

# **BBT 100 Committee Informational Update**



**August 31, 2022**



# What the Tabernacle means to our Community

*For the last almost 100 years our Tabernacle has been*

- the **centerpiece** of Bethany Beach;*
- our **central place of worship**, singing, praying and hearing the Gospel.*

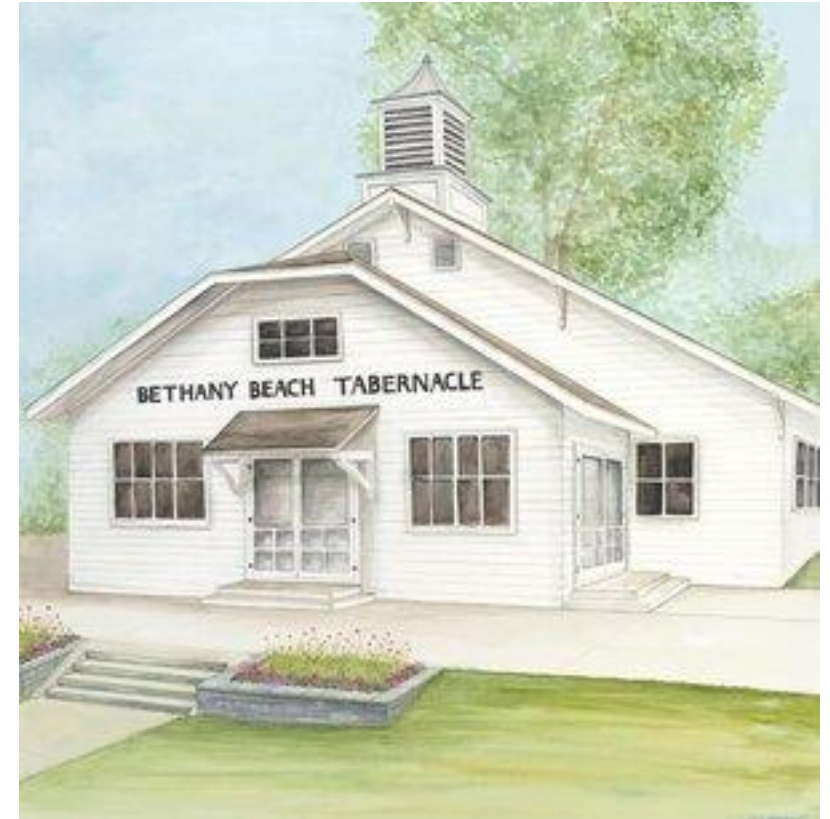
*For generations of Bethany Beachers, it has hosted our weekly Worship Service, prayer meetings, baby dedications, funeral services and even business meetings. It has seen much joy and much sorrow over its almost 100 years.*



**“Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1**

# BBT 100 Committee

- Launched in February 2022
- Committee Charter: *“Assess the physical and structural soundness of the existing Tabernacle structure, considering long term viability and estimated useful life of the structure to meet both existing and future needs of the Bethany Beach community. Depending on the outcomes and options as a result of this assessment, develop near term and longer-term recommendations regarding the external and internal aspects of the Tabernacle building.”*
- Members: Mary Almer, Larry Anderson, Allison Ferwerda, Warren Jensen, Kim Lahti, Kris Ozburn, Darrell Peterson, Mike Seelig (chair), Lew TenHave



