



BUILDING FAITHFULLY

From Generation to Generation

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts. PSALM 145:4



I have had many things
in my hands that I lost;
the things that I placed
in the hands of God
I still possess.

MARTIN LUTHER

A PASTORAL NOTE

Dear Christ Covenant family and friends,

This booklet is about a capital campaign, which means these pages are about buildings and things, and the money needed to pay for these buildings and things. But even more so, this booklet is about blessings — remembering the blessings we’ve been given and considering the blessings we can give to others.

When Christians are generous, there are lots of blessings to go around. Obviously, when we give, the people or institutions to whom we give are blessed. Ministers are supported, missionaries are sent out, the poor are helped, buildings are built. Churches and communities are blessed as relationships strengthen and needs are met. But besides these obvious blessings, there are two other blessings that we must not overlook.

We see both of them in 2 Corinthians 9:11 as Paul talks about what happens when God’s people sow generously: “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” When we are generous, it isn’t just other people who are blessed. We are blessed. We are enriched, which produces thanksgiving to God. Or to put it another way, the other two blessings that come through giving are that the givers are edified and God is glorified.

For these blessings to be poured out, we must give — not a certain amount, but in a certain way. There is a kind of giving that enriches us and brings glory to God, and there is another kind of giving that does not. 2 Corinthians 9 shows us the difference. Bad giving is carried out sparingly (v. 6) and reluctantly (v. 7). It’s money handed over as an exaction (v. 5), like a tax that is wrung out of us with arm-twisting and loads of guilt. Good giving

is just the opposite. It is money given to the church bountifully (v. 6) and cheerfully (v. 7), as a willing gift (v. 5) from a heart of gratitude and faith.



KEVIN DEYOUNG
SENIOR PASTOR

God loves people who give in this way. There are many passages that talk about God’s love for his people, but there are few that talk about what exactly God loves. Off the top of my head, I can think of four biblical statements about what God loves. He loves righteous deeds (Psalm 11:7). He loves justice (Psalm 37:28). He loves the gates of Zion (Psalm 87:2). And he loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

When you give voluntarily, with a glad and eager heart, God rejoices. I picture the Lord calling the angels to his side and saying, “Would you look at that? Look at how giving makes them happy. Fantastic. I love them so much, and I love their generosity.” God doesn’t want us to be generous so he can take things away from us, but so that he might give us more — more joy, more contentment, more fruitfulness, more blessing.

Being generous is about blessing your neighbors, blessing your fellow church members, and blessing the generations that will come after us. But generosity is also about the blessings we receive. When we give bountifully and cheerfully, we will be enriched, and God will be thanked.

So let’s strive to be generous — for the sake of others, for God’s sake, and for our sake. As Martin Luther once said, “I have had many things in my hands that I lost; the things that I placed in the hands of God I still possess.”

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin

Building Faithfully Through the Generations

In the fall of 1974, 25 people met at Beverly Woods Elementary School in rapidly-growing southeast Charlotte for the first worship service of Alexander Presbyterian, a mission church with the vision to be a flagship church for the newly formed Presbyterian Church in America. For the next several years, the small mission saw attendance reach as many as 50 people, yet it struggled to find a permanent location.

In 1978 the church acquired three acres and a modular unit on Alexander Road. However, church planter Rev. Charles Wilson was in failing health and no longer able to serve the struggling church. By 1980, membership had dwindled to just eight people and no pastor.

Rev. Bob Wilcox from the PCA's Mission to North America met with the group and challenged them to give it a fresh start. Rev. Wilcox was convinced that God was not finished with this church plant and offered to serve as interim

pastor. With a new start came a new order of worship, new hymn books, and a new name: Christ Covenant Church.

By 1980, we were tired after years of no evidence of real growth. With only four families, we felt like the church was going to fold. But we persevered for another year, and the Lord blessed us.

BERNIE & PAT LAWRENCE
CHRIST COVENANT CHARTER
MEMBERS

In January 1983, Rev. Harry Reeder accepted the call to pastor the small church meeting in a double-wide trailer. Thirty-eight people showed up on Pastor Reeder's first Sunday.

After many years of fledgling attendance, things were about to change. Within a year, more than 100 people were attending each Sunday.

The church began running out of space. After moving to Charlotte Christian School, the growth continued. A church committee found 11 acres on Highway 51, a two-lane country road running through Matthews. It seemed ideal, but the price was out of reach. Elders called for a time of prayer and fasting to seek God's will. In two weeks, an agreement was reached that satisfied both the church and the seller, and a contract was signed.

