



Hearts • Families • Communities







SENIOR PASTOR

*Ken Alverson*

**“Change is happening in our church, not only in the adults but in children, youth and even marriages. I believe that when God makes these kinds of changes in a local church like ours, that we have the chance to willingly become partners with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven.”**

## Dear Church Family,

I want to begin by thanking you for reading through this packet which explains a bit more of the journey that GREFC is currently on. I firmly believe that this journey is being orchestrated by God.

The summer sermon series “34384” was a personally challenging time for me as I was forced to continually ask - what does God desire for us as a local church? Here is my conclusion; He wants GREFC to be consumed with helping people become fully devoted followers of Jesus in all areas of our lives. This disciple-making must influence our marriage, our families, our work settings, our friendships and our community at large.

The “Making Space for Change” campaign aligns, far more than we realize, with the process of becoming a church committed to making disciples. The campaign process will force us to wrestle with numerous weighty questions that are easy to ignore. Here are a couple of the weighty questions:

- Are we willing to “make space” for **spiritual change in our own hearts**?  
There will be a temptation for some to wait and sit on the sidelines during this campaign. This journey will ultimately force us as a church family to step out in faith and trust God. Faith will be required as we look to provide space for greater effectiveness in our disciple-making ministries. Walking by faith isn’t easy, but that is why we call it faith – it requires trust in God.
- Are we willing to “make space” to be **used by God** so change can take place in other people’s hearts?  
An effective disciple-making church family will only happen if each of us are willing to understand that, “It’s not about you!” Disciple-making is not about my needs, my comfort, my wants and personal preferences. It is about a transformed heart that is committed to helping the “other” come to know and love Jesus.

Here is what I would beseech you to do. Pray! Pray that we would become a church that is consumed with helping the “other” become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Pray that God would make our hearts profoundly generous in every area of our lives, as our focus verse says,

“I’ll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I’ll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that’s God-willed, not self-willed.” (Ez. 36:26)

God wants to work in us and he wants to use us. Would you join us in the journey of “Making Space for Change” campaign?



Cooper

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Emerson

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IS ABOUT CREATING MORE SPACE SO THAT WE CAN  
MORE EFFECTIVELY MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S HEARTS,  
TO FAMILIES AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.

## VISION

Our vision has always been, "Together in Christ, Making Him Known." We strive to be a church that has unity and we strive to show the love of Jesus to everyone, everyday. That vision has brought us far and is amazingly attractive to others.

*The growth we have seen creates an **opportunity** for us: We get to partner with God in the amazing things He is doing in our church!*

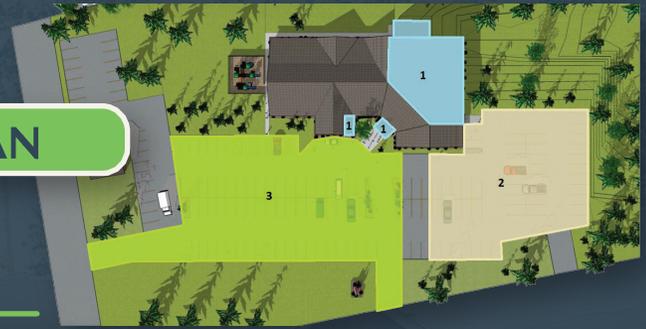


# THE PLAN

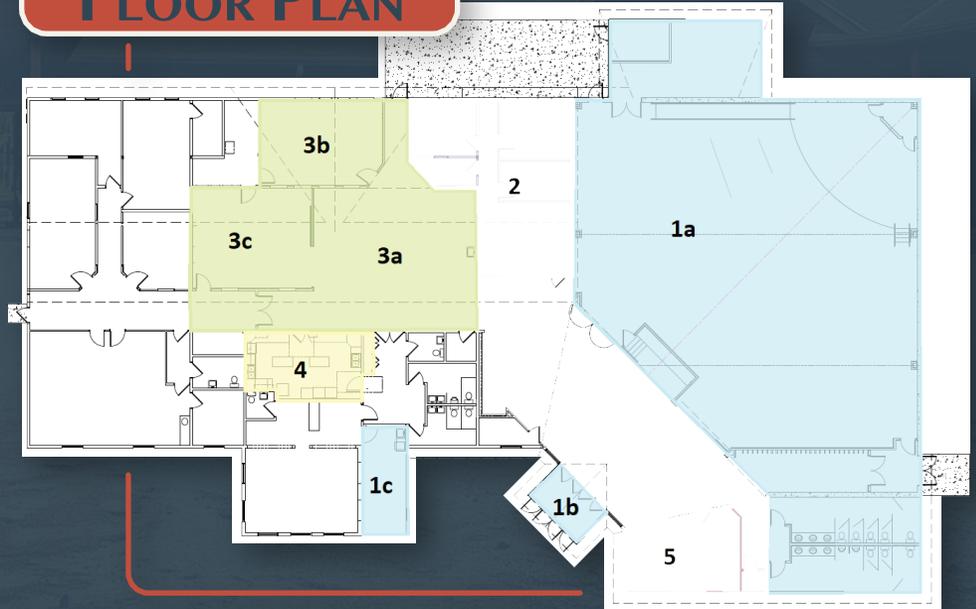
A church building is a **TOOL** for building God's people and future Kingdom growth which includes those who still don't know Jesus.



