



# MAKE ROOM

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'...PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD; MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.' MATT 3:3



# MAKING A WAY

Hey Church!

Many of you have heard of **John the Baptist** spoken of in the Gospels. John played the **prophetic role** of preparing the way for one greater than him. His role was to, like the servants clearing the paths for the King's of old to pass, make a straight path to the one who was yet to come. John's individual role was very important, but he was called on to make a way for the most important - **the Messiah, Jesus Christ.**

As we embark on this **Make Room Stewardship Campaign**, we believe this is the prophetic role (prepare the way for the Lord) **God is giving us as a church.** As we commit together to give toward this campaign, we believe the Lord will continue to use our facility as a tool to make way for many people to repent and embrace what we call the **Jesus Centered, Spirit Filled life!**

**Let's Make Room!**

*Pastor Scott*



# OUR HISTORY

*Breaking Ground in June, 2002*

## **September 2000**

A small group of 13 people started gathering in a small group with the intention of creating a new church in Middlebury.

## **December 2000**

Having secured a large garage to meet in, we launched our first Sunday morning services with 96 people in attendance.

## **Spring/Summer 2002**

We finalized the purchase of 6 acres of land and began to build the first phase of our own facility.

## **Early 2006**

We broke ground to have DJ Construction lead us in a project to add over 10,000 square feet of nursery, kids, foyer, and gathering space.

## **March 2016**

We did a full remodel and update of the sanctuary to increase our seating capacity.

## **February 2018**

We remodeled the nurseries to help the overall flow and congestion these rooms were experiencing.

# THE PROJECT

## 1. Parking Lot

Not a lot to say here, but we know as we continue to grow, we will need to accommodate the growth in the parking area. We already have times on our regularly attended Sunday's when some of us are parking in the grass, not to mention the need for more parking on our special service days (Easter, water baptism, etc).

## 2. Remodel Current Sanctuary/Foyer:

We plan to take the south sanctuary wall down, which will allow us to combine our current foyer and old worship space together. This area will create a brand new commons/foyer area for us to use as a gathering space for all kinds of groups and activities. The options for this space would be limitless, not to mention it will facilitate the ushering of everyone in and out of our new sanctuary.

## 3. New Sanctuary

With this new sanctuary, our seating capacity will go from 345 to 600 in one service. Now, because we will be using chairs, we can grow into those 600 seats, but for special service days, we could make it happen! We are still dreaming about how the Lord could use this sanctuary to help us reach and strengthen our community's marriages, families, individual lives with the truth of Scripture.



*rendering of sanctuary*



# HOW WE ARE BELIEVING GOD WILL PROVIDE.

**Savings:** Given that we paid off our debt earlier this year, we should have somewhere in the area of \$400-\$500,000 in savings by the time we finish construction next fall.

**Stewardship Campaign:** We've set a goal of reaching \$1.6 million dollars with this Make Room stewardship campaign. We are encouraging everyone to commit to giving something over and above their tithes to this campaign. Remember, it's not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.

**Mortgage (if needed):** The history of our church has shown that even when we have had to carry a mortgage, we did it without allowing it to strangle the ministry of our church as it was always manageable debt. We pray that after the three years of our Make Room stewardship campaign, we will have this next building addition paid for.

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	3-YEAR AMOUNT	WEEKLY AMOUNT	MONTHLY AMOUNT	ANNUAL AMOUNT	COLLECTIVE 3-YEAR AMOUNT
1	\$300,000	\$1,923	\$8,333	\$100,000	\$300,000
1	\$200,000	\$1,282	\$5,556	\$66,667	\$200,000
1	\$100,000	\$641	\$2,778	\$33,333	\$100,000
3	\$50,000	\$321	\$1,389	\$16,667	\$150,000
10	\$25,000	\$160	\$694	\$8,333	\$250,000
14	\$15,000	\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$210,000
15	\$10,000	\$64	\$278	\$3,333	\$150,000
16	\$7,500	\$48	\$208	\$2,500	\$120,000
15	\$5,000	\$32	\$139	\$1,667	\$75,000
14	\$2,500	\$16	\$69	\$833	\$35,000
10	\$1,000	\$6	\$28	\$333	\$10,000
<b>100</b>					<b>\$1,600,000</b>



## What Can I Do?

There are two things we are asking you to do: **pray fervently and consider giving** to the Make Room Stewardship Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1.6 million for our new sanctuary, remodel of current sanctuary, and added parking. Trusting God and making sacrifices together is the only way to make this dream a reality.



