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Several of you have written, wondering about the city council meeting we had on the 17th and I want to apologize for not answering or giving an update sooner. As you know that meeting was last thursday evening and by the time I had finished things that needed attention during the day on Friday I was down for the count. A stomach virus had set in. Those things are awful. My temp got as high as 103 and it is still not stabilized. This morning it was 97. Not to mention all the other prize symptoms that come with it.

Concerning the meeting it was overall good. Our people were very supportive. Many from our congregation came, as well as from other sister works in near by communities. Our people spoke graciously and passionately about the need for Liberty Bible Church in this community. Some even came to the point of tears while sharing how they had been touched by the ministry. At best I can count there were 15-18 that spoke on behalf of the church during the public hearing and not 1 spoke against the church. It is not because there were not people there against it, it is because the eloquence and passion of the Lord's people just made there case untouchable.

Even the lady on the council did not speak against the building. The only thing she said was what her appeal stated when she asked to by the Mayor. Even when they voted to table the issue she voted in favor of that, hmmm. The Mayor in all fairness did us a good service by suggesting that they table the decision. Because no matter what, we have to receive 3 votes to pass and only 3 members of the council were there to vote and one of them filed the appeal. I honestly don't know how the Lord will work this out, but I certainly know He has stirred hearts through this and given the church exposure that money can't buy.

The worst thing about this has been the delay in getting started. This has impacted our teams of volunteers, some we have already had to postpone and we are hoping to not do that again. The next meeting will be on May 1st when the council will actually vote on what they heard in the public hearing. So let's be praying in regard to that date now.

If you want to get more detail please reply or call.

Blessings,
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