Mabee Chapel
Renovation

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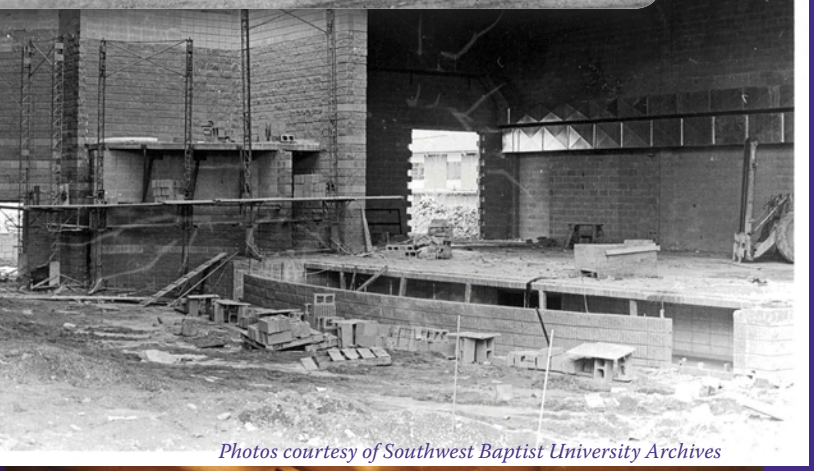

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. . . has always been at the heart of Southwest Baptist University--from the prayers of co-founders J. R. Maupin and Abner Ingman in the 1800s to current chapel services in Mabee Chapel. In 1926 a newly-completed Pike Auditorium located on the Stufflebam Campus became the site for worship services at Southwest Baptist College. After the fire in 1962 when Pike Auditorium was completely destroyed, the College temporarily lost its worship center. A permanent worship location was re-established when Pike Auditorium was replaced with the completion of Davison Fieldhouse in 1964. Chapel services were conducted there until Mabee Chapel was completed in 1978.

Mabee Chapel Thanksgiving

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

II Cornithians 9:11

During this season of Thanksgiving, we want to thank you for being a part of the Mabee Chapel renovation project. God truly has blessed Southwest Baptist University with outstanding alumni and friends. It is through the financial generosity and prayer support of SBU alumni and friends that we are able to celebrate reaching the $1.4 million goal! Reaching this goal assures us the opportunity to receive the $280,000 challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation.

Renovation of Mabee Chapel is scheduled to begin December 8, 2010. Mabee Chapel was built in 1978 and has had only one minor renovation during the past 32 years. The renovation will include a new roof, HVAC system, lights, sound system, curtains, paint, bathrooms, floor coverings, and most important of all, new seating. Currently, there are 1,146 seats. Seating will be increased to 1,321. Due to the increasing enrollment, the expansion of seating is very important.

Bob Glidwell, Director of Physical Plant, will serve as general contractor for the renovation project. The renovation will be in progress throughout most of the spring semester. A dedication service is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2011, during the spring Board of Trustees meeting.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in this project, there are additional needs in the chapel that can be funded with your help. If you would like to make a gift to the chapel renovation project, please contact Theresa Daniels at 417-328-1835 or tdaniels@sbuniv.edu.