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LETTER FROM PASTOR KEVIN

Dear Northway Church,

In conversations with individuals who were members of our church when the doors opened in 1998, I've learned that our current worship center was never intended to be Northway's forever worship space. Over the years, various master plans have called for this space to be used as a gym, student area, children's area, and common space. Although differing proposals for its use were offered, they all shared the understanding that one day there would be a new worship center.

That one day has come.

After years of praying and discussing this matter, our Lead Ministry Team believes that now is the time to move forward with plans for a new worship space as well as needed improvements to our current campus. Contained within this booklet is the information we have on the project and where we are in the process.

There are numerous reasons we believe that now is the time to move forward, and they all point to the reason we exist.

We are For the Gospel and we are For the City. These building plans are but a tool to help us do more in reaching our city with the beautiful gospel of Jesus Christ.

My hope is that as you read through these pages, you'll ask yourself, "Lord, what would you have me to do in all of this?" While we are not all called to do the same thing, we are all called to do something. I pray that you will respond positively to whatever it is the Lord will have you do.

Thank you for taking the time to read though this and prayerfully consider your part in helping us achieve this dream.

Your Pastor,
Kevin

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Our Master Plan

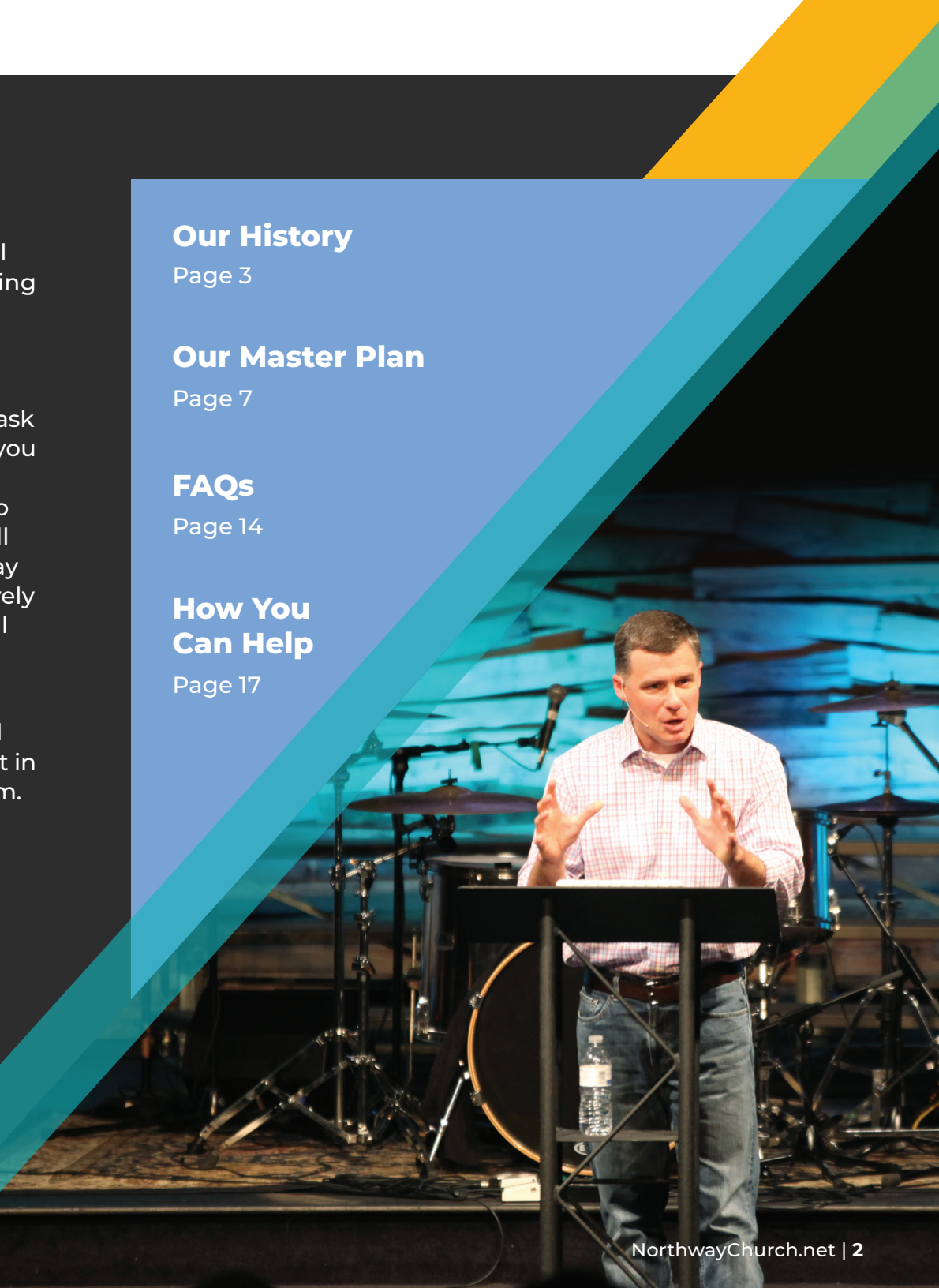
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HISTORY OF NORTHWAY CHURCH

