

WORSHIP CENTER PROJECT

\$1,575,000



BEECH HAVEN
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INTRODUCTION

Dear Church Family,

Our church is living in exciting times. COVID-19 has not stopped the Lord from working and we have reason to be optimistic. As 2020 began, we asked God to enlarge our territory. We never could have imagined that prayer being answered even in a pandemic but that's exactly what happened!

After resuming in-person services, we saw baptisms regularly through the fall. Our online attendance averages over 300 people with in-person attendance also averaging 300 people.

Over 50 years ago, the people of Beech Haven committed to their future by building our worship center. Renovated in 1995, this worship center has facilitated the Great Commission in the hearts of tens of thousands of people.

We have great needs and great opportunities when it comes to our worship center. The needs are aging facilities: worn and tattered carpet, 50 year-old single pane windows, obsolete lighting, and a patchworked sound system. The opportunities are to create up-to-date space, serve additional audiences—particularly by online broadcast, and position Beech Haven to use this space in a variety of ways as we make Great Commissionaries of the Athens region.

The investment for this project is \$1,575,000 and will be worth every penny. Many details are included in this document. Please reach out to any of the involved leadership with your questions.

Your prayers, of course, drive everything. We eagerly ask that you submit this project before the Lord personally and by joining us for our Prayer Gathering Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

Much love,



David Mills
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Operations & Facilities Com. Chairman



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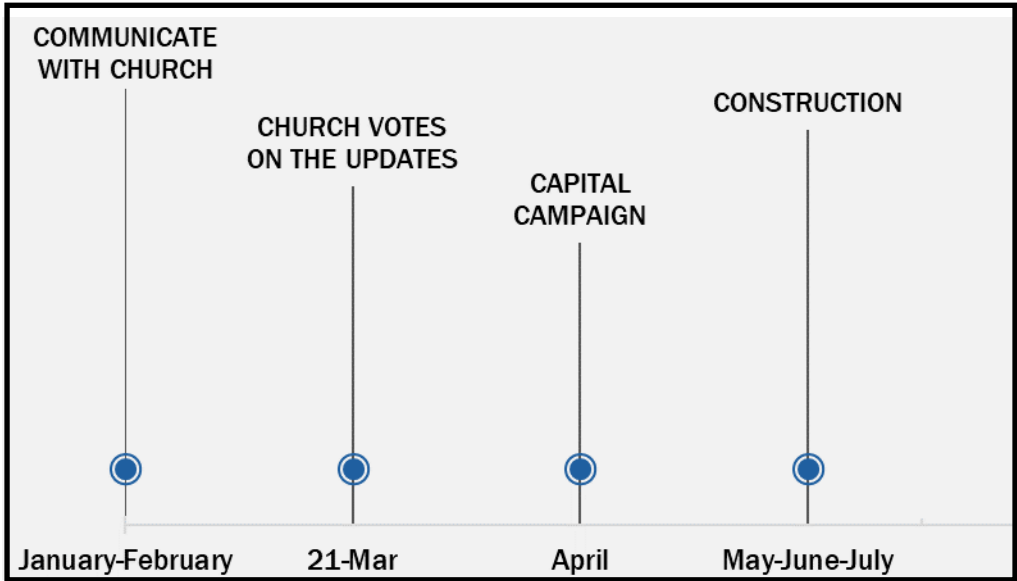
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TIMELINE



Discussion Sessions

Sundays February 14, 21, 28 at 5 pm via Zoom
Wednesday, February 17 at 7:15 pm in the Worship Center

Church Vote

Sunday, March 21

Capital Campaign

March—April	Information Distribution
Sunday, April 25	Ingathering: Financial Commitment Day
	First Fruit Gifts and 24-Month Pledges

Construction

May 17	Construction begins
	Temporary Worship in Bldg. E
July 31	Construction Complete

PROJECT BUDGET

General Contractor Purview	First Priority	Secondary
Flooring		
House Lighting/Technology		
Window Replacement & Treatment		
Painting		
GC Budget	\$ 530,000	
Chairs	\$ 80,000	\$ 10,000
HVAC Control		\$ 3,000
Doors/Security		\$ 30,550
Sound/Broadcast Phase 2	\$ 224,000	\$ 49,425
Parking Lot Improvements		\$ 236,850
Landscaping		\$ 39,000
Office Window Replacement		\$ 40,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000
Promotion	\$ 7,000	
Design Work	\$ 23,500	
Contingency (20%)	\$ 176,900	\$ 84,765
Financing	\$ 10,000	
		Combined
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,071,400	\$ 508,590 \$ 1,579,990