Building A and Building B took shape on the new property, where they served as

space for worship, offices, Sunday school rooms and nurseries. In the spring of 1988, the church dedicated the campus to the glory of God, and that's where we've been ever since. In 1991, the church added Building C. For nearly four decades these facilities have been in constant use, seven days a week.

In the mid-1990s, with three services on Sunday morning, the church began the effort to build a Worship Center. After three years of construction, the new sanctuary opened in November 1996. The last major building project on campus was our Community Life Center, opening in 2016.

Along the way, Covenant Day School added high school and middle school buildings. We rejoice that the reach of this church extends far beyond our busy campus. From the earliest days, Christ Covenant has supported missionaries across the U.S. and overseas. Today we give to almost 100 agencies and supported

workers. We've long been involved in planting other churches, from Uptown Church 30 years ago to the newest church plants in Monroe and Myers Park. Our Campus Outreach ministry is fruitful in taking the gospel to students on college campuses.

We have an active internship program for seminary students who serve our church under the tutelage of the pastors and then go out to serve as pastors, campus ministers, military chaplains and supported workers. Additionally, we partner with a number of ministries, like Reformed Theological

Seminary, Clearly Reformed and Metanoia Prison Ministries, just to name a few.

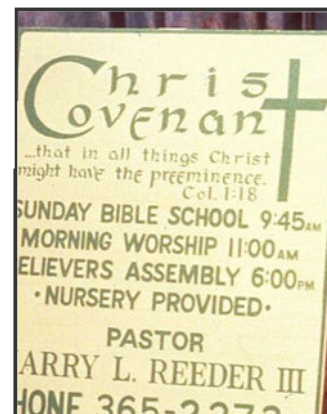
From pastors who faithfully preached the Word to hundreds of members who served and sacrificed, the Lord has used his people to build his church here in Matthews, NC. He has blessed the ministry of Christ Covenant far beyond what anyone could have imagined and continues to guide us as we prepare for future generations.

The Lord saved me through Campus Outreach when I was a student at Davidson College. I don't know that there has been a more formative influence on my life than Christ Covenant. The Lord has used this church to shape my faith, marriage, calling, and ultimately my ministry.

TENNANT BRASTOW
CAMPUS OUTREACH CHARLOTTE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Alexander Road



A new name



Charlotte Christian



A + B buildings



Steeple 1996



Completed CLC 2016



Church members 1978



Alexander trailer



Meeting at Clt Christian



Choir in 1983



Harry Reeder



Members in 1987

As previous generations
prepared for us,

we now *prepare* for those
who will come after us.



Worship in A bldg



Placing steeple



Worship center completed



Ebenezer Sunday



Mike & Jane Ross



Covered drop-off opening



Men's kickoff



Seniors retreat



Disabilities respite night



Senior men



Covenant children



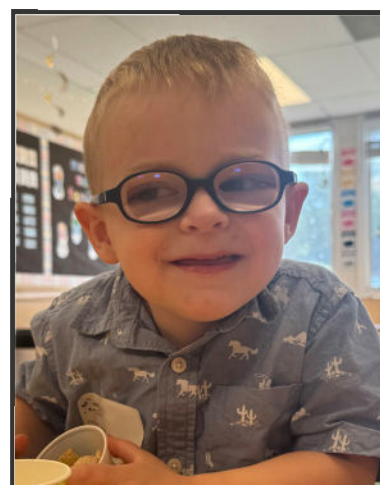
Donut fellowship

It is our generation's
turn to *contribute*

to much-needed
facilities *updates*.



