

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING CONSULTING MINISTRIES

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"Helping churches do their job"

Dear Pastor or Church Leader,

Greetings! My wife and I operate a ministry of church (Baptist) building consulting. This is a ministry of our home church, Fellowship Baptist Church, Dalton, PA, Lawrence Walter, Jr., Pastor.

We have been engaged in this ministry of *"helping churches do their job"* for 30 years but until recently have confined ourselves to the Northeast, particularly PA, NJ, & NY.

We are not selling anything, but we desire to make the availability of this ministry known to you and other like minded Baptist Churches. Our motto is, *"helping churches do their job"*.

We assist the church with facility issues that they may be facing such as:

handicap accessibility	remodeling and upgrading
structural	infrastructural
additions	all new facilities
zoning and building code compliance	

We also perform a facility evaluation in the form of a critical walk-through which helps the church evaluate their facility with respect to their ministry goals.

We do not do any of the construction work but rather provide sympathetic, Baptist consultation.

We are particularly interested in partnering with Baptist Church planters by assisting them in making good selections for their meeting places.

We are knowledgeable and experienced. Because several churches and individuals have been lead to stand with us financially we are able to *help churches do their job* at a very reasonable price.

Please take a few minutes to look over our packet of information to see if we might be a assistance to you and your church. If you have a particular need, please feel free to contact us; we are constantly increasing our scope of capabilities to accomodate the facility needs of the church of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your consideration.

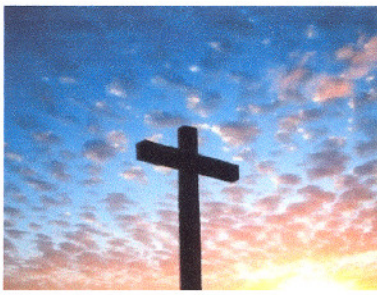
Your Friends in Christ,



John and Susan Scodras

2Thess. 3:18

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings from Fellowship Baptist Church!

I would like to introduce you to John and Susan Scondras. They are missionaries of our church in assisting and consulting with Baptist churches concerning their facility needs. Their ministry is called "Fellowship Baptist Church Building Consulting Ministries." They have been serving in this ministry since 1978. They have helped many churches in the northeastern United States, from Vermont to Florida and as far west as Arizona. They are a faith based ministry supported by churches and individuals.

They minister to Baptist churches in the areas of newly established churches that have grown to the point of needing property and a building for their church; an established church that may need to expand or upgrade their present building; working with churches in managing their facility for a more effective ministry; for safety or to meet current codes, etc.

I have been involved with them in their ministry for over six years and I have seen churches in our area that are the finished product of their ministry. What a blessing!

I encourage you to contact them, or myself, and see how God may be able to use them on behalf of your local church or ministry. They can be contacted at (570) 563-2695 or by email at greek@epix.net.

May "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." II Thessalonians 3:18.

Joyfully serving Jesus,

Rev. Lawrence E. Walter, Jr.

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"And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18.

John

I am the eldest son of first generation Americans of Greek descent and have two younger brothers and a younger sister. I was raised in western New York State where my father ran a short order restaurant/ice cream/candy store. I met Susan in the fourth grade and asked her to marry me. We were married in 1971. About one month after our wedding we were invited to attend a city wide evangelistic crusade in Rochester, NY. It was that night in May 1971 that I received Jesus Christ as my Savior. Upon graduation from engineering school in 1973, I took a job with a nuclear power plant constructor which moved us to Maryland. There the Lord brought us to a fundamental Bible preaching church and we grew! In 1975 I was baptized. In 1976 I took a job at Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit, PA, as a physical plant engineer. There I was involved in the design and construction of several buildings on campus as well as being part of the campus maintenance staff. I grew Biblically stronger at the BBC setting. In 1982 I left BBC and worked for various employers in the engineering and construction field. In 1997 I became self-employed as a contract welder and designer. Since 1978 I have provided a service to assist churches with design and consultation on building projects. Susan and I were among the first members of Fellowship Baptist Church after its formation in 1976. We are still members of Fellowship Baptist Church. I have been involved in many aspects of the local Baptist church, including deacon. I am also a member and chaplain of the local fire department. I am a licensed engineer, holding licenses in two states.