## The Joy In Generosity

The Make Room project is not just about changing other people's lives; it's about changing yours too. Generosity can change your life. Committing in faith to give a portion of your income to the work God is doing through Pathway Church is not only an act of worship to Him but also a source of joy to both you and others.

# HOW DO I DETERMINE WHAT TO GIVE?

We encourage you to be thoughtful and prayerful about what you will give to the upcoming project.

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“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

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## Ask

Ask God what He wants you to give. This is a question to ask in your own heart and also to be in prayer about with a spouse or your family. The answer is not the same for everyone.

## Consider

Consider what you can do or give up in order to be part of Make Room. Look at the Chart of Gifts in this booklet. You can see that it is not equal gifts that will get us to our goal, it is equal sacrifice.

## Determine

Determine your gift and fill out a commitment card. On our Commitment Sunday, October 22, we will encourage you to drop your card into the black giving boxes in the foyer. Then on November 5, we will celebrate together what God has done through us!

## Pray

Pray that God will give you peace as you begin giving. Remind Him of His promises to those who are generous and look for how He will keep the promise in your own life.





# CREATIVE GENEROSITY

**There are many ways to plan and prepare for generosity**

1. Delay a major purchase, and keep using what you have.
2. Scale back spending in one or two areas (eating out, for example).
3. Direct a bonus toward the project or give the increase when you get a raise.
4. Re-direct payments when a loan or bill is paid off.
5. Bring up your percentage of giving above the tithe (10%). For instance, budget to give 15% (10% tithe & 5% Building Fund).
6. Sell unused items.
7. Find ways to increase your income to give more.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## What is the total expansion cost?

Total project will be somewhere around \$2.7 million (still being finalized) and will include a new sanctuary, remodel of current sanctuary into foyer, and added parking

## How will the proposed expansion be funded?

1. Cash currently in the Building Fund.
2. Money given through the General Fund (tithes) beyond our budget.
3. Regular giving to the Building Fund over three years.
4. Borrowed funds if needed.

## What is expected of my family in making a financial commitment?

Yes, since this is a commitment between you and the Lord, you have opportunity to revise your commitment. It would be helpful if changes could be communicated with the church office so church leadership can revise their projections. God directs, then we are assured the need will be met. Every family is asked to pray about their commitment. No one will be pressured. No commitment will be published. We are asking everyone to pray about not only what they can afford, but also, what does the Holy Spirit want to give through them.

## When and where will the commitments be made?

Most commitments will be made on Commitment Sunday, October 22 nd ; however, leaders will give theirs on or before October 10th.

## Why do I need to make my commitment in writing?

The total amount of the commitments will be used to establish future building fund income and create a realistic construction budget and timetable.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (cont.)

## **I already tithe to the General Fund and feel like that is all I can do. Am I wrong?**

Only you and the Lord can decide how much you can give. This campaign has been designed so that everyone can give something, no matter what the size, over and above their tithe. Our goal is equal sacrifice, not equal giving. If each one does as God directs, then we are assured the need will be met.

## **How will the commitments be reported?**

We will encourage you to drop your Commitment Cards in the black giving boxes in the foyer on Sunday, October 22nd. A total dollar amount of all commitments will be reported to the congregation on Celebration Sunday, November 5th.

## **Will I have an opportunity to revise my commitment?**

Yes, since this is a commitment between you and the Lord, you have opportunity to revise your commitment. It would be helpful if changes could be communicated with the church office so church leadership can revise their projections.

## **If I should fall behind, will the church take steps to make me pay?**

NO. This is a faith commitment between you and the Lord. Our purpose in this Stewardship Campaign is to provide adequate facilities so that we can continue to accomplish the mission and vision 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.

