

Blackford, Bret B.

From: M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 3:02 PM
To: Dave Weiler; Don Fitzgerald; Brad Stevens
Cc: Bret Blackford; Elizabeth McPherson; Tom Hunsaker; Jeff Kryder; Blackford, Bret B.
Subject: 01.26.2024: MX Baptismal Tub
Attachments: MiracleMethodEstimate_658325b3d9f0e.pdf; ANewLook-BaptismLeakBid.pdf

Admin Elders,

As mentioned in an earlier email, we have engaged *A New Look Resurfacing* (<https://www.anewlookresurfacing.com/>) to repair our baptismal pool (the teens have worn it out with all the recent baptisms!!). This will be \$4,265.00 as detailed in the attached quote.

Works is planned for the following dates:
February 19th-22nd and
February 26th-28th

Tom Hunsaker will be on-site to manage the project and provide assistance as needed. Due to the chemicals and solvents used there will probably be some noticeable smell on Sunday 2/25 but it should not be offensive or strong. Let me know if you have any questions and I will keep you updated on progress.

--- Bret

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To: Tom Hunsaker <thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org>; Blackford, Bret B. <mblackford@archrsc.com>
Cc: Don Fitzgerald <donaifitzgerald@att.net>
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2024 at 07:07:05 AM CST
Subject: 01.26.2024: MX Baptismal Tub

Tom,

After our discussion yesterday it seems we are aligned on path forward. You indicated you are comfortable talking with Erik of A New Look. We will need to understand warranty against leaking, and explain we intend to remove all hoses. Bid of \$4,265.00 should cover all expected work.

Problem: baptismal pool has several small leaks.
Goal: find long-term solution to fix leaking

Note - fixing the leaks is #1 priority and aesthetics is way down the list of importance and not something we are willing to spend extra on. We are fine with current look of the baptismal and that is not what is driving the project. I say this so everyone is clear that at the end of the project what I will be looking for is a tub that can be filled with water for a couple days and not leak. Contractor needs to stand behind this.

We will also need a W-9 and a certificate of insurance.

Let me know how your conversation with Erik goes and send me any contract info and possible start dates.

---- Bret

On Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 10:25:08 AM CST, Blackford, Bret B. <mblackford@archrsc.com> wrote:

And we will need to understand the warranty that *A New Look* provides with this work

From: Blackford, Bret B.
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:22 AM
To: Tom Hunsaker <thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org>; M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com>
Cc: Don Fitzgerald <donaifitzgerald@att.net>

Subject: RE: MX Baptismal Tub

Tom,

It sounds like you have already asked Erik to sharpen his pencil and we seem to have his best bid at \$4,265.00. I agree we should move forward with this bid. A few follow-up questions before we engage Erik (A New Look):

1. Do you plan to remove the filter fittings prior to Erik coming out or do you expect Erik to do this? If possible, I'd prefer you to remove this equipment if you are comfortable with the work.
2. Why would you like to keep the current pump and heater? My thoughts are that we will only fill the baptismal when needed so we do not need a pump or filter to move the water. We need a heater but I would prefer a separate electric immersion water heater ([example here on Amazon](#)). Removing the pump and heater would eliminate another point of failure (the fittings, hose, and pump/heater equipment). Although eliminating points of failure is one of my goals I am open to your thoughts so push back on this if I am missing something. **Let me know your thoughts!**
3. Should we replace or remove the current faucet before we get the tub resurfaced?

Also, let me know if we should get Erik's input on any of the above.

Let me know your thoughts and we can keep this moving. I'm with you that we should get this addressed quickly. I've already talked with the Finance group about the expense so we can move forward when you and I are ready.

