteract these troubling statistics! We are focusing our efforts on training up the next generation of pastors through paid ministry internships that are rooting character building & practical experience.

Estimated Cost [For Residential Internship]: \$7,000 (for Fall of 2025 - Spring 2026)

Funds Raised: \$0

CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES:

Schedule a time w/ Jim or Nick for more information or feel free to reach out by email at: pastornick@wilmingtonfirstobio.com



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UPCOMING VISION PROJECTS:

Below are progress reports on new projects and initiatives:

Bathroom Renovation:

We want to do a small remodel of the bathrooms on the main floor. In the women's bathroom we mainly want to improve stall privacy. We would also like to update the men's bathroom with new flooring, better lighting, and to create space for a private stall as well as a urinal. Probably replace a couple toilets, etc.

Estimated Cost: \$4,000-\$5,000 (Cost depending on if labor is mostly done in house.)

Funds Raised: \$0

Multipurpose Room / Coffee Bar Area / Historical Room:

We would like to close off the Sunday School area to make it slightly more private and to allow for it to be used without interruption before, during, or directly after the service. It could also serve as an ideal private space for weddings, funerals, etc. This is where we set up our church history display. To keep it bright, we either want to open up the cleaning/leadership files closet to have a 2nd window or want to encase it with plexiglass walls trimmed out with matching stained wood to remain consistent with the architecture of the building. We would also like to put some fresh, bright paint on the walls, add a whiteboard, and consider updating the chairs. On the coffee bar side we'd love to refinish some tables we already have, purchase some lounge chairs, buy a new coffee cabinet, paint, and add some artwork.

Estimated Cost: \$2,000-\$3,000 (If labor is done in-house.)

Funds Raised: \$0



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VISION GAP:

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A quick view of the total amount we're trying to raise for our church's vision projects along with what has been received as well as the gap between meeting the total dollar figure to reach our vision.



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Roof Replacement:

Our roof replacement costs have gone down since insurance covered the expense for the leak in the bell tower. While we still unfortunately have a roof exclusion placed on our insurance last Fall, we also were able to find more roof replacement quotes well below the 47K (8K was the bell tower cost) and closer to 30K. That means that our needed funds to complete a roof replacement is significantly lower!

Train To Serve Internship Program:

- Isaiah & Ben Konicki plan to return to WFBC this Fall semester, Isaiah as a residential intern and Ben as an invested church participant.
 - I've seen a lot of growth in them and their heart for WFBC.
 - They are working to recruit more CU students to help us revitalize the church in 2025-2026.



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PRAYER:

Organizations we are currently or planning on partnering with:

- Sugartree Ministries (*Every other month providing a meal at the homeless shelter.*)
- One Mission Clinton County (*Pastor Nick is on the board of the nonprofit ministry.*)
- Hope House (*Started by the Beerys and Shelby is serving regularly there.*)

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for God's provision to meet our goal of replacing our roof before the end of 2026.
- Pray for the community's perception of Sugartree Ministries and their heart for the homeless to shift to a less oppositional position.
- Pray for the further growth of One Mission's Release Time program teaching kids about Jesus during the school day at Wilmington Assembly of God across from the middle school. There are almost 60 kids participating each week and it is expected to grow to about 100 by the end of this school year.
 - Because of this expected growth, pray for God to provide them a few more volunteers
- Pray for the growth of our interns, Ben & Isaiah, spiritually and in ministry skills / leadership. Also be praying that God will use them to reach college students to help revitalize our church.
- Pray for Pastor Nick to have success in gaining new church partners for the Train To Serve Ministry Internships so that we can tackle the lack of church leadership development on a larger scale.

Prayers Answered:

- Pray for God to provide a way for our church to work towards being able to offer residential church ministry internships.