Outreach Nights



Sunday school



Peach cobbler fellowship



Christ Covenant youth



Young adults



Women's Christmas brunch

The Chapel

The Need

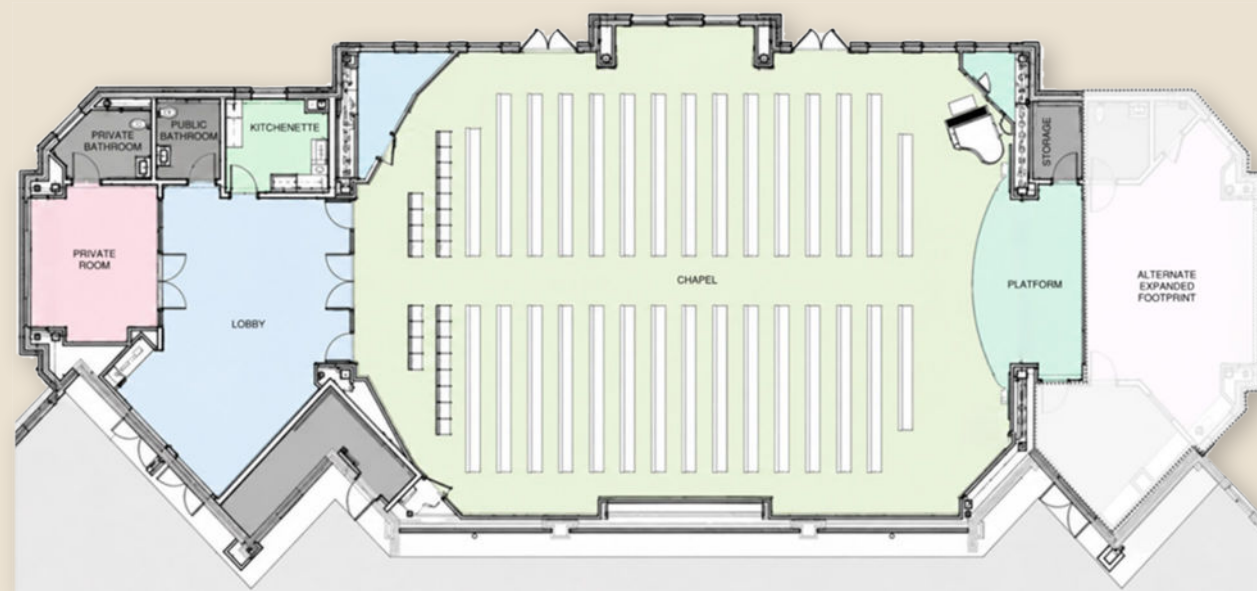
A chapel has been on the campus master plan for decades. The sanctuary is bigger than we need for most weddings and funerals, and the chapel in the Community Life Center seats just 120 people. Our senior adult Sunday school also has outgrown its space. This robust and vibrant community averages 160 attending Sunday school each week, causing them to have an overflow room where Sunday school is livestreamed from the main room. In addition, having Sunday school on the second floor creates accessibility concerns for those attending.

The Vision

A beautiful chapel will be used for generations, and it will also serve as a Sunday school classroom on the first floor for our senior adults community.

We are looking forward to the new chapel! The fact that it is on the first floor and across from the sanctuary makes everything more accessible, with minimal walking and no stairs to climb. It also allows the senior adults to be together to fellowship and worship in the same room, which is appreciated, since we have had to use two Sunday school rooms for the past few years.

BRUCE CRESWELL
PASTOR OF SENIOR
ADULTS



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

The Design

A 300-seat chapel between the main and north lobbies of the worship center will feature natural light, wooden pews, and a timeless and beautiful architectural design. Also included are a lobby space, bride's room, restrooms, and a kitchenette. Permanent seating with pews is the best way to maximize seating in this space. This chapel's classic and elegant design will beautify our campus and be a functional space that will be used every Sunday.

I'm so thankful for the new chapel. This will be a place where our church family can gather in both joy and sorrow; honoring life's big moments in celebrations and in loss.

MICHELLE GUSTAVSON
ENGAGEMENT AND CONNECTIONS
MINISTRY MANAGER



\$6.1 million

White House Staff Offices

The Need

The current White House, housing some of our senior staff, was built a century ago in 1926 as a residential home. The floors are sloped, the heating and air conditioning are uneven, and the structure contains asbestos. The surrounding grounds are rustic and unfinished. We are using it for a purpose other than what it was designed for, and to put further money into adapting it would not be a good investment of resources. Today's technology, infrastructure, workspace needs, accessibility, and day-to-day operational demands have made its original design and use incompatible with what a 2026 ministry staff environment requires.

The Vision

A new staff building has an expanded footprint and two stories. This office space brings more staff together with additional office and a meeting space. Extensive site work (approximately 20% of total White House project cost) will connect the White House, Youth House, cemetery, and Pleasant Hill Drive with paved parking and professional-looking green space. We are committed to keeping as many of the healthy trees as we can as we beautify this part of our campus.

My office at the White House is 'cozy' but I'm thankful for the opportunity to invite members into a new building with a more open and inviting feel. Rather than being tucked away down a narrow hallway that isn't easy to find, the new space will embody a well-designed and welcoming atmosphere that is more in line with Christ Covenant's hospitable spirit.

