

## THE BIG REVEAL

Ten years ago we were meeting in the Multi-Purpose Building (MPB)

- Same sermon
- Some traditional and some contemporary music in both services.

We began building this 1,500 seat facility for two purposes:

1. We all wanted to worship together.
2. We built this facility for the future.

*(Slide of "For Tomorrow's Generations")*

We began dividing again:

- "We want ONLY traditional music."
- "We want ONLY contemporary music."

We moved into this facility with two very opinionated and divided congregations:

1. A fully developed traditional music service.
2. A fully developed contemporary music service.

300 people sitting in a 1,500 seat sanctuary looks like marbles in a shoebox.

- The appearance has become discouraging to us.
- It communicates a negative message to our guests.

There has been a ground-swell of people wanting to get back together.

But this is really what everybody wants:

- The traditional group wants the contemporary group to join them in their traditional service.
- The contemporary group wants the traditional group to join them in their contemporary service.

Straw vote among the deacons:

1. "Would you like to see both groups in one combined service?" 100% voted YES.
2. "Would you support some of the other group's music in your service?" 47% voted NO.

**THE CHALLENGE:** We all want to worship together, but we are separated by our music.

*(slide #1 – NOW)*

*"May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me... May they be one as We are one." (John 17:21ff)*

*For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body – so also is Christ. For we were all baptized by one spirit into ONE BODY. (1 Corinthians 12:12)*

*(slide #2 – PROPOSED)*

*(slide #3 – PROPOSED)*

*(slide #4 – PROPOSED BIG REVEAL)*

Our Vision: **ALL OF US WORSHIPING TOGETHER REGULARLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS.**

1. Earnestly pray about this.
2. Approach this with a positive, "can do" spirit.
3. Put the ONENESS of our church ahead of our personal preferences.
4. Let's make June 10 our first Sunday on the new schedule.