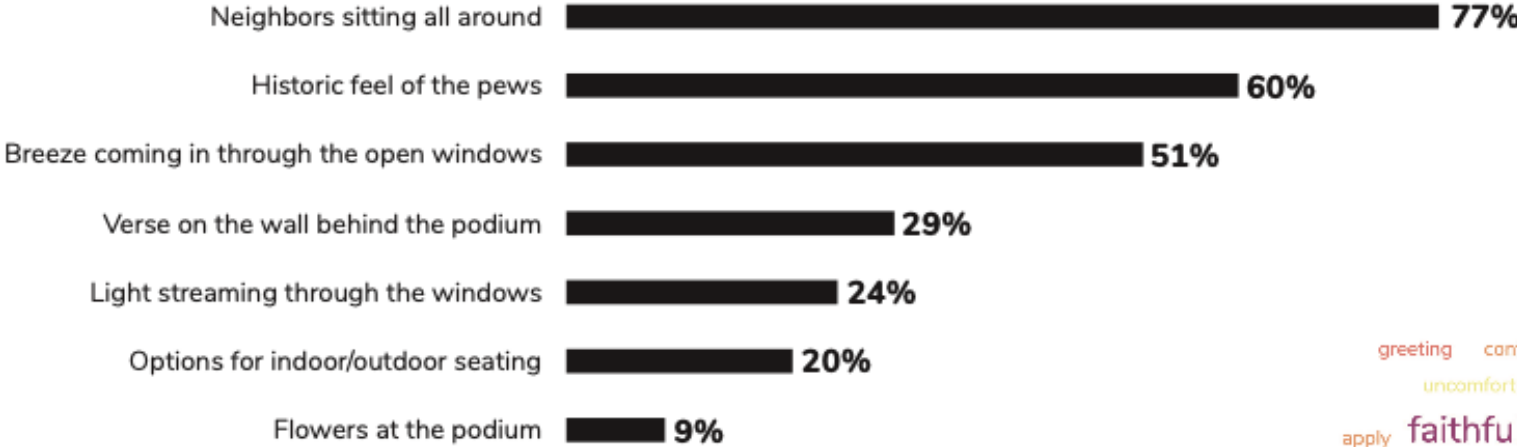
# Tonight's Purpose

- To share....
  - **What we have heard**
  - **What we have done**
  - **What comes next**
- And of course, where you can help!



# BBT 100 – What we have heard

**When you sit down to a Sunday morning service at the Tabernacle, what 3 things MOST play into your worship experience?**



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## What people love most about the Tabernacle

*The place it holds in our community,  
the central location, the symbol*

*Multi generation worship*

*Seeing people walking to church,  
streaming in from every street.*

*Nostalgia*

*The evident history and memories of worshipping with  
loved ones gone before. The “old” feeling of the room,  
creaky floors, old chairs, and “come to me all who labor”  
painted on the wall*

*I love that the tabernacle  
maintains such a presence in  
Bethany - that it is a place for  
the community to come, pray  
together and fellowship  
together. I love the traditions  
and quirks of the building that  
are a reminder of the long-  
standing history*

*Simplicity, quaintness*

*It's connection to our past and traditions*



# BBT 100 – What we have heard

- Input and direction from the Board at various meetings this Spring and Summer
- Before and After Sunday worship conversations, Men's Fellowship, Ladies Bible Study, and of course, BB Street and Beach chatter! Each BBT100 meeting has time for sharing of what we are hearing. Thank You!
- Primary areas of focus:
  - Rafters; roofing support structure, bell tower replacement
  - Ventilation improvement
  - Seating arrangements
  - Audio/Visual and technology (as a necessary 4<sup>th</sup> area)





# BBT 100 – What we have done

- 4 committee meetings in the Spring
- Architectural Consulting Group (ACG - structural engineer) - Facility Conditions report focused on the structure of the Tabernacle
  - Overall comments from ACG – *“We have a solidly framed structure, built with quality in mind by our predecessors, and the building has been well maintained over the years. We should be able to enjoy the structure for many more years, potentially another 100 years!”*
- Near term recommendations resolved (ie: altar support, ADA items, etc.)
- Longer term recommendations deferred to next phase of work
- Completing this early assessment paved the way for the start of design ideation and work focused on the interior of the structure, which has been the focus of our 5 summer meetings.



# BBT 100 – What we have done

## Engaged Professionals



Architect



Structural Engineer

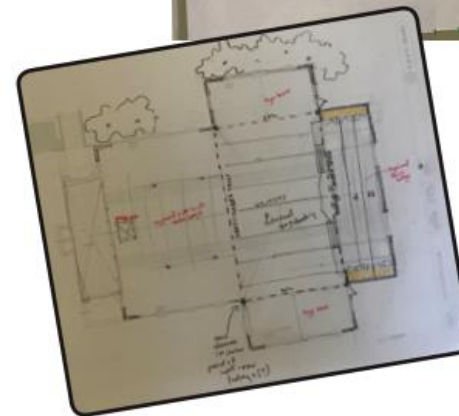
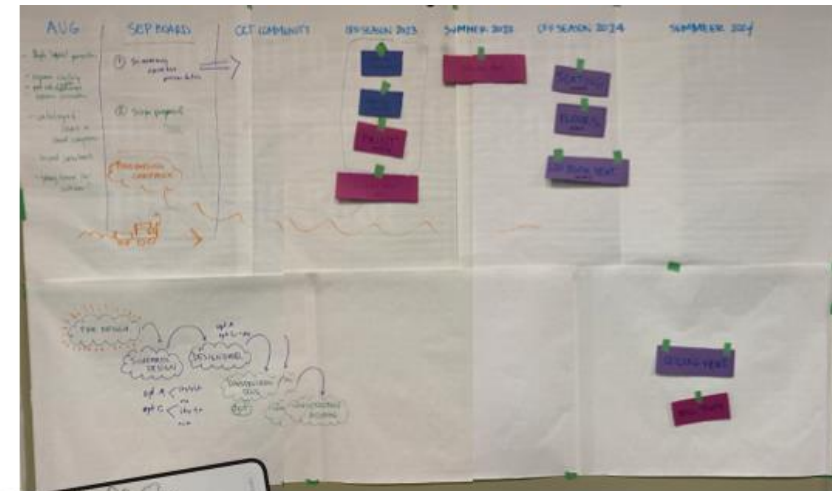