What began as a mission to serve Northwest Macon has since grown into a beacon for the gospel that reaches far beyond our immediate community.

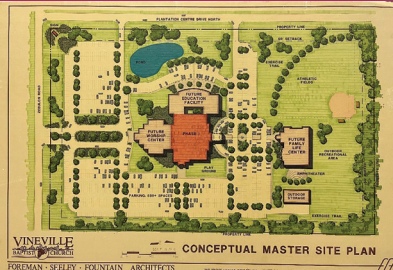
JULY 1998

Vineville North Baptist Church holds its first worship service.



1995

A committee at Vineville Baptist Church begins praying for a church plant in Northwest Macon.



1997

Senior pastor, Ben Haygood, and congregation break ground for Vineville North Baptist Church at the corner of Zebulon Road and Plantation Parkway.

1998- 2002

Vineville Baptist and Vineville North operate as "one church, two locations."

2002

Vineville North separates from Vineville Baptist, establishing itself as an independent church.

2009

Vineville North adopts the new, distinctive name of Northway Church.

2010

Northway Church expands the preschool and children's spaces, adding classrooms, hallways, and worship centers.



2017

Northway Church begins construction on a new student building, Cathedral Coffee, foyer expansion, and additional parking.



2018

Student building and expanded foyer are completed. Cathedral Coffee opens its doors, increasing Northway's capacity for ministry.



ORIGINAL CAMPUS



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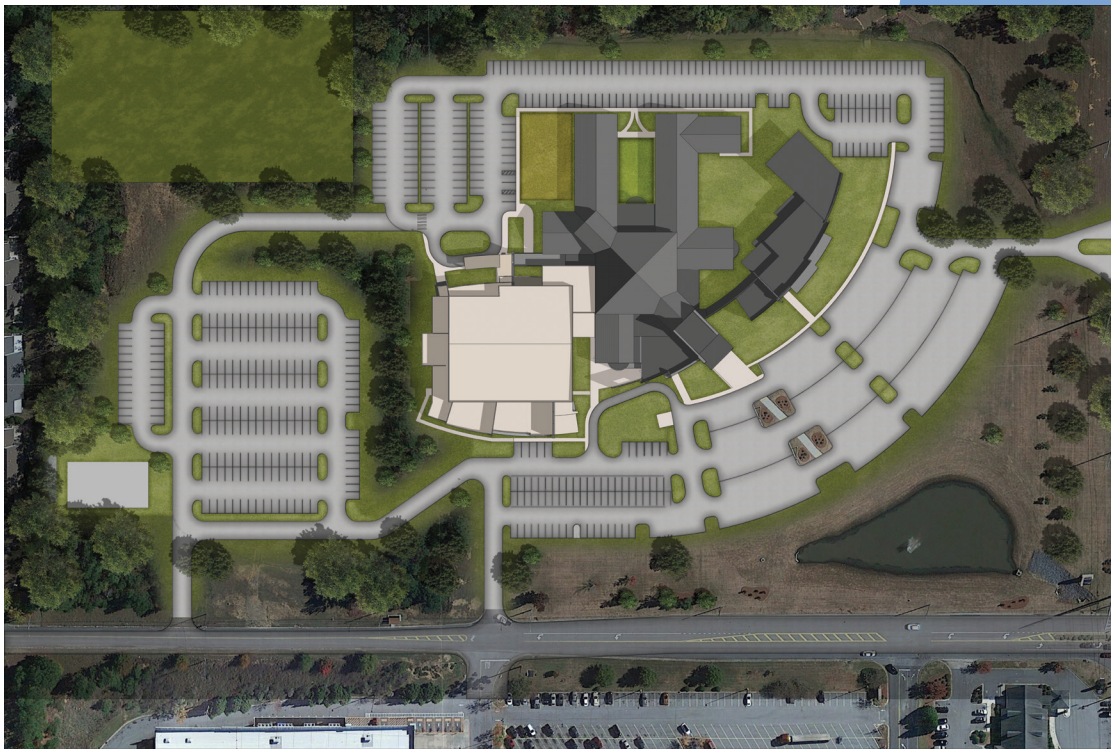