---- Bret

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Bret, when I met with Erik (A New Look) he was most helpful and enlightening. Obviously, to combat most leaks, the resurfacing would be in order and would really update the looks. Having said that, when I met with him, I asked him if he could give me a "ballpark" idea on pricing. He said without working up the estimate he thought maybe in the 5000 to 5200 range. I told him our church was going through the hit from Covid-19 and we would appreciate him helping us any way he could. He said "I'll take care of you", The next thing I saw was his estimate for \$4200. I thought that was extremely helpful and I don't feel right going back to him now asking him to sharpen his pencil. Hope you understand.

I do think we should have him do the job and having a good relationship goes a long way.

My feelings are:

1. Have the current tub resurfaced ASAP. **Bret-agree**
2. Remove the filter and filter pump and related fittings & hoses. **Bret-agree**
3. **Do not remove the current heater and pump. Bret-prefer eliminating points of failure. Let's discuss further.**
4. Replace the current faucet and hose bib for easy fill with short hose. **Bret-agree**
5. We should maybe add an additional 5 or 6 support studs underneath the current plywood sub-floor underneath the tub. **Bret-not sure necessary if we only use tub as needed. If easy to do may be OK to add a few studs.**

Let me know what you all think the next move should be and when.

Thanks
Tom

On Thu, Jan 25, 2024 at 6:25 AM M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Tom,

Let me know your thoughts on this. I'd like to contact "**A New Look Resurfacing**" (<https://www.anewlookresurfacing.com/>) but would like your thoughts before I do.

--- Bret

On Friday, January 19, 2024 at 02:43:42 PM CST, M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Tom,

Thanks for contacting contractors and getting the attached bids. Of the two I think working with "**A New Look Resurfacing**" ([A New Look Resurfacing](https://www.anewlookresurfacing.com/)) makes me more comfortable. Both because of the lower bid but also from your feedback after discussions.

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Before we commit to anything I want to revisit our requirements and what we consider our current need. Here are a few key items and please correct me if you disagree:

1. We do not plan to keep the baptistry full all the time. Plan will be to fill baptistry a day or two before a baptism and drain immediately after.
2. Because baptismal not always full we do not need the ...
 1. filter and this can be removed. It would just be taking up space and be another point of future failure
 2. pump and this can be removed. Like the filter just taking up space and another point of failure.
 1. pump also has heating element so we will need a separate electric immersion water heater ([example here on Amazon](#))

3. We need to replace the existing faucet. We need a new faucet that does not leak and allows for quick fill of baptismal tub.
4. Currently the fiberglass baptismal tub has one or more small leaks. Difficult to identify so a wholistic repair considered. Options ...
 1. repair and repaint baptismal (see bids)
 2. repair baptismal - just fix leaks with no concern for aesthetics (looks). Might be able to save money on repainting.
 3. replace baptismal. This would cost more than repairing current baptismal and may involve structural changes to the stage and baptismal area. A headache and expense.
 4. Remove or board-over baptismal and use a portable tub (like a horse trough or pool) for baptismal when needed.

My thoughts - given what we know about the current condition of our 50+ year-old baptismal tub, our frequency of baptismal use, and bids received to-date, **I recommend we ...**

1. contract with ***A New Look Resurfacing*** to fix the leaks
 1. **4.1** or **4.2** from above
2. remove the filter
3. remove the pump
4. purchase an electric water heater
5. replace the baptismal faucet

Before we contract with A New Look Resurfacing I would like to contact them and see if they can sharpen their pencils a little more. I'd like to get the current bid under \$4,000.00 and I'd also like to see if it is possible to get a bid for only fixing the leak (and not repainting or worrying about aesthetics/looks).

Tom, let me know your thoughts and I encourage you to challenge me on any of these items you disagree with. We (you, Don Fitzgerald, and I) should meet and discuss before we sign a contract but I'd like to contact ***A New Look Resurfacing*** to see if they can sharpen their pencils first.

Thanks again for your work helping us think through this issue and possible resolution steps.