Susan

I was raised on a small farm in western New York State with my five sisters and two brothers. I enjoyed many outdoor activities as well as various 4-H programs. I received my B.S. degree in Biology and Secondary Education from SUNY at Geneseo, NY, in January 1972. In April of 1971, I married my childhood sweetheart and one month later was saved at an evangelistic meeting. When my husband completed college we moved to southern Maryland where we met Christians who discipled us. I was baptized in January 1975. Our oldest daughter was born in 1975 and in 1976 we moved to Pennsylvania. We added a son (1977) and another daughter (1979) to the family. I taught science and math classes at a Christian high school for 16 years. I have taught the Ladies Sunday school class at our church as well as classes for Vacation Bible school.

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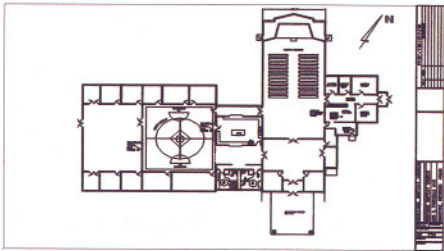
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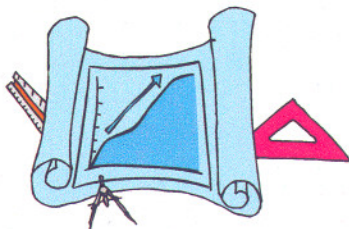
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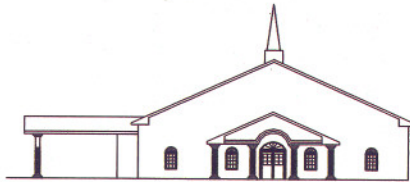
Fellowship Baptist Church of Dalton, PA, has recognized that John and Susan Scondras have been called of the Lord to use their abilities as church building consultants. FBC has sent John and Susan to a ministry that is vital to the enhancement of today's Baptist churches. This ministry functions to **"help churches do their job"**. The ministry endeavors to help Baptist church plants and assist established churches through competent facility planning.



The ministry partners with the pastor and church leaders to help them plan the facility that they need in order to meet the needs of their "flock" and a facility that they can use to reach out to the community. The ministry helps to plan a facility that meets the current needs and resources of the church as well as planning for future growth.



There are many obstacles facing the facility requirements of the advancing Baptist church today. Many of these obstacles arise from building and zoning codes imposed by governments on the use of the Baptist church facility. These are regulations that the pastor and church leaders often do not have time nor expertise to deal with effectively.



The situation may include

- site planning,
- evaluation of existing facilities
- planning for church expansion,
- dealing with accessibility requirements and other codes compliance issues, or
- considerations for general upgrades of existing facility .

The Scondras' can, when invited, come along side the church leadership and provide experience and expertise to guide the church through their facility needs to enhance the church's ministries. They have assisted over 40 churches with facility needs since beginning this ministry in 1978.

Testimonials from pastors whose own ministry was strengthened through the ministry of John and Susan:

"Their experience and cost analysis are helping us choose a home for our church plant."

Pastor Bill Kuhn
CBM Church Planter
York, PA

"..saved us thousands of dollars in design fees"

Pastor James Howell
Northmoreland Baptist Church
Centermoreland, PA

"..a real encouragement; they got our people thinking.."

Pastor Ron Hon
Lighthouse Baptist Church
Marion, IN

"worked well with our people"

Pastor Todd Falk
Wilton Baptist Church
Wilton, NY

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Strong, fundamental, Bible preaching churches are needed in America today more than ever. Our Lord has called us to “go into all the world”; this includes the United States. We need to reach the millions of unsaved that are in this great nation.



First Baptist Church, Waymart, PA

Many established churches today are faced with the need of upgrading their facilities in order to meet the needs of their congregations. But upgrades often involve government regulations such as building codes and zoning regulations. Many churches do not have the in-house capability of dealing with the required regulations. We can provide the expertise and experience to assist in the compliance with the regulations.