PHASE 2



EXPANDING OUR CAPABILITIES: NORTHWAY'S MASTER PLAN

Northway's Lead Ministry Team continues to consider the growth of our church. Ever since our additions in 2017, we have prayed over new plans that will further transform our abilities to serve and minister to our community.

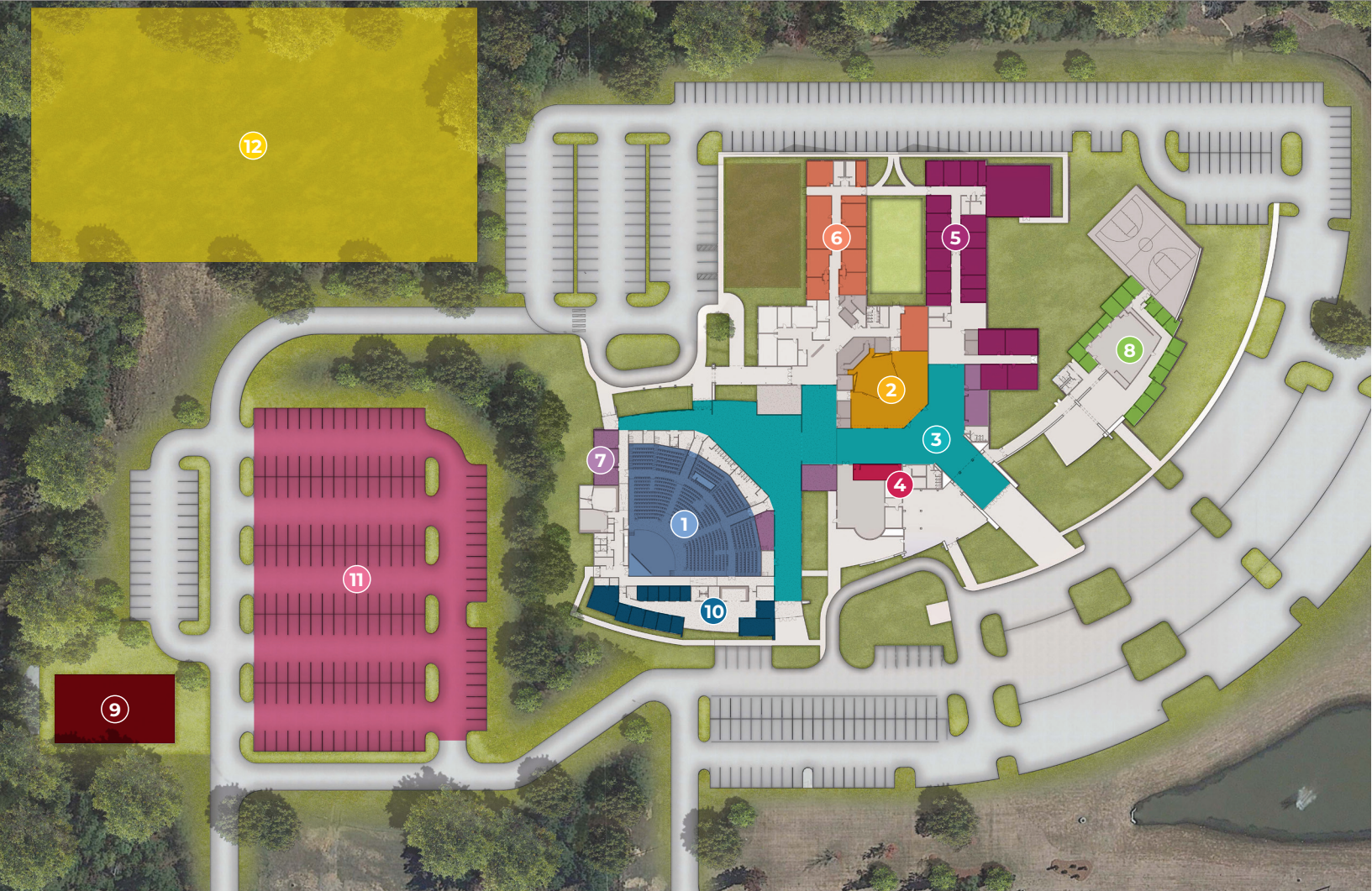




A LOOK FORWARD

Our developments include new worship spaces, classrooms, parking lots, and more.

MASTER PLAN MAP



1 NEW WORSHIP CENTER

Our new center will feature stadium seating with 1,080 seats and room to expand. This worship space will include a baptistry, green room, storage area, and restrooms.

2 BANQUET ROOM

We will redesign the current worship center, turning it into a banquet room for various gatherings. This room will feature a level floor and a capacity to seat 250 at round tables.

3 COMMON SPACE

Part of the current worship center will be used to increase our main entrance commons, allowing congregants to easily access the student area, children's wing, preschool wing, and worship center.

4 KITCHENS

We will construct two separate kitchens, one to service Cathedral Coffee and the other to service church events through our banquet room.

5 CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS

We will increase the children's area, utilizing current available space to add classrooms and expand the check-in area. This will provide more room for parents and children to congregate.

6 PRESCHOOL

Our preschool wing will feature a 1,200 square-foot worship area. We'll also redesign our preschool lobby to increase convenience and security during drop off and pick up.

7 ADULT CLASSROOMS

Our plan designates several classroom spaces to serve our adults. These rooms will be utilized for Connection Classes, home team gatherings, Celebrate Recovery meetings, and other small groups.

8 STUDENT CLASSROOMS

We will allocate additional rooms to our youth group to be used for student small groups.

9 CHAPEL

We will construct a chapel at the highest point of our property, utilizing it for prayer, weddings, funerals, and additional gatherings.

10 OFFICE SPACE

We will add new church office space with additional offices, a work room, break room, and conference room.

11 UPPER PARKING

Our current softball field will become an additional parking lot outfitted with approximately 197 spaces.

12 SPORTS FIELD

We will develop the area east of the upper parking lot into a sports field.

NEW WORSHIP CENTER

Our new worship center will accommodate nearly 1,100 congregants and will feature space for church growth.



PRESCHOOL

The redesign will feature a more convenient preschool lobby and reception area.

OUR NEXT PHASE

Northway Church is anticipating our next phase to include:

