



OUR VISION





A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

These words, written by the apostle Paul to Christians living nearly 2000 years ago in Asia Minor, have remarkable resonance for our current moment in 21st century Austin.

As I think about the past seven years of COTC's existence, I am amazed at how God has done more than we might have asked or imagined. Moment by moment, we have shared a deep and cumulative experience of God's goodness and power. That we are in the situation we are in, having purchased the property at 8140 Exchange Dr. and are now dreaming about our future there, is due to God's grace.

Paul's words also point us forward, as we contemplate that future. In this campaign, we have an opportunity to respond to the grace God has shown us, to His glory, and to build toward that glory extending from generation to generation. My hope is that our prayerful and faithful response to the Holy Spirit will bear fruit in the life of COTC for generations to come, to the glory of God.

In this brochure you'll find some of the dreams and imaginings of how our generosity in this season might build on the goodness we have known and contribute to a fruitful future. The completion of this campaign will move COTC into a season of financial stability and flexibility, with a property well-suited for hospitality, formation, worship, and mission.

As we are prayerfully generous in this season, and seek the leading of the Lord, I am confident that He will bring glory to His name as He works in us more than we can ask or imagine.

In Christ,
Peter+

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRPERSON

Hi Church!

It has been an exciting year at COTC. We bought the property we rented for the past six years, have grown in size, diversity and ministry, and are doing our first capital campaign. In many ways, this feels like moving from a stage of adolescence to finally be responsible for getting our own oil changes.

I am so grateful for this community and how it has shaped my family and me. I have experienced the generosity of God's love through so many of you in our relationships and, equally importantly, in observing how we share that love in our immediate and extended neighborhoods.

I ask that you help us expand and deepen that reach by joining us in praying, "Heavenly Father, how are you inviting me to participate?" And I can't wait to see how He answers.

Thank you for showing up, reflecting Christ to one another and our communities and for going on this adventure with us!

- Sarah Funderburk



OUR GOALS & DREAMS



CREATION OF SPACE MORE HOSPITABLE FOR KIDS

- CLASSROOM RECONFIGURATION
- SAFE OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE



MAKING THE SANCTUARY MORE CONDUCTIVE FOR WORSHIP

- IMPROVED LIGHTING AND A/V PLACEMENT
- CREATIVE ELEMENTS THAT MAKE FOR MORE SACRED SPACE



BEAUTIFICATION OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING

- LANDSCAPING
- STUCCO REPLACEMENT
- OUTDOOR BAPTISMAL FONT
- REMOVAL OF FOUNTAIN

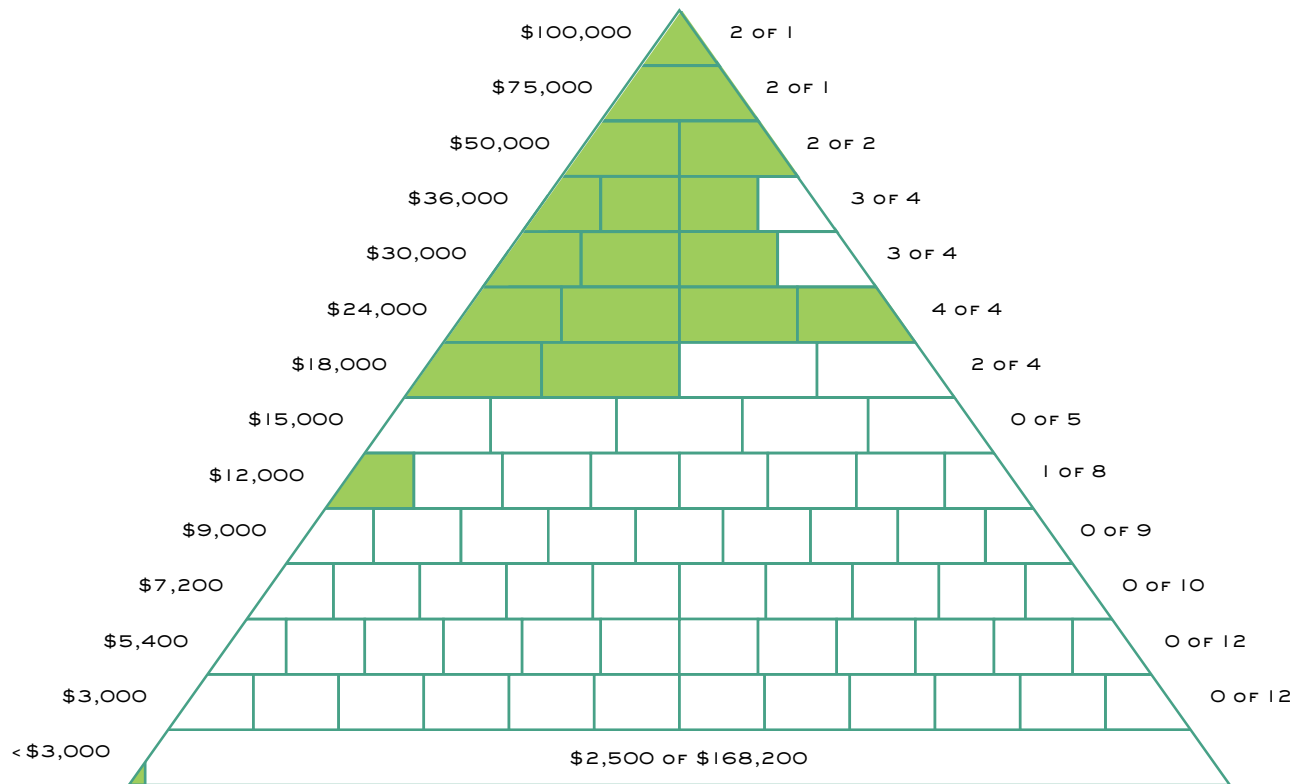


CREATION OF SITE PLAN FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDING & PROPERTY

- SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO MISSION AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



REACHING OUR GOAL TOGETHER



GOAL
\$1,300,000

PLEDGED
\$794,500

AS OF 9/26/2022

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL THE FUNDS RAISED THROUGH THE TBTG CAMPAIGN BE ALLOCATED?

Funds will be distributed in three areas, debt reduction, capital improvements, and future-oriented initiatives. Based on the two benchmarks we anticipate a breakdown of funds in the following ways:

IF \$1.3 MILLION IS PLEDGED:

- \$1 MILLION FOR DEBT REDUCTION
- \$225K FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- \$75K FOR FUTURE-ORIENTED INITIATIVES

RELATED TO STAFFING IN THE AREAS OF WORSHIP, PASTORAL, OPERATIONS, AND MISSION

IF \$1.5 MILLION IS PLEDGED:

- \$1.05 MILLION FOR DEBT REDUCTION
- \$325K FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- \$125K FOR FUTURE-ORIENTED INITIATIVES

RELATED TO STAFFING IN THE AREAS OF WORSHIP, PASTORAL, OPERATIONS, AND MISSION

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY GOALS RELATED TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS?

Our intention is that property at 8140 Exchange Dr. would be a place of hospitality, reflective of and conducive for the worship of Jesus, and a blessing to our neighbors in His name. To this end we anticipate the funds allocated for capital improvements to be directed toward:

- Making the space more hospitable for kids by providing outdoor play space for a variety of ages, reconfiguring space for children's formation, and community for adults and children alike.
- Adapting the existing ballroom to create an environment more conducive for liturgical worship. These changes may include aesthetic and structural elements (e.g. painting, in the use of sacred art, an elevated chancel, more natural lighting, etc.)
- The creation of a site plan for the entire four acre plot with an architect that would include plans for the future related to mission, formation, beauty, and hospitality.

FOR THE FUNDS UNRELATED TO DEBT REDUCTION HOW WILL DECISIONS ABOUT THOSE FUNDS BE MADE?

The Parish Council has full and final authority regarding the financial life of the church. They will make decisions regarding the improvements to be made, and the timing of expenditures with input from clergy and staff. A Property Team has been formed to provide input. There will be ways for the entire congregation to provide feedback and input in the design process. The decisions related to funds for staffing will be made by the Parish Council and rector, in keeping with our constitution and bylaws.

WHAT IS THE SITUATION WITH THE CHURCH'S DEBT?

COTC owes \$2.3 million on a mortgage for the purchase of the property. The goal of the Parish Council is to get that number below \$1.5 million as quickly as possible. At that number we feel very confident about COTC's ability to pay for the building's ongoing use and maintenance as well as the mortgage.