AARON ANDRADE
PASTOR OF SHEPHERDING
AND DISCIPLESHIP



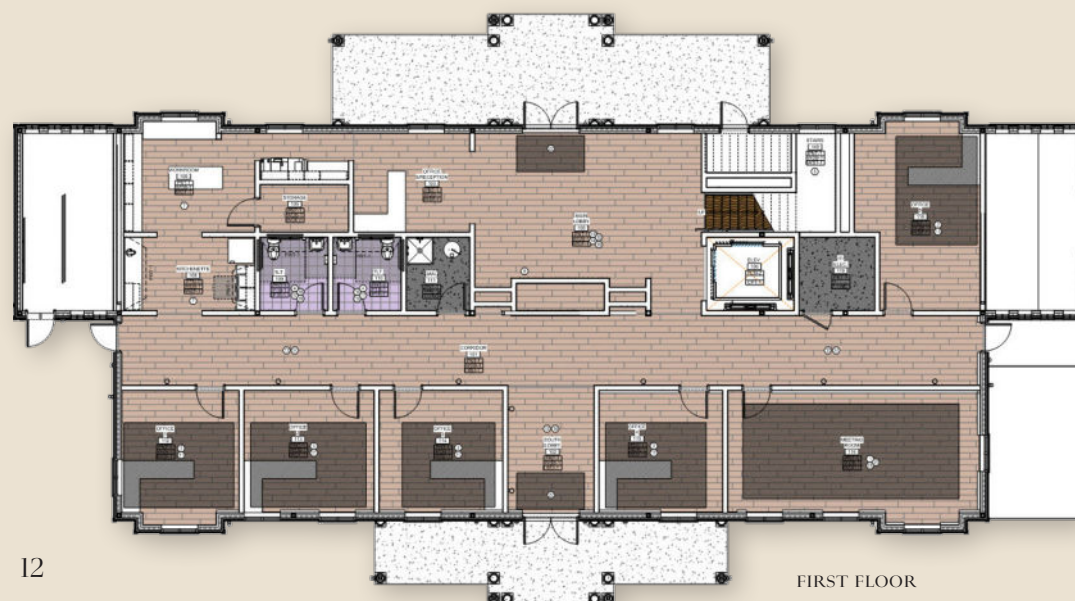
ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

The Design

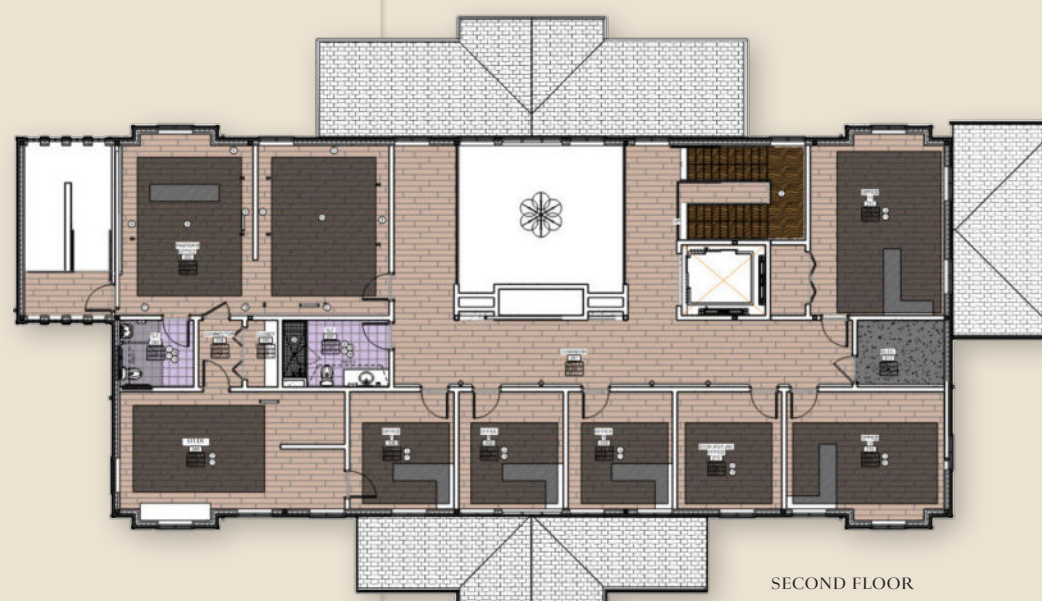
This classic, colonial-revival-style building captures the look of a historic house but is large enough and functional as an office space. The building design is fresh, yet historic — an appealing structure that will beautify our campus.