New
Worship
Center

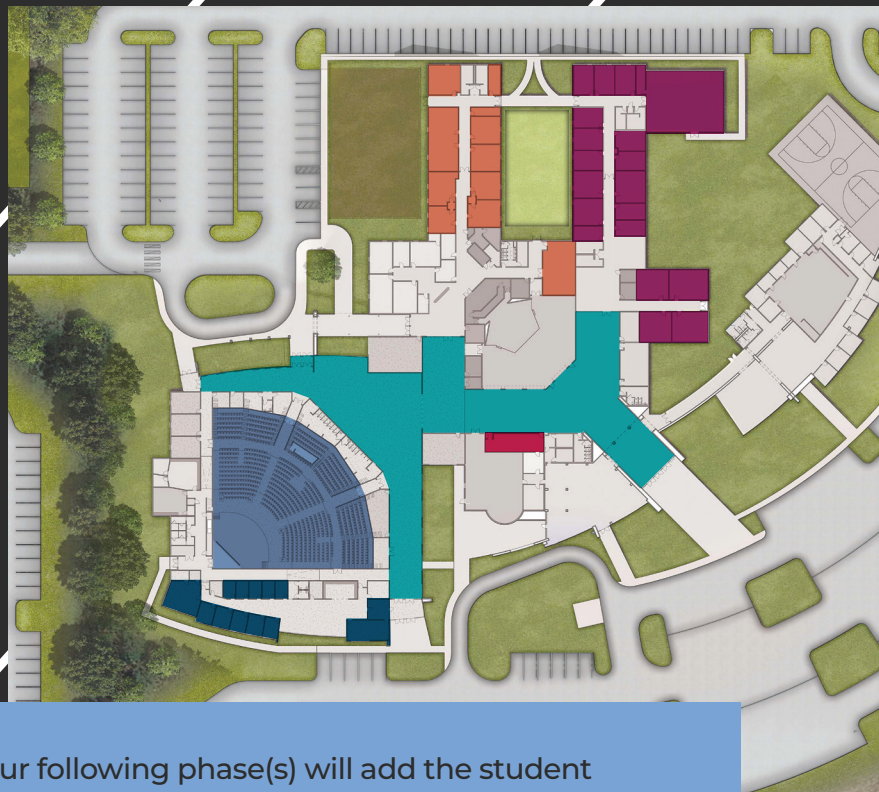
Common
Space

Children's
Area

Preschool
Area

Office
Space

Kitchens



Our following phase(s) will add the student classrooms, upper parking lot, sports field, and chapel. These will be completed at a later date.

FAQ

Why now?

Our Lead Ministry Team moved forward with the development of a master plan in May 2021 for two reasons. First, we anticipated church growth as we moved out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Before March of 2020, we were discussing our parking and space issues. Now, as we slowly move out of this pandemic, we are once again facing these same needs. Second, the part of our campus constructed in 1998 is now nearly 24 years old and in serious need of updating.

We have addressed areas of the campus we do not believe will be involved in a future construction project (i.e., foyer restrooms). However, there are needs that, if repaired and replaced, would certainly be replaced again in the next phase of construction.

In the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, we received a quote to replace the roof, carpet, and lights of the worship center. We also looked at repairing our parking lot and sidewalks. The estimate given for these repairs was \$1.3 million. Today, that cost would likely be higher. To move ahead with those improvements and then later rip out or redo many of those items would be bad stewardship.

How much will it cost?

At this point, the estimated cost of the first phase is \$12.5 million. However, this is only an estimate. A firm price can only be given once the design documents are completed. The costs of construction and the exact design of the building will cause that estimate to go up or down.

When will we start this project?

It depends. There are numerous factors that our Lead Ministry Team will consider before we present a recommendation to move forward to the church. Interest rates, inflation, our current debt, and the status of our current facility are all being examined as we continue to pray about and discuss moving forward with phase one.





You mentioned church debt. What is our current debt?

The student center, expanded foyer, coffee shop, and parking lot/land improvements cost \$7.3 million. At the completion of the project in June 2018, the church converted the construction loan to a permanent loan of \$4.95 million. As of May 2022, the loan balance is \$2.6 million.

Will we have a capital campaign to raise money for this project?

No. Years ago, we adopted a plan encouraging everyone to tithe. We believe that if all in our church would simply follow this Biblical command, the Lord would more than provide for our ministry needs, including building and construction.

Eight years ago, we began setting aside a portion of our budget to be used for building a cash reserve and to be used for future mortgage payments/debt reduction. Currently, our mortgage payment on the loan is approximately \$20,000 per month. This amount fluctuates as interest rates change and as our principal balance is reduced.

We currently pay an additional \$50,000 per month to reduce the loan balance. The Finance Team and Lead Ministry Team have carved space in our budget to quickly reduce debt and to leave room for a potential future mortgage.

