

## Expansion Efforts Update

### May 2019

Cabool Second Baptist Daycare (CSBD) has been working to take steps toward expanding services for the past several years. In March 2019, CSBD and the City of Cabool were able to work together to begin necessary septic updates to begin the processes for expanding the overall center capacity. The daycare's current capacity is 54 children. CSBD is at full capacity with an extensive waiting list that children are being added to weekly. The expansion efforts would prepare the center to go through the necessary repairs and inspections to be licensed for up to 100 children and the ability to serve many additional families in the community and surrounding areas.

We are often asked about a timeline for completion. There are many factors that contribute to potential enrollment increase and there is no set date for completion, although we are making every effort to expedite processes. CSBD operates as a ministry of Cabool Second Baptist Church (CSBC). Our non-profit center relies on our partnership with Cabool Second Baptist Church, as well as donations in addition to tuition, to be able to meet operating expenses in a program this large. The church has begun some updates to the exterior of the building including new siding, guttering, and roadway improvement. As the current updates to the exterior are being completed, upgrades and modifications will be made to some of the rooms inside the building to potentially be able to extend daycare use into other areas of the building.

Once the exterior updates are completed, the interior modifications are completed, and the septic is fully functioning, the daycare will be able to request additional inspections from health and sanitation, the fire marshall and licensing bodies. After the inspections are completed, the goal would be to add children immediately while maintaining approved, state regulated staff-to-child ratios. The center is required to maintain staff-to-child ratios that are consistent with state regulations to ensure supervision and safety.

Individuals who are interested in more information about the center or the expansion efforts may contact Rebecca Smotherman, Daycare Director, at 417-962-3608 or by email at [director.csbcd@gmail.com](mailto:director.csbcd@gmail.com). Families who are interested in being added to the daycare waiting list may do so by visiting [www.csbcdaycare.com](http://www.csbcdaycare.com) and clicking on **Waiting List**. Families who have been on the waiting list are encouraged to complete the **Waiting List Update**.