I am so excited for the positive impact the new White House will have on our campus and our staff. It will provide a welcoming environment and much-needed flexible space that will enlarge our capacity to minister to individuals and meet with groups. I look forward to seeing the many ways God will use this space to grow and expand ministries at Christ Covenant!

DEREK WELLS
PASTOR OF COUNSELING



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

HisAbilities/Meeting Room

The Need

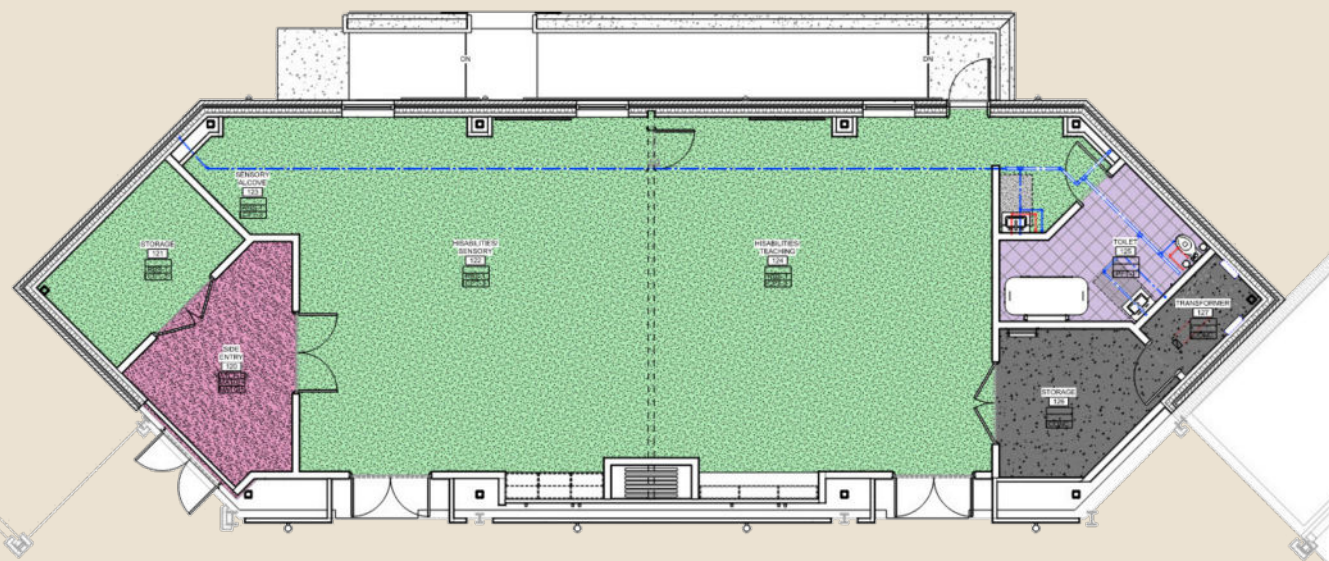
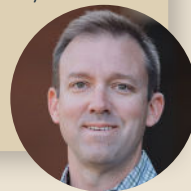
Ministries including HisAbilities, Children's, and Women's have needs for additional space to meet on campus. More thoughtfully-adapted physical space can support special sensory and learning needs within our growing church body. HisAbilities Ministry is a ministry of Christ Covenant Church that exists to help encourage and facilitate participation of those impacted by disabilities and their families in the life and ministry of the church. Our HisAbilities Ministry will use this space every Sunday.

The Vision

An expanded space in a more accessible location for our growing HisAbilities ministry will serve those impacted by disabilities and their families. This will free up space for Children's Ministry by opening up the current room HisAbilities occupies on Sundays. In this space, we can also hold classes, Bible studies, fellowship gatherings, and seminars during the week. This is located on the south side of the Worship Center, in between the main lobby and south lobby.

I'm so excited by the ways this new space will support the discipleship and community that happens in our King's Community class each Sunday and will enhance the ways we can support families impacted by disability to participate in Sunday school and worship through our Buddy Room Ministry. I'm also encouraged that this space will serve to communicate honor and love for this vital part of our church body in a highly visible and tangible way!

DAVE BAXTER
PASTOR OF DISABILITY
MINISTRY



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

The Design

This flexible meeting space can be used as one larger room or be divided by a folding partition. It will feature an attractive, hospitable interior, an internal restroom, ample storage for multi-use flexibility, and specialized design features for sensory needs and accessibility.