---- Bret

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To: bret_blackford@yahoo.com <bret_blackford@yahoo.com>

Cc: Blackford, Bret B. <mblackford@archrsc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 01:43:10 PM CST

Subject: **MX Baptismal Tub**

Attached are two bids to repair leaks and refinish baptismal tub:

| Contract Company | Estimate | Estimate No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Miracle Method Surface Refinishing | \$5,880.00 | Q-389361 |
| A New Look Resurfacing | \$4,265.00 | EST1083 |

M. Bret Blackford | Arch Resources, Inc. | mBlackford@ArchRsc.com | Director PMO, Change Mgt, Compliance

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Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 12:00:29 PM CST

Subject: Fwd: **Miracle Method Quote**

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Thanks,

Tom

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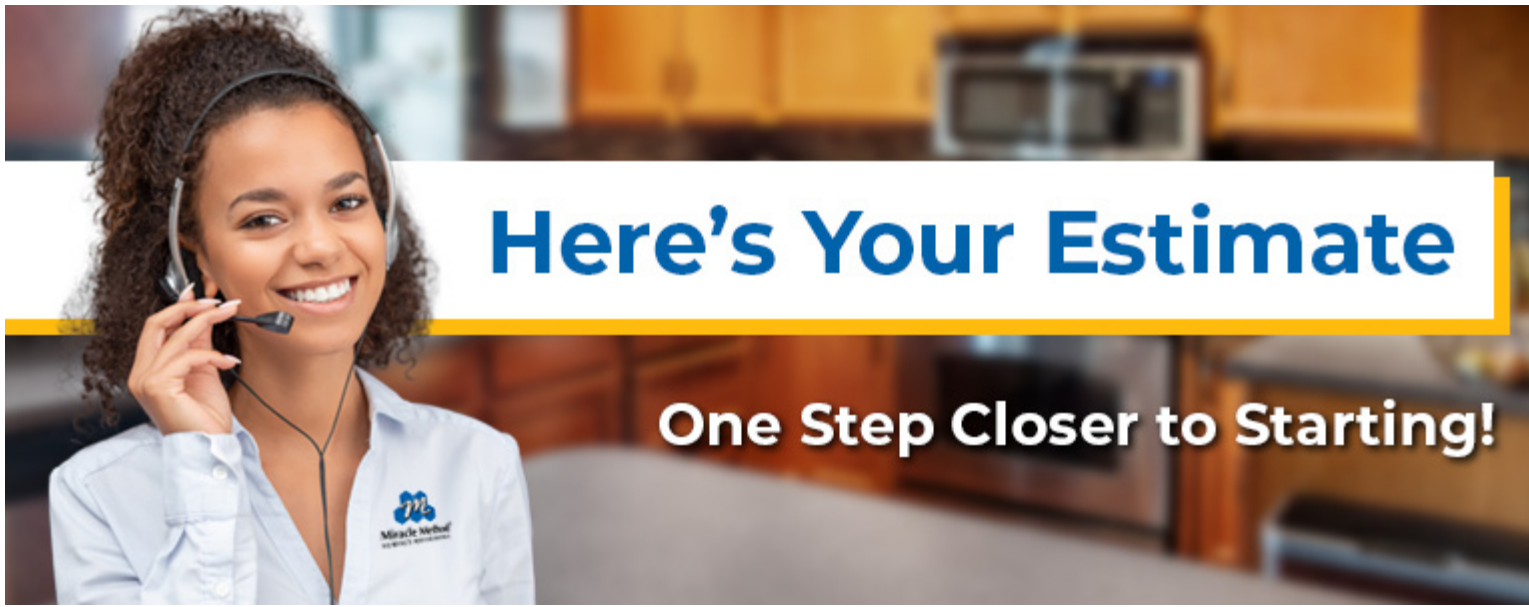
Date: Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 11:34 AM

Subject: Miracle Method Quote

To: <thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org>



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Tom Hunsaker,

Thanks for your interest in Miracle Method! We're happy to provide you with this estimate and help you move one step closer to scheduling your refinishing project.

Miracle Method has been making baths and kitchens “beautiful again” for over 40 years. We are confident that you will be amazed with the results.