## SITE PLAN



## FLOOR PLAN



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1. **Added Spaces:** See below
2. **Expanded Parking:** When people pull into our parking lot and there's not a place to park, they will turn away. We are creating more parking, not only for us, but so that no one will be turned away before they even get in the doors.
3. **Paved Parking:** Paving will help with more efficient parking which will help folks find a spot to park more easily.



# FLOOR PLAN

1. **Multi-purpose Auditorium, Storage, East Entry, and Additional Bathrooms:** Envision a new 350+ seat Worship Center with a larger stage for the worship band, plenty of space for everyone to find a seat including people visiting for the first time. Student & College/Young Adult Ministries will use for small-group break-out sessions. Of course, there will also be plenty of room for a game of volleyball or dodgeball. The new space will also enable us to
2. **New Offices**
3. **New Fellowship/Coffee Space, Student Ministries Room, and Children's Large Group Space:** We are renovating our current worship center to create rooms that will serve Children, Students and Young Adults. We feel that supporting and nurturing these three groups is vital to a healthy church and to the disciple-making
4. **Expanded and Renovated Kitchen**
5. **Adult Education Space**

*Just think of all the people who will come through our doors in the future, looking for God and a place to belong... Let's make space for them!*

# WILL YOU JOIN US IN making **SPACE** for *Change*?

## OUR CHALLENGE

The projected cost of our project is \$1.4M. The Making Space for Change building campaign represents the most significant financial project in the history of GREFC.

**Victory Goal: \$700,000**

**Miracle Goal: \$1,400,000**

## Not Equal Gifts - Equal Sacrifice



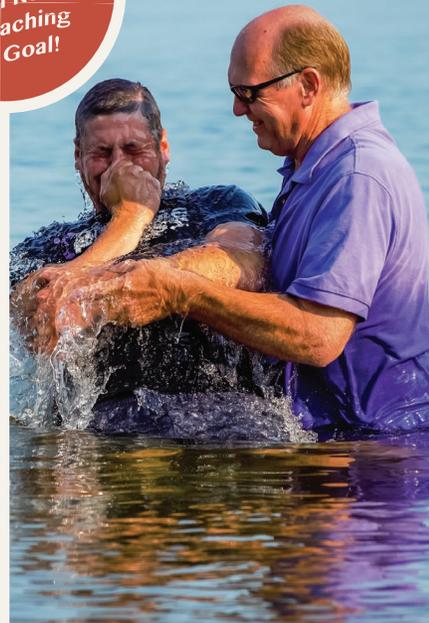
We are asking everyone to follow the principle of "not equal gifts - equal sacrifice." Seek God and consider what he is asking you to give. God is not concerned about the size of your gift as much as He is the sacrifice of your gift. **Don't lose the joy and blessings that sacrificial giving can bring!**

## GIFT PROFILE GUIDE

| Number of Commitments | Family Monthly Commitment | Family 3-year Commitment | Total Commitments |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Many                  | \$25                      | \$900                    | \$36,000+         |
| 35                    | \$50                      | \$1,800                  | \$63,000          |
| 20                    | \$100                     | \$3,600                  | \$72,000          |
| 10                    | \$200                     | \$7,200                  | \$72,000          |
| 10                    | \$300                     | \$10,800                 | \$108,000         |
| 10                    | \$500                     | \$18,000                 | \$180,000         |
| 5                     | \$750                     | \$27,000                 | \$135,000         |
| 5                     | \$1,000                   | \$36,000                 | \$180,000         |
| 5                     | \$2,000                   | \$72,000                 | \$360,000         |
| 1+                    | \$2,777                   | \$100,000                | \$100,000+        |
| 1+                    | \$4,167                   | \$150,000                | \$150,000+        |

**140+ Gifts Totaling \$1,400,000+!**

Your Contribution Will Play A Vital Role In Reaching Our Goal!



**We serve an amazing God and believe He can make miracles happen.**

Reaching our Challenge Goal will enable us to have a mortgage payment of \$4,000/month, the amount that the Elders have determined is a do-able monthly payment. Any giving above his amount will lower our monthly mortgage payment and overall debt load.

Visit our campaign webpage to find different ways to give or to give online right now: <http://grfc.org/building-campaign/>



# It All Adds Up

Every dollar pledged to this project adds up and makes it possible. Think that you can't possibly come up with enough to help? Consider these sacrifices that a typical family of four could make:

**\$20**

Sacrifice one night per month eating out at a fast food restaurant.

**\$35**

Rent a movie instead of going to the theater.

**\$80**

Mom or Dad, sacrifice daily turtle mocha at a coffee shop for home brewed coffee.

**\$70**

Eliminate the family gym membership and exercise together at home.

## Making Your Commitment

We are asking that each one who calls GREFC their home church to make a three-year financial commitment toward this ministry expansion effort. Reaching our goal will take sacrificial giving from each of us which, when taken together, will make this project a reality and enable us to reach our vision of expanding God's Kingdom.

### 1. PRAY:

The investment you make is an investment in eternity. Ask God for His leading in your decision-making process.

### 2. RESPOND:

Obey God's prompting in your heart. Decide on an amount and complete the commitment card. Return the card to the church in the pre-paid envelope by November 12, keeping the tear-off portion to remind yourself of your commitment.

### 3. REJOICE:

Celebrate all that God is doing at GREFC! Rejoice in realizing God's provision for your life.

### 4. VOTE:

If you are a member of GREFC, we need you to show up and vote on Nov 14! On the night of the vote we will share the total amount of all pledges so you will be fully informed when you make your decision.



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