We are looking forward to having this additional meeting space to accommodate our growing Bible study ministry. It is our hope that this space will also provide a place for our leadership team to meet, a place for our Side-by-Side caregivers to pray and a place to host smaller events. It will be well loved and utilized beginning the day the doors open!

TERESA CALDWELL
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY



\$2 million

The Organ

The Need

Our organ is decades old and has exceeded its expected functional lifespan. The sound quality has been declining and will eventually give out. Continued repairs are not feasible and cost prohibitive.

The Vision

Christ Covenant has long appreciated the richness and variety of a blended worship service that reflects both the transcendence and immanence of God. In particular, the organ supports the voice and brings a level of majesty like no other instrument. The organ is an investment in beautiful, powerful congregational singing for generations.

We love to sing of God's majesty and that he is near to us through Christ. We sing a cappella, with a guitar, with an orchestra, and with an organ. In particular, the organ supports the voice and brings a level of majesty like no other instrument. Retaining the organ is not just to be traditional or to indicate that we will not continue to use and love modern songs. We trust that a truly refined organ that combines the best of digital (great volume control and variety of sounds) and real pipes (great tone and power) will help current and future generations to grow in our appreciation for excellence, variety, and the ability to reflect the character and nature of God in worship.

NATHAN GEORGE
PASTOR OF WORSHIP



RENDERING

The Design

This three-manual hybrid organ will be designed and built by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders, located in Denver, North Carolina. As a hybrid, it will rely on digital sound and custom-built pipes. The quality will be a marked improvement over our current model while being far less expensive than a traditional pipe organ. The design meets the primary goal of supporting congregational singing, but also gives us the flexibility and power needed to support programs like Handel's *Messiah*.



Frequently Asked Questions

What are we planning to build?

The Building Faithfully campaign focuses on priorities from the Christ Covenant Campus Building Plan and includes a chapel between the main and north lobbies, a meeting room/HisAbilities space between the main and south lobbies, a new staff office building to replace the current White House, and a new organ for the worship center.

Why are we building now?

God has blessed us, and our church is growing. We need more meeting space for Sunday school and other ministries. Our sanctuary is sufficient for large gatherings but too large for more intimate services, such as weddings and funerals.

The current staff building is not adequate to house or maximize use of our growing staff and is not suitable for renovation. The current organ is in frequent need of costly repair and nearing its final days.

How is our financial standing compared to other years?

By God's blessings, Christ Covenant Church is currently in a healthy financial position, with a substantial reserve.

How much will these projects cost?

Diligent and informed research estimates the total cost for all four projects to be 17 million dollars.

What is the capital campaign goal?

Our prayer is for contributions to total 12 million dollars or more.

Does Christ Covenant have money available to help pay for these projects, and will it be used to decrease the amount we need to raise or borrow?

Yes, we have money in reserves to help pay for a significant portion of these projects. The Session has approved using up to 5 million dollars of this reserve if needed, subject to the amount given through the capital campaign.

Why are we building another chapel when we already have a chapel in the Community Life Center (CLC)?

The current chapel will continue to be used for smaller functions. However, over time, it has proven to be inadequate for our growing church. Advantages of a new chapel include a more functional design, improved access, and increased capacity for larger events and gatherings.

Why do we need a new organ? The current one sounds just fine.

The current organ is over 30 years old and in frequent need of costly repairs. Organ maintenance professionals and our worship staff recommend a new organ over continued repairs. In addition, an organ upgrade (the current proposed organ design includes pipes) will facilitate worship.



Donut fellowship



King's Community



CCC Outreach nights

Why can't we just renovate the White House staff building?

The current 100-year-old White House has been renovated and expanded multiple times. Given the scale of our current needs, further renovation and expansion present significant practical and economic challenges, as the current layout and some of the existing materials used in the building no longer meet building code and safety standards. Rather than build around a 100-year-old house, our design professionals and facilities staff recommend investing in a new building.

When will construction begin, and how long will it take?

Plans are for construction to begin in the first half of 2027. Once underway, contractors are estimating that construction will take approximately one year to complete. The current plan is that the vertical construction projects will occur simultaneously.

Do I have to make a gift in full, or can I fulfill it over time?

Commitments made to the capital campaign are to be fulfilled over the next three years. Gifts can be made in full or divided into portions over the three-year campaign, which ends in December 2029.

Is my commitment to the campaign in addition to my normal tithe?

Yes, a commitment to the capital campaign is above your normal tithe.

May I contribute gifts other than cash?