Roaring Brook Baptist Church, Hunlock Creek, PA

A church may desire to expand their facilities in order to meet the ministry goals they have established. They need to know and understand the state and local building codes as well as building functionality to be able to make the expansion a proficient reality. It is very important that future developments be considered when making plans for current needs.



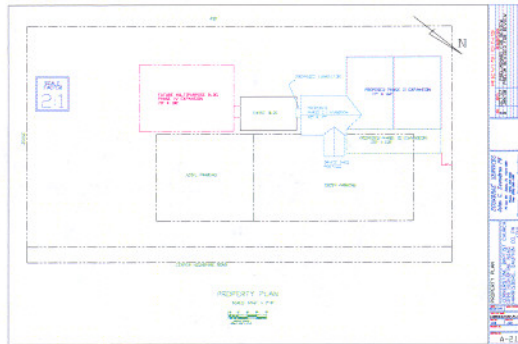
Lighthouse Baptist Church, Marion, IN

We can assist the church with evaluating their present facilities and provide them with a guideline for an efficient use of their facility. An outsider with a sympathetic and critical eye provides new insight for problem solving.



Mehoopany Baptist Church, Mehoopany, PA

God has given the church the task of reaching lost souls for Christ and ministering to the maturing believers. If the pastor is doing the task for which God has called him, he doesn't have the time needed to do facilities ministries. We have been called to the ministry of *helping churches do their job* and we accomplish this by coming along side the pastor and assisting him with his facility needs.



We can help them develop a master plan which will guide them for the present and future use of the facilities with which God has blessed them.



Mehoopany Baptist Church, Mehoopany, PA

Testimonials from pastors whose own ministry was strengthened through the ministry of F.B.C.B.C.M.:

“Their services were invaluable to us as a church in need of a new building. He gave us insightful perspectives and an affordable design that was attainable.”

Pastor Todd A. Falk,
Wilton Baptist Church
Wilton, NY

“They saved us thousands of dollars.”

Pastor David Bulka
First Baptist Church
Caldwell, NJ

“We appreciate the assistance provided for making our rest rooms handicap accessible.”

Pastor Larry King
First Baptist Church
Eden, NY



Northmoreland Baptist Church, Centermoreland, PA

Purpose and Scope of the Constructive Church facility Walk-Through

Purpose:

The purpose of the constructive walk-through is to provide a sympathetic, independent and candid evaluation of the facility with regards to:

- General appearance, maintenance and housekeeping as it might appear to the community that the church is trying to reach out to
- Life safety issues as they might affect the church people and visitors as they occupy the building
- Accessibility as it might affect the handicapped, particularly the mobility impaired, and the elderly of the church
- Obvious structural or infrastructural defects or potential problems which may heretofore been ignored or gone unnoticed
- Provide any insight or advice regarding the compatibility of the facility and the Ministry goals of the church

The method of evaluation is that of a visual walk-through by John and Susan Scondras of Fellowship Baptist Church Building Consulting Ministries and it entails items that they viewed or sought to view as they affect the above-mentioned purpose. The basis of the evaluation is:

- Their knowledge of current building codes
- Good practice and appearance
- Common sense evaluation of the facility
- Their own viewpoint as Biblically conservative Baptist Christians

Scope:

This report is limited to the actual church facility including the property, parking lots, drives, the church building including the auditorium, Sunday school rooms, toilet rooms, nursery, fellowship hall, closets, boiler room and utility areas.

The report can include comments and suggestions on pre-existing conditions and comments and advice on the church's strategic ministry plans as it pertains to the facility. The report can be helpful to the church particularly regarding plans for the upgrading of the facility, remodeling for ease and convenience and accessibility and for planning for needed or future expansions.

This report does not include evaluations on the following items:

- Child abuse prevention
- Building security, other than the obvious
- Energy management, other than the obvious
- Comments on internal operations, activities, order of worship, music, etc.
- Audiovisual systems equipment and acoustics

A record report in a "punch list" type of format is issued to the church following the walk through. The "punch list" format allows the church to address each issue.