

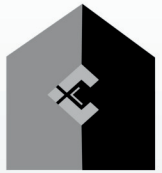
THE CONNECTION

Unless the Lord builds the
house, the builders labor in vain.
Psalm 127:1



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A CALL TO CONNECTION



When my family arrived seven years ago, Cornerstone was a broken but faithful church, trusting God through a very difficult period. Soon after, the pandemic hit, and Cornerstone faced another daunting hurdle. Through all this, God showed his faithfulness and blessed this church. Since 2020, Cornerstone has grown by over 50%, we've added a second service, we have hired multiple staff members, put new missionaries on the field, and watched dozens come to Christ. We truly are a church seeking to know Jesus and make him known!

Now we are taking steps to address the current ways we do ministry. For 20 years, our building has remained with the same basic set-up. As our ministry needs have changed, our building hasn't kept up. So, we are looking to improve our facilities. We are calling the building project "The Connection" because we feel that these changes will better connect all our ministries and people in their work for the kingdom.

On the following pages, you learn a little more about Cornerstone and learn a lot of important details about this proposed project. You'll get a glimpse of what things might look like once the project is complete. You'll learn important dates, and most importantly, how you can be a part of what God is doing through this project.

My enthusiasm for this project grows each day. I have seen God's provision in so many ways at this church, and I anticipate seeing God continue His blessing. Join us as we continue to know Jesus and make Him known!



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HISTORY OF CORNERSTONE



In 1983, Return of the Jedi dominated the big screen, and Cabbage Patch Kids were the rage. It was also the year that a handful of believers stepped out on faith and started Cornerstone Bible Fellowship.

Over the years, Cornerstone has called many unusual places “home.” From sharing space with a Seventh Day Adventist Church, to hosting services in a bowling alley, Cornerstone knows “church” doesn’t need to be stained glass windows and high backed pews. God can be worshipped anywhere.

In 2005, Cornerstone took over and refurbished a former Mitsubishi Car dealership. The church turned service bays and showrooms into classrooms and a worship center. To accomplish this, the church took on \$5 million in debt. It was a big, bold move, and it led to a growing church.



When the church hit some hard times in the 2010s, God faithfully kept the church afloat. By the time the 2020s hit, the church was growing, but the debt remained. So, the leaders decided to tackle the debt. Cornerstone started the “Move the Mountain” campaign and you faithfully gave to eliminate nearly \$1 million of remaining debt in the course of just a few years. Even while tackling such a large amount, Cornerstone was able to increase mission giving and add new staff.

Now we feel God calling us to be continually faithful stewards as we attempt to meet the needs of a world that needs Jesus as much as ever. For the past 20 years, our buildings have remained pretty much the same, but our needs have changed. It is time to follow in the footsteps of those who came before and work to meet the needs of the people God has placed before us.



IT'S TIME FOR CONNECTION



If there was one word that could be used to describe our current campus it would be “disjointed.” We have children’s ministry in multiple buildings, zero adult classrooms, and a youth group that meets across the street.

While the long-term plan would address the youth group and other campus needs, phase one of The Connection would focus on the two main buildings. There are several aspects of phase one.

CONNECT BUILDINGS

The first major aspect of phase one would be building a connection between the two main buildings. We would use some of the material from the two awnings currently attached to each building to reduce costs. This new addition would also create a central entrance that would better help our guests navigate their first Sunday.



CONNECT

KIDS & FAMILIES



The second major aspect of phase one would reconfigure the North building into the children's building—all our children's ministry would be located here. This would reduce volunteer needs and allow our children's ministry much better continuity and safety.

As our church family grows, so does our commitment to nurture the next generation. By connecting our buildings and reconfiguring our children's ministry spaces, we are investing in a seamless, secure, and engaging environment where kids can encounter Jesus and families can connect with one another. This project honors God by strengthening our ministry and building His kingdom for years to come.



CONNECT LIFEGROUPS



Our LifeGroups and men's and women's Bible studies are a mix of on and off campus groups. For those who meet on campus, we do not have a single dedicated room for adult groups. The third significant aspect of phase one would consist of reconfiguring the current preschool area into three or four adult classrooms and office space for the staff.



CONNECT GUESTS & EVERYONE

We do not have a kitchen, and our current lobby is undersized. The final aspect of phase one would nearly double our lobby space and repurpose the coffee bar into a functioning kitchen. The expanded lobby would replace the gathering hall for smaller reception-type events. We would also look to add some outdoor space where people could meet during good weather.



CONNECTING FOR THE FUTURE



Our church is growing. We add new LifeGroups every term. On Sundays, we have a ratio of one child for every five adults—that is a great ratio, indicating a healthy church. But it also means that we need to have more updated and adequate space to serve those families. Many of our young families utilize our childcare during LifeGroup so that they can meet with other adult and grow in the Lord. Increasingly, we have scouting groups and home school co-ops that use our facilities. Due to our location, many parachurch groups reach out about using our building to host events.



We already have many opportunities to engage in and support our community. We see the Connection as a way to transform our space so that we can better accommodate these existing and new opportunities.



FUNDING PLAN



Our funding plan is very simple. We have begun a capital campaign to raise \$1.1 million. This is a BIG goal, but we believe it can be done.

Also, after getting out of debt a couple of years ago, we made a several much-needed changes-replacing roofs and AC units - yet we still were able to save nearly \$500,000. We are in the process of addressing a few remaining, necessary improvements such as eliminating leaks and creating curb appeal, but we should still have some significant money left over.

We would use what is remaining from that \$500,000 and combine it with what is raised through the capital campaign. As we collect the money, we would begin work on each aspect of phase one. **WE WOULD NOT START WORK UNTIL WE HAVE THE MONEY TO COMPLETE THAT ASPECT.** We do not want to go into debt, so the plan is to build as we have the money.

WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF YOU:

On the next page you will see a chart of gifts. To reach \$1.1 million, we would need roughly this many givers in these various categories. Please remember—these are financial gifts above and beyond your current giving. We want to continue to fund all our current kingdom efforts, so any giving for The Connection would be in addition to your current giving.

Over the next month, we will be presenting this information to everyone at Cornerstone. Then, near the end of November we will ask you to commit to what God would have you give to this campaign. By early December, we will present the church with the total amount pledged for The Connection.

So we need you to pray. Even if God does not lead you to contribute, we ask you to pray for Cornerstone and for the future of our church. No matter what happens, pray that God continues to provide for our church and we continue to work to know Jesus and to make Him known!

FUNDING PLAN



CHART OF GIFTS 3-YEAR GOAL – \$1,100,000

As you consider your gift to this stewardship campaign, please consider these questions:

- Have you surrendered everything to God, including your job, family, treasures, etc.?
- Will you ask God what His sacrificial campaign gift is for you?
- Will you obey what He reveals to you?
- Does your heart respond with joy to my giving sacrificially at this level?

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS	3-YEAR AMOUNT	WEEKLY AMOUNT	MONTHLY AMOUNT	ANNUAL AMOUNT	COLLECTIVE 3-YEAR TOTALS	
1	\$200,000	\$1,282	\$5,556	\$66,667	\$200,000	DEEP
1	\$100,000	\$641	\$2,778	\$33,333	\$100,000	
1	\$50,000	\$321	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$50,000	
2	\$30,000	\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$60,000	
7	\$20,000	\$128	\$556	\$6,667	\$140,000	
11	\$15,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$165,000	WIDE
22	\$10,000	\$64	\$278	\$3,333	\$220,000	
25	\$5,000	\$32	\$139	\$1,667	\$125,000	
20	\$2,000	\$13	\$56	\$667	\$40,000	
90					\$1,100,000	

This Chart of Gifts:

- Shows how our church can reach the above campaign goal.
- Shows that our campaign will succeed with **equal sacrifice, not equal gifts**.
 - A few very large gifts ("lead" gifts) will be needed.
 - Some major gifts ("deep" gifts) will be needed.
 - Broad-based participation ("wide" gifts) will be needed.
- Has been based upon our church's demographic profile.

Each 3-year financial commitment ("3-Year Amount"):

- Can be broken down into weekly, monthly, or annual contribution amounts.
- Corresponds with the number of individual household commitments we will need to meet our goal.

It is the hope that every household at our church will find an amount that fits their budget and resources.

- If you would like to commit to an amount that is not shown above, that is welcome as well.



HOW MUCH WILL THIS PROJECT COST?

The estimated cost is \$1.1 million. This number can fluctuate due to a number of factors. We will not start any aspect of the project until we are confident we have enough to pay for it.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN MAKING MY COMMITMENT?

Every family should first pray about their commitment. We will not pressure you, and we strongly encourage you to give what you feel God is calling you to give. We also encourage you to include your children in some way, either by individual commitment or by their participation in family giving.

WHY DO I NEED TO MAKE MY COMMITMENT IN WRITING AND WHY DO I NEED TO ATTACH MY NAME?

The total amount of the commitments will be used to forecast future income and to establish a realistic budget and timetable for construction. We ask for your name because:

- Confusion – sometimes there is confusion in interpreting a commitment card. Having a name allows the campaign chair the opportunity to get clarification before reporting to the congregation.
- People forget – over the course of three years it is not unusual for a few people to forget their commitment amount. Without names it would be impossible to provide a reminder to those who need it.
- Validation – There have been instances where a well-meaning teenager mistakenly completed a large pledge with dire consequences for the project. Without a name, it would be impossible to validate a pledge—especially a significantly large one.
- Rest assured, only the campaign chair sees your individual pledge.

SINCE I AM EXPECTED TO ATTACH MY NAME, WILL THE CHURCH APPROACH ME TO PAY UP IF I FALL BEHIND?

Absolutely not! Giving is always between you and God. Our purpose in this Campaign is to provide adequate facilities so that we can continue to make forward progress in accomplishing the mission of our church. We are simply asking that you pray and seek God's guidance as to what He would have you commit to Him. We have provided Commitment Cards for us to plan wisely.

WILL I EVER BE ASKED TO PUBLICLY STATE MY COMMITMENT?

No. You will never be asked to state your commitment nor will we ever make your personal commitment a matter of public knowledge.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

PRAY

THAT GOD WOULD
LEAD IN YOUR
DECISION TO MAKE A
COMMITMENT THAT
REPRESENTS
PERSONAL SACRIFICE.

DISCUSS

YOUR COMMITMENT
WITH YOUR SPOUSE
AND/OR OTHER
MEMBERS OF YOUR
FAMILY.

COMMIT

COMPLETE THE
COMMITMENT CARD
AND PLACE IN THE
ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

RESPOND

PLACE YOUR
COMMITMENT CARD IN
A SEALED ENVELOPE
AND TURN IT INTO THE
BALLOT BOX LOCATED
AT THE WELCOME
DESK.

NAME:

COMMITMENT CARD

God enabling, I/we will make the following gift(s) to our Building Fund as indicated below. This commitment will be over and above any other giving to the church.



Section A 3-Year Gifts			
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL
\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
By God's grace, I/we will give the above 3-year cash gifts according to the following schedule:			
☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐ Other _____			

Section B: Immediate Gifts

I/we will make a gift by the following date: _____

\$ _____

Section C: Non-Cash Gifts

Description of Item: _____

Date to be given: _____ Estimated Value: _____