Building Performance Specialist



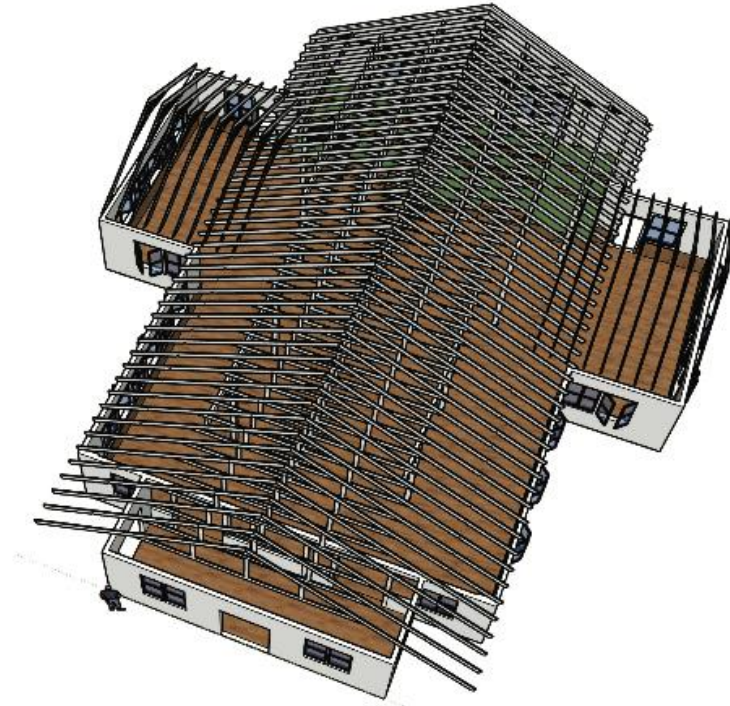
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**Twice Monthly Meetings & Engagement of Other Committees (LT Planning, Worship, B&G, Finance as examples)**



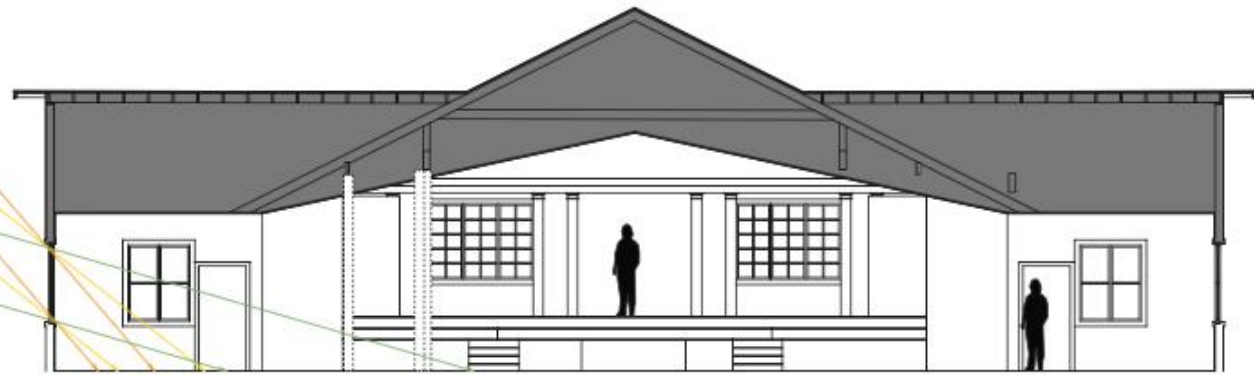
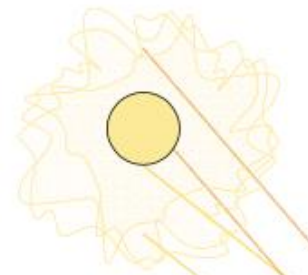
# BBT 100 – What we have done

## Discovered Existing Conditions



# BBT 100 – What we have done

## Low Cost Improvements



# BBT 100 – What we have done

## Existing Chair Survey



# BBT 100 – What we have done

## Chair Option Research

Restoration and/or  
Replacement  
Data Collection +  
Analysis



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Chair restoration can help revive the original beauty and nostalgic appeal an auditorium or theatre may have. In addition, restoration is a great way to practice environmental stewardship. With more than a century of experience in public seating, Irwin Seating Company's knowledge far exceeds that of other providers. In addition to fixing cosmetic issues like worn fabric or scuffed wood, we have the manufacturing capabilities and resources to often replace seat-lift mechanisms, deteriorated foam or a chair back too damaged to restore.