FOR THE CAMPAIGN, ARE ONE TIME GIFTS OR GIVING SPREAD OUT OVER THE THREE YEARS PREFERRED?

If someone has the means to give in a lump sum that is beneficial as it will allow us to move forward with greater certainty, having the funds already available. However, that is likely not a possibility for many of us and giving spread over the three years of the campaign (December 2022 to December 2025) is a huge blessing and will make a great impact.

CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR GIVING

EQUAL GIVING IS NEVER THE GOAL AT OUR CHURCH, BUT RATHER TO COME TOGETHER AS A CHURCH COMMUNITY—EACH SACRIFICING TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION.

THERE IS A ROLE IN THIS CAPITAL FUNDING CAMPAIGN FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH AND EACH CONTRIBUTION ENABLES OUR SUCCESS.

YOU WILL NOT BE PRESSURED OR TOLD WHAT YOU SHOULD GIVE, BUT RATHER ENCOURAGED TO PRAY TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR GIVING.

HOW DO I GIVE ASSETS, SUCH AS STOCKS, BONDS, AND MUTUAL FUNDS TO THE CHURCH?

Asset Transfer Options

1. Contact the church office. We will provide you with the transfer instructions.
2. Contact your broker and request the transfer. You will be provided with stock powers or transfer papers to complete the transfer.

When you have completed the transfer, please notify the church office.

GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH

What Are Gifts Other Than Cash?

Gifts other than cash include stocks, bonds, annuities, property, and other assets.

What Assets Could I Give?

Appreciated assets held more than one year, such as publicly traded stocks, mutual funds, bonds, real estate, collectables, and other readily marketable property often provide tax advantages. Personal property such as automobiles, jewelry, and other items may also be given.

Why Contribute Gifts Other Than Cash?

The tax code is very generous toward this form of giving. Giving the asset directly to the church allows the church to sell the asset, thereby eliminating potential capital gains taxes to the donor. This also results in a larger gift to the church.

How Does The Tax Benefit Work?

Itemized Deduction: The donor is allowed to include 100% of the market value of many of these assets as charitable contributions for tax purposes, if held more than one year. Because of its tax-exempt status, the church will receive the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains taxes.

What If I Sell First Then Give The Cash?

You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

| | Sell First | Give to Church |
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| Market Value | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Cost Basis | -10,000 | -10,000 |
| Gain | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Tax (assuming 25%)* | 2,500 | 0 |
| Church Receives | 17,500 | 20,000 |

OTHER GIVING STRATEGIES

Cash Flow Gifts

Smaller gifts add up! By giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—large gifts can be reached in smaller steps. Using electronic funds transfers can be beneficial when making these gifts.

Diverted Funds Gifts

Freeing up funds that are currently going to other areas of spending allows a person to increase giving to God's work. Diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, or transportation offers lifestyle adjustments that impact one's giving.

Delayed Expenditures

Postponing major expenditures such as automobiles, home projects, or trips provides substantial giving opportunities.

Income Producing Assets

Interest income, payments from rental properties, or income from other assets provide a source for increased giving.

Sale Of Assets

Sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land, or business provides available income for giving.

Raises And Bonuses

Contributing raises and bonuses are also creative methods that can be used to increase giving.

Freedom From Debt

Looking ahead to the next three years, you may discover that debt obligations will be fulfilled. This frees up revenue for additional giving.

Unique Skills Income

Some people have marketable hobbies or skills that enable them to give from those new profits.

Charitable Giving Resources

Reviewing all charitable donations in light of their impact on the Kingdom of God affords a potential resource for significant giving.

Savings And Annuities

Savings for special projects, retirement, or a "rainy day" may offer a resource for increased giving. We often realize that a portion of our savings may safely be given to the work of God's Kingdom through our church.

Corporate Gifts

Business owners may be able to provide gifts-in-kind that may result in a stronger gift to the church and tax benefits to the donor.

SPECIAL TAX-FREE IRA GIFTS

For those aged 70 ½ and older, it is possible to make tax-favorable charitable gifts from most types of IRA accounts. A total of up to \$100,000 per year can be transferred directly from IRAs to qualified charities, such as our church, free from federal income tax. There also may also be state income tax savings. For those 72 and older or those who have begun taking their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), donations given in this way count toward their RMD for the year of the gift.