Please find an estimate attached for the refinishing services you requested. This estimate reflects the total cost to complete the project including room preparation, surface prep, cleaning, repairs, refinishing, and final clean-up.

We'll be in touch shortly to discuss any questions and suggest some available times to have the work done. If you're ready to get on our schedule, simply reply to this email or call us directly at 314-291-7300.

We're excited to work with you!

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, **January 4**, 2024 at 09:03:25 AM CST

Subject: Re: MX Baptismal

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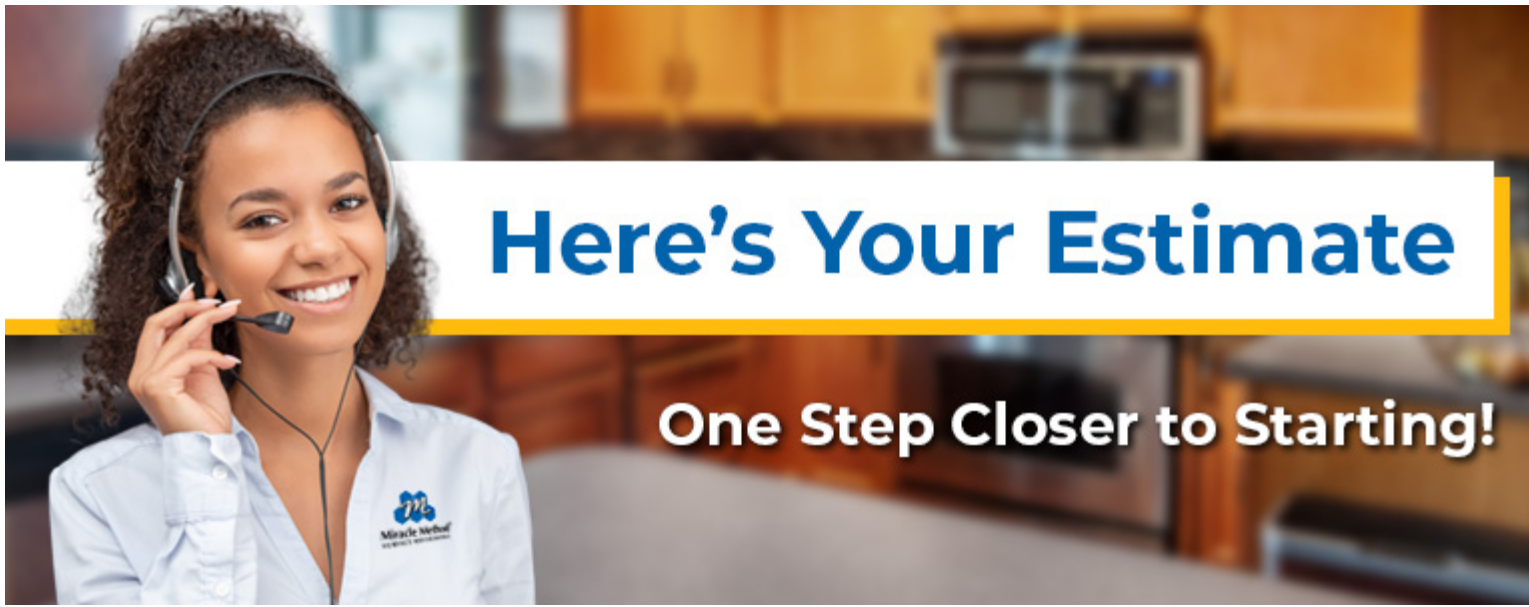
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Bret's thoughts: Baptismal Pool Needs Repair

From: M Bret Blackford (bret_blackford@yahoo.com)

To: keaton.jones@sbcglobal.net; dave-n-amy-weiler@juno.com; bstevens@shandselbert.com; benmehringer@yahoo.com; donaldfitzgerald@att.net; emcpherson@mcknightcrossings.org

Cc: jkryder@mcknightcrossings.org; thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org; bret_blackford@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 at 08:43 AM CST

All,

This is an opportunity to reconsider how we manage baptisms.

