

I am writing on behalf of the PCA's Rural Church Plant in Batesburg-Leesville, SC. It is our desire to continue being good stewards of the Lord's gracious provisions as we still hope and pray to continue growing as a body that helps people *KNOW Jesus Christ and SERVE the Community by BEING the Church*. Thank you for considering supporting our rural church plant!

Our Hope: Our average attendance in 2018 was 19; now, through April 2023, our average attendance is 48. As we plan for continued growth, the next step for facility upgrades is one that we believe would greatly help us create the welcoming atmosphere we long to extend to the greater B-L community. They are:

1. *12' x 30' (360 sq. feet) front entrance addition with hospitality area – this would double our existing narrow lobby space. (Architectural/Engineered drawings are completed).*
2. *Two ADA compliant restrooms. We currently only have 2 toilets in our facility, and none currently near the sanctuary area. (Architectural/Engineered drawings are completed).*
3. *The upgraded entrance would visually set Christ Community Church apart from the stigma of the building – many people think it's the same church with a changed name.*
4. *Due to the increase in construction costs and the nature of this type project, initial estimates are between \$300,000 and \$350,000.*
5. *Depending on the Lord's provisions, we may need to accomplish this project in phases*
6. *Attached is a picture of the church, and architectural rendering of the new building.*

Our History: The initial plant idea for Christ Community Church developed when a previously struggling church in Batesburg-Leesville disbanded and donated their building and property to the PCA to start a new church. While most church plants start with a group of people and no facility, Christ Community Church started with an aging facility and very few people. The building and property is a huge blessing, but it also came with challenges that included deferred maintenance and no updates made to the property for approximately 40-50 years. *Facility projects already completed (in a large part by volunteer work) include:*

2019 – Updated sanctuary stage, electrical & wiring for sound system, new paint and carpet.

2019-2022 – Clean out former church contents.

2020 – Update 2 existing restrooms in fellowship building & rearrange and furnishing nursery, class and meeting rooms.

2021-2022 – Paint all rooms and hallways throughout fellowship building.

2022 – Sound panels in sanctuary, build picnic tables, clearing of back property for outdoor fellowship and recreation.

2023 – Improvements to Pastor's office, refurbishing of counseling room and meeting space.

We currently have \$255,000 in savings from support and offerings. However, some of this money is intentionally set aside for replacing outdated HVAC units (\$30K) and aging roof (\$20K), catching up on other deferred maintenance (\$15K), and reserve funds for unexpected maintenance, repairs and operations (\$80K). This leaves approximately \$100,000 towards the anticipated, front entrance renovation project.

We know and are very grateful for all of the support and offerings that have been stewarded in a way to help us improve our facilities. This is money that could have been spent paying rent, but instead we have been able to save.

I am available and would love to answer questions and share more details about this project, as well as give a tour of our current facilities. Please reach out!

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The front of our church building currently.
Photo taken Easter 2022.

Original rendering.
Catalyst Architects,
Spring 2021.



AFTER

Realistic rendering based on architectural drawings.
Spring 2023. \$300-350k.

We are asking you to consider giving toward the capital improvement plans for our church and to pray that Jesus would use these projects to glorify His Name as more people are welcomed into our fellowship to hear and believe in Him.



Thank you for considering this project!