Yes. Gifts of appreciated stocks and bonds, donor-advised funds, life insurance, and charitable trusts are accepted. Please consult your tax professional for more information on the benefits of different methods of giving.

How do I make a commitment?

Commitments can be made by turning in a commitment card in the offering or in a tithe box or delivering your card to the church office. Alternatively, you may go to christcovenant.org or use the QR code on page 21.

How can I ask questions?

Email your questions to info@christcovenant.org.

Cost

Chapel	\$6,100,000
White House Staff Offices	\$7,700,000
HisAbilities/ Meeting Room	\$2,000,000
Organ	\$800,000
	\$16,600,000

Estimated Total
Project Cost

\$17,000,000

Capital
Campaign
Goal

\$12,000,000+

Reserves

\$5,000,000

Even with an investment of \$5 million, our reserves would remain strong by our own historical standards and as compared to other churches our size.

What Can I Do?

Reflect

Reflect on God’s goodness to you through the body of the church.

Give Thanks

Give thanks to the Lord about his kindness to our church.

Be Informed

Use available resources to learn about the projects.

Pray

Pray about how you can give over the next 3 years.

Commit

Make a commitment to give.

How to Give



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Total 3-Year Gift

I plan to fulfill this commitment over the next 3 years through:

☐ A One-Time Gift

☐ Yearly Contributions

☐ Monthly Contributions

Name(s)

Address

Email

Phone

I understand that this is a statement of intent, above and beyond my regular tithes and offerings and may be altered later by notifying the church finance department. While not a legal obligation, it is a sincere intention.

CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH	
Here is an example of how our goal could be met:	
Number of gifts	Amount of each gift
2	\$500,000
8	\$250,000
24	\$100,000
48	\$50,000
64	\$25,000
84	\$10,000
98	\$7,500
120	\$5,000
120	\$2,500
100	\$1,250
Commitment over 36 months, above and beyond current giving	
\$12,000,000 Contribution Goal	
 Give online at bit.ly/BF-Gift or scan the QR code.	
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We encourage you to prayerfully fill out a commitment card. You can do this online by using the QR code or URL on this page, or there are printed cards in the worship center lobbies.

Have questions about how to give? Contact our finance office at 704-847-3505.

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From the Capital Campaign Committee

Every time I walk on this campus I am amazed at what God has done. I remember when it was fields and woods.



When Susan and I came to Christ Covenant 40 years ago, the church was meeting in a gym at Charlotte Christian School. It was a big deal when we moved into a new building on our own property not too long after we joined. We worshiped in Building A, a multipurpose space with cinder block walls, basketball goals and stained glass. Our children were in the nursery on the ground floor of Building B, while we adults had Sunday school classes upstairs. Almost immediately, these two buildings were in use seven days a week.

One Tuesday evening not too long ago, I was headed to a meeting in the Building A conference room. It was a weeknight, yet there were dozens of cars in the parking lot and activity all around. It struck me how these facilities have been used almost daily for nearly 40 years. Our Christ Covenant forebearers planned carefully and stewarded wisely but likely had no idea how God would bless their efforts so many years later.

And from this campus, we have taken the gospel to our community, planted other churches, supported missionary efforts around the world, started a school, developed a thriving ministry on college campuses and so much more. Christ Covenant has had impact for the kingdom in ways most of us will never know.

In Building Faithfully, we are doing our part, at this time and in this place. Like you, I hope to enjoy the benefits of these projects, but more than that, I hope that these facilities will continue to be used for gospel ministry long after I'm gone.

I'm amazed and I'm humbled that I get to participate.

ROB VEERMAN | CO-CHAIR
BUILDING FAITHFULLY CAMPAIGN

Laura and I were drawn to Christ Covenant over 25 years ago by the faithful preaching of God's Word, the God-honoring worship and the loving community of believers present here.



Since then, we have consistently been fed God's Word through sermons and Bible study. We have sung, prayed, served, laughed and cried, side by side, with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our children, and now our grandchildren, have been loved and nurtured in the nursery, children's ministry, youth group and worship. We have grown in our love for the Lord, his Word and his church.