Currently we spend a great deal of time and expense to constantly maintain a full baptismal - 24/7/365. This requires Tom's attention, expensive pumps and heaters and chemicals.

What do we need?

We just need a way to immerse an adult fully in water when needed.

Instead of keeping a large baptismal filled with water 24/7/365 we could consider other options, possibly even a horse trough or large tub. This could quickly be filled when needed (we'll need at least tepid water) We could then get rid of much of the pump equipment under the baptismal and also reclaim some space (if desired).

My suggestion: let's see what the repair estimates look like. If large (to me over \$1,000), let's wait before making a decision and consider other options. We may decide to stay with current baptismal process and equipment but at least lets give options a thought.

---- Bret

On Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 12:10:45 PM CST, Elizabeth McPherson <emcpherson@mcknightcrossings.org> wrote:

Hello All,

Tom has informed me that our baptismal pool needs professional attention in order to get it up and running again. In his process of draining and re-painting the inside surface of the pool, he has discovered significant leaks that simple patching or spraying of flex seal will not correct.

It was when he tried to refill the pool, he discovered that much of the surface area *beneath* the baptismal pool (storage hallway behind the pulpit) was thoroughly saturated. And although Tom sprayed sealant on all the outer areas of the pool where he suspected were the cracks causing the leaks, he is not convinced that there aren't others yet unidentified; therefore, he's concerned about filling the pool again with water.

Tom and I believe that our baptismal pool needs professional resealing of the inner tub. It's had a lot of wear and tear through the years, and will continue to cause problems if we don't address the matter on a deeper level.

We have two calls out to pool repair professionals (Munoz Pool Repair & Thompson Custom), hoping we can get some estimates on a complete resealing of the inner body of our baptismal pool. (A quick Google search did not provide any companies in the St. Louis area that specialize in baptismal pools.)

If you know of any reputable service providers that do this kind of repair for fiberglass pools, let Tom or me know. And if you have any convictions on the best way to proceed, feel free to weigh in. Otherwise, I will let you know what we find out from these companies. And even try to locate a few more to call.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

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Elizabeth McPherson
Office Administrator

McKnight Crossings Church of Christ



ESTIMATE TO:

Mcknight Crossing Church
2515 S. McKnight Rd.
thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org

EST1083

Date: Jan 4, 2024

| # | Item | Unit Price | Qty | Total |
|----|---|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 01 | Repair And Resurface Baptismal Pool Work scope includes repairing leaks and fiberglass work as needed to address any issues. Remove and repair failing paint on baptismal pool and refinish entire baptismal pool in blue coatings. A New Look Resurfacing will do extensive repairs to make baptismal pool look new. | \$4,265.00 | 1 | \$4,265.00 |
| | | | Subtotal | \$4,265.00 |
| | | | Grand Total | \$4,265.00 |

Thank you!

Note:

Fiberglass over holes from piping that will be removed.

3 layers of fiberglass will be installed and a water proofing product will be installed to ensure 100% waterproofing.

All work will be covered under warranty for 1 year

Warranty will cover all workmanship and any leaks

Estimate



Estimate: #Q-3893261
Tom Hunsaker
thunsaker@mcknightcrossings.org
3148057668

Service Address:
2515 South McKnight Road
St. Louis, MO 63124

Date Created: Wednesday Dec
20th 2023
Total: \$5,880.00

Charges

| PRODUCT | UNIT PRICE | QTY | TOTAL |
|--|------------|-----|------------|
| Misc Remove old finish off a fiberglass baptistry and make all repairs and completely refinish the entire unit. this price includes the color to be white or light blue. just need to know before hand | \$5,880.00 | 1 | \$5,880.00 |

Subtotal \$5,880.00
Sales Tax \$0.00
Total \$5,880.00

THANK YOU