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRINCIPLES

1. This financial campaign consists of information, prayer, ingathering, and a possible loan.
2. The sentiment of Deacons, Operations & Facilities Committee, the Stewardship Committee and the Ministerial Staff is that the church does this project in a quality manner.
3. The church will be trusted with information and this information will serve as a major element of the financial campaign.
4. As part of approving the project on March 21, the church will be asked to pre-authorize the Stewardship Committee to make the appropriate construction and post-construction loan agreements.
5. The Stewardship Committee anticipates the church giving generously to meet the financial needs of the project (\$1,575,000). This project will be funded by gifts and pledges over 24 months and supplemented, if needed, by available reserves, a short-term loan, or other means to meet the project minimum (\$1,100,000).
6. The project will be prioritized according to the following plan:
 - Interior Updates: AVLB, Lighting, Seating, Flooring, Windows, Painting, Security
 - Exterior Updates: Parking Lot Improvements, Office Windows, Landscaping

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUED...

Preparation & Information — February, March

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Prayer Focus

Corporate Prayer — During the Wednesday Prayer Gathering (in-person and online)

Prayer through our Small Groups Ministry — February, March, April

Personal Prayer — Prompted through our Prayer Ministry through April

Church Vote to Approve the Project — March 21

Ingathering — April 25

On this date, the church will be asked to make gifts for this project and to indicate their financial commitment over the next 24 months.

Pledge Fulfillment

Gifts from pledges come-in over the 24-month campaign which will run from May 2021 to May 2023.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

If you have additional questions beyond what's listed in these FAQs, please reach out to any of the people listed here or on the Leadership page (4).

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Windows, Windows, Windows....

The Operations and Physical Facilities (OPF) Committee spent extensive time discussing the windows. The final decision was made to remove the four windows in the front of the worship center either side of the platform and make a smooth wall. (These windows have been boarded up for 20 years.)

The remaining windows will feature a **dual shade system** that will allow for three settings:

- Fully-open
- Translucent Mesh
- Sunblock

Fully-open is just what it means—no shades whatsoever. The Translucent Mesh is a screen similar to what's used in restaurants that allows light to come in but eliminates glare. Sunblock will prevent light from entering.

Will the Worship Center Look Exactly Like the Picture?

No. The picture on the front of this document is a *rendering*—which means it is intending to convey general concepts and not every last detail. The final product will look close to what is pictured but not exactly. For example, the rendering does not include a representation of the dual shade system. Another example, paint colors may be a shade or two lighter or darker.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

How will the Paint, Carpet, and Fabric Colors be Chosen?

The OPF Committee has employed an interior designer with church experience. Paint colors will be chosen after the new windows, shade system, and lighting have been installed as they may dramatically impact appearances.

Why Chairs for Seating?

Chairs were chosen for a couple of reasons. Chairs are current. Most churches today use chairs.

Flexibility: chairs allow for different layouts—a bride may choose to have a center aisle; an event for a smaller audience may choose to pull some chairs to allow for gathering space or wider aisles.

What are we doing with the pews?

A church in Gainesville has expressed interest in the pews.

What is the New Seating Capacity?

There are really two questions here: *actual capacity* and *effective capacity*. According to code, the room will allow for 549 chairs (which includes 499 on the floor and balcony and 50 in the choir loft). For evangelistic purposes, we intend to increase row depth to eliminate barriers for people to respond to the invitation which will allow for 477 chairs (which includes 427 on the floor and balcony and 50 in the choir loft).

Actual capacity counts the number of seats. *Effective capacity* accounts for inefficiency lost to human behavior and seating unit group size. What does this mean? A side section of six seats may be occupied by a family of six. That same side section is also likely to be considered ‘full’ or ‘taken’ by a family of four or five—creating an inefficiency of one-to-two chairs. Preferences for personal space also reduce the ability to maximize seating. Pre-pandemic, 70% was considered ‘comfort capacity,’ that is, after occupying 70% of the chairs people become uncomfortable because their personal space is being encroached upon or a seating unit has to break up in order to find seating.

We don’t know to what extent the pandemic will increase the desire for personal space but we’re confident it will not decrease. So, a good estimate is that *effective seating capacity for a service designed with evangelism in mind is 350*.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

AVLB is Expensive. What Does that Include