

03-08-2026 "Town Hall" Meeting

Topic of Conversation: Church expansion plans, funding, logistics, and timeline.

Key Q&A

- Q: Are parking lot lights, visibility from Highway 254, shade trees, an overhead door for the multipurpose room, and windowed adult classrooms being considered?
A: Yes, these ideas were received as feedback and will be passed to the expansion team and architects for consideration.
- Q: Where will youth and children meet after the expansion?
A: The children's ministry would use the new wing on Wednesday nights, the current sanctuary area would prioritize youth, and the annex would host adult and parent ministries.
- Q: Can adult classroom space be used for a library?
A: It's a noted suggestion that will be passed along.
- Q: Will there be dedicated sound/AV space and storage in the new multipurpose room?
A: Yes, dedicated AV needs have been communicated to the architects, with specifics to come in detailed designs.
- Q: Will all restrooms have diaper-changing stations?
A: Yes, that's the plan and has been implemented in the current building over the past year.
- Q: Can there be storage for potty chairs and a pre-K bathroom?
A: The need is noted and will be relayed to the expansion team.
- Q: Will restroom mirror placement be improved?
A: Yes, mirror placement will be reviewed to avoid current visibility issues.
- Q: Could a portion of funds build a church or houses in another country?
A: It's an intriguing idea that will be considered by the team.
- Q: Will the new building's elevation prevent water issues?
A: Yes, civil engineers have already discussed regrading low areas to avoid water problems.
- Q: Will the sanctuary still be torn down for Awana or youth on Wednesdays?
A: Likely yes, with Wednesday priority shifting to youth in that space, while Sunday worship remains in the sanctuary.
- Q: Can there be a covered outdoor cooking area by the kitchen?
A: A covered awning by the kitchen is requested and will be considered.
- Q: Will there be additional building entrances/exits and improved parking access?
A: Yes, plans include a large new main entry/foyer on the northwest corner, a covered drive-through, nearby handicap parking, and more than one parking ingress/egress.
- Q: Do we plan to pay off the current mortgage now?
A: Not immediately, as the current commercial mortgage (about \$500,000) will adjust in October and may be refinanced with expansion financing.

- Q: How much funding is needed from the congregation and what loan level is planned?
A: The church seeks \$2 million in gifts/pledges, intends to limit borrowing to about \$1 million, and will request approval up to \$1.5 million to allow flexibility.
- Q: What's the timeframe for raising the \$2 million?
A: A three-year campaign starting around 2026-04-19, with pledges and upfront gifts encouraged while maintaining regular giving.
- Q: What pledge milestones trigger next steps?
A: At 30% (\$600,000) architects proceed to construction documents; at 60% (\$1.2 million) the church breaks ground; at 90% pledges/gifts the loan is finalized.
- Q: Once ground is broken, how long will construction take?
A: Approximately 10 months after groundbreaking.

Important Points Mentioned

- Growth has created space constraints, especially on Wednesday nights.
- The goal is disciple-making; the building is a means to that end.
- Numerous facility suggestions were gathered via meetings and a survey (e.g., lights, visibility, trees, awning, AV storage, restroom improvements).

Decisions / Conclusions

- Leadership will gather all feedback and the expansion team will consider adjustments before the 2026-03-29 votes on proceeding and on loan authorization.

Next Steps (if mentioned)

- Congregational votes on 2026-03-29: (1) proceed with expansion, and (2) authorize leadership to secure a loan up to \$1.5 million if needed.
- Launch a three-year giving campaign around 2026-04-19, track pledge milestones, and proceed to construction documents and groundbreaking as thresholds are met.