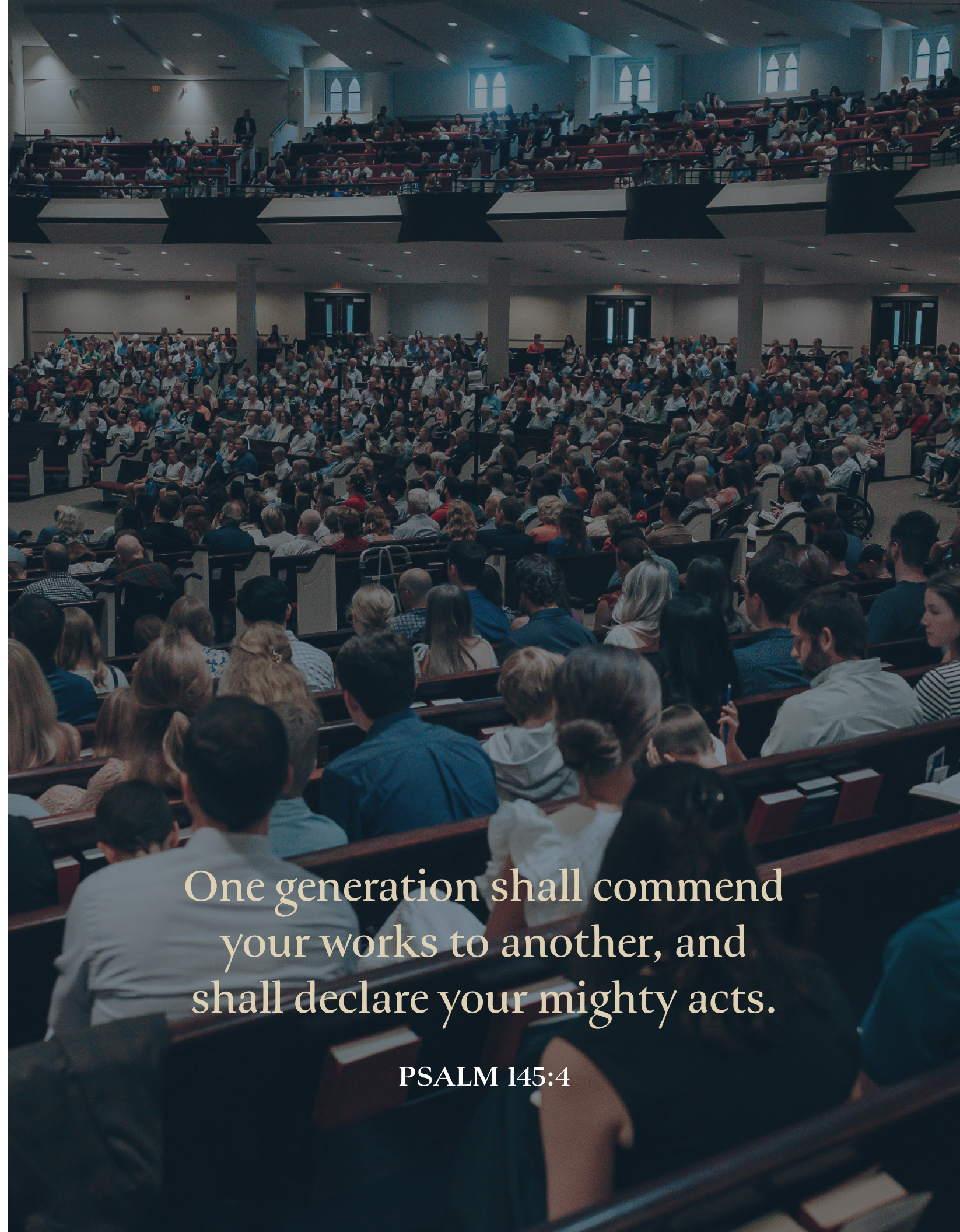
Notably, much of this has occurred inside the buildings and spaces of Christ Covenant's campus.

Of course, the church isn't the land or buildings. The church is the people - the people of God. However, we the people of God often gather to learn, worship, grow and minister in buildings. We gather in buildings to hear God's Word and praise our Lord as well as gather to celebrate, fellowship, mourn and labor together.

The land and the buildings which occupy this campus are a gift to me and my family from the Lord and previous generations. I wasn't here when the land was purchased or the worship center was built, yet I have benefitted and will continue to benefit from their existence. I am forever grateful for those who came before and gave us this gift. I am thankful for their faithfulness and generosity in multiplying what the Lord had given them for His glory and our good.

It is now our turn. Will you join us as we now build faithfully, seeking to honor the Lord and those who come after us by stepping out in faith to steward well what He has given us? My prayer is that we will grow in our love of God and his church through this Building Faithfully Campaign.

BOBBY SILVER | CO-CHAIR
BUILDING FAITHFULLY CAMPAIGN



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