Often, existing components like chair standards can be altered to work with new backs and seats or existing backs and standards can be used with new seats, there are often many options available. **Contact us** for help in determining the viability of your current seating for restoration.

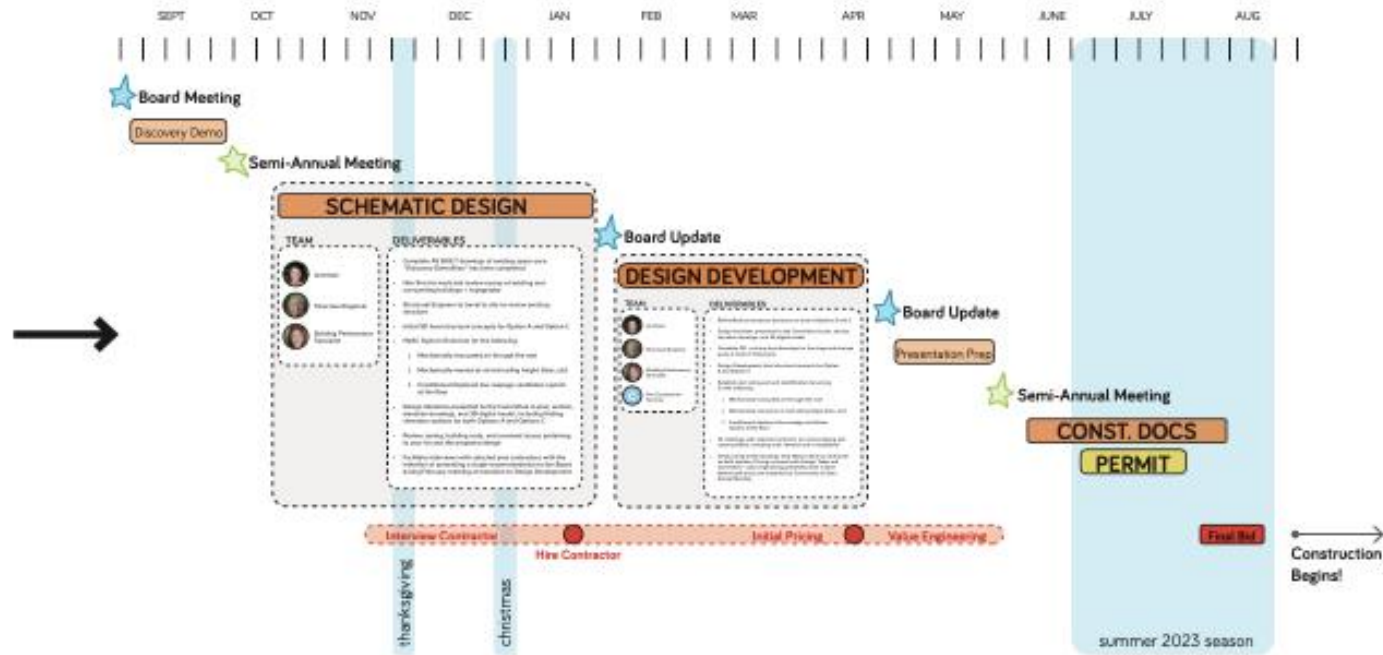


# BBT 100 – What comes next?

## Presenting to Board in September and Leaseholders in October (Annual Meeting)



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# BBT 100 – Where you can help

- **Labor Day Monday – Ceiling Tear-Out Event**
  - When: Labor Day 9/5 from 8:00 -11:00 am
  - What to wear: Long sleeve shirt, work gloves, mask
  - What to bring: safety glasses & wire-cutters (if you have)
  - Contact Darrell Peterson 574-320-4720 or Lew TenHave 281-382-1337 with questions
- **Attend the Oct 8 annual meeting**
  - More exciting details coming for the work ahead
- **Pray for the BBT100 work during the off-season** – and that God would be glorified in all we do here.



**Thank You!**