Why not do a capital campaign?

Our funding approach protects the future of our missions and ministries. Churches who rely solely on a capital campaign often find themselves having to later cut missions and ministry dollars to pay debt and utility costs. We are planning for a way to reduce current debt now, and we're setting aside budgeted funds for future debt needs.

More importantly, though, we believe that emphasizing obedience to God's Word in the area of finance will allow our collective faith in the Lord to grow. The purpose of our church is not to raise money, but to raise Christ-followers who learn how to trust God in all areas of life, including the financial. This approach allows the church to keep that kind of focus.

Can all this really be accomplished without a capital campaign?

Yes. However, over the years we've had several people in our church contribute to a designated fund called Faith for the Future. We have been able to do more at a faster pace through the generosity of those who have given above their tithe to this fund. The more generous our congregation is in giving to this fund, the quicker this project will become a reality. We are asking everyone in our congregation to prayerfully consider giving either a one-time gift or a monthly gift to this fund.

What are our next steps?

At the right time, our Lead Ministry Team will present a recommendation to the church to move forward with the design documents. The cost for this portion of the project is 7% of the total construction. It includes all necessary blueprints, permitting, and architectural and engineering designs. However, it is a major financial commitment that we only want to take when we believe it is in the Lord's timing.

Is there any kind of timeline on this project?

No. However, the 25th anniversary of the first worship service on this property will occur in July 2023. It would be wonderful to celebrate that milestone with a note burning, as well as a celebration of what the Lord has done and what we anticipate Him doing in the future.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



PRAY

Pray for our leaders to have wisdom as we examine all the variables involved in a project of this size. There are many uncertainties regarding the future. However, the Lord knows exactly what will happen next month, next year, and in the next century. We are confident that as we seek Him, He will lead us to make the right decisions at the right time.



VOLUNTEER

All our ministry areas need more volunteers. A physical building is like the shell of a car, but the volunteers are the engine that brings the vehicle to life. We want those in our community to be warmly welcomed and ministered to when they come to Northway Church, and your volunteering can help make that possible.

FAITH FOR THE FUTURE FUND PERCENTAGE CALCULATOR

Numbers reflect monthly giving

Annual Income:	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
\$20,000	\$17	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83
\$30,000	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$125
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167
\$50,000	\$42	\$83	\$125	\$167	\$208
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
\$70,000	\$58	\$117	\$175	\$233	\$292
\$80,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333
\$90,000	\$75	\$150	\$225	\$300	\$375
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417
\$125,000	\$104	\$208	\$313	\$417	\$521
\$150,000	\$125	\$250	\$375	\$500	\$625



GIVE

Prayerfully consider how you can financially support this project. Regular, faithful tithing is not only a command of scripture, but it's a major way the Lord grows our faith. We want all in our church to experience the blessings God gives when we are obedient to Him in all areas of our lives, including the financial.

Please consider making a one-time or regular, ongoing contribution to our Faith for the Future Fund. These gifts will be used to pay down the current debt and will go toward the needs related to the future construction costs. Take a look at the following chart to identify your current monthly contributions and consider growing in your giving, even if it's only by 1%.

6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167	\$183	\$200	\$217	\$233	\$250
\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325	\$350	\$375
\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333	\$367	\$400	\$433	\$467	\$500
\$250	\$292	\$333	\$375	\$417	\$458	\$500	\$542	\$583	\$625
\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600	\$650	\$700	\$750
\$350	\$408	\$467	\$525	\$583	\$642	\$700	\$758	\$817	\$875
\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667	\$733	\$800	\$867	\$933	\$1,000
\$450	\$525	\$600	\$675	\$750	\$825	\$900	\$975	\$1,050	\$1,125
\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833	\$917	\$1,000	\$1,083	\$1,167	\$1,250
\$625	\$729	\$833	\$938	\$1,042	\$1,146	\$1,250	\$1,354	\$1,458	\$1,563
\$750	\$875	\$1,000	\$1,125	\$1,250	\$1,375	\$1,500	\$1,625	\$1,750	\$1,875

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