To take advantage of this benefit, it is important to make the donation directly from the IRA to the church. For those with check writing privileges on their accounts, this may be the most efficient way to make qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. Contact the church office or your tax advisor for more information.

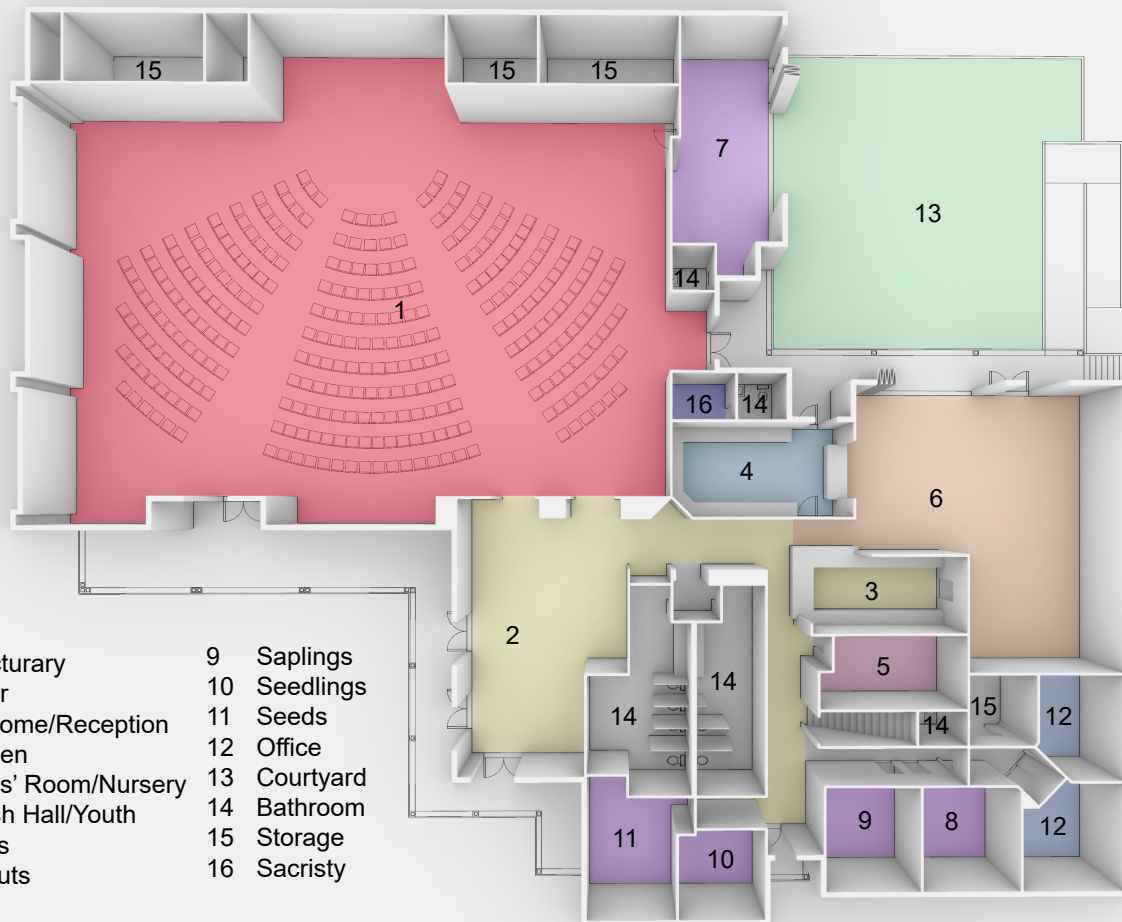
INTERIOR PLANS



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| 1 Sanctuary | 9 Saplings |
| 2 Foyer | 10 Seedlings |
| 3 Welcome/Reception | 11 Seeds |
| 4 Kitchen | 12 Office |
| 5 Moms' Room/Nursery | 13 Courtyard |
| 6 Parish Hall/Youth | 14 Bathroom |
| 7 Roots | 15 Storage |
| 8 Sprouts | 16 Sacristy |

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2 **OPTION 2**



SITE PLAN



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