

BE THE CHURCH. BUILD THE CHURCH.

Presentation Sheet

Program: Be the Church. Build the Church.

Purpose: To complete a once-in-a-generation redesign of the Worship Center and fill it with a congregation engaged in the mission.

Present Situation: Our worship space is a poor environment for the vibrant worship that takes place in it and is a barrier that prevents long-term success in our mission.



Areas for Improvement:

1. Neglected and aging carpet and pews
2. Insufficient house lighting and pieced-together stage lights
3. Inefficient heating and cooling
4. Unusable seating capacity (Of the 381 seats, only ~280 usable with ~170 on first floor)

Proposal:

1. That the church hires a general contractor to renovate the worship center in Fall 2023 and pays for it through a three-year capital campaign and a loan from the BCLC.
2. That the church worships in the Activity Building for the duration of the renovation, conducting two services, if necessary, to provide capacity.
3. That the pastor and ministry team complete a church-wide campaign to increase congregational engagement.

Possibilities:

Advantages

1. This plan follows the trajectory set by our predecessors at CBC who were the church before they built the church. It reestablishes the priority of the church as the people of God and not the building itself.
2. Because of that, this plan keeps the priority of our church where it should be, on the mission of leading people to know and follow Jesus, and not on a building project.
3. At the same time, it gets us in a redesigned and updated worship center as soon as possible while ensuring the church-wide engagement that will enable us to pay off the loan.

Disadvantages

1. The significant cost of the renovation (\$385,000+) means that financing the project is our only short-term option. Even at a 30-year term, monthly payments on a project this large are more than \$2,100 per month (at 5.5% APR). We will defray the cost of the loan with undesignated cash on hand (\$40,000) and a three-year capital pledge campaign, which will more than cover the monthly payment through 2026. We will then refinance the remaining balance to be included in the annual church budget starting in 2027.

2. The renovations mean that we will need to worship in the Activity Building for as many as three months. Rather than seeing this as an inconvenience, we will use this time to remind ourselves that we're called to "be the church." We will promote it as an every-member opportunity to participate in the mission by sacrificing comfort and stepping into new ministry roles.
3. The size of the Activity Building means that we will not be able to worship all at once. However, we will make the most of this inconvenience by maximizing our classroom space and offering two Sunday School hours and encouraging our people to worship in one hour and serve in the other.

Funding Sources

Initial Gifts (2023)	\$50,000
Three-Year Pledge Campaign (2024–2026)	\$300,000
Undesignated Cash Reserves	\$40,000
Total Funded	\$390,000

Giving Chart			
Given Weekly	Given Monthly	Given Yearly	Three-Year Total
\$500	\$2166.67	\$26000	\$78000
\$400	\$1733.33	\$20800	\$62400
\$300	\$1300	\$15600	\$46800
\$250	\$1083.33	\$13000	\$39000
\$200	\$866.67	\$10400	\$31200
\$150	\$650	\$7800	\$23400
\$100	\$433.33	\$5200	\$15600
\$50	\$216.67	\$2600	\$7800
\$30	\$130	\$1560	\$4680
\$20	\$86.67	\$1040	\$3120

Tentative Timeline

May 24	Be the Church. Build the Church. Q&A at 6 PM
June 4	Be the Church. Build the Church. Message and Vote after Worship
June 5	Church Trustees begin Funding process with BCLC
	Church Trustees sign contract with General Contractor
June – August	Preparing Activity Building and Finalizing All Project Decisions
September 1	Renovations Begins
September 4	CBC begins worshipping in the Activity Building
September 28	Launch Pledge Campaign with Initial Offering
December 10	Sanctuary Re-Dedication and Grand Opening
December 2026	Fundraising Campaign Ends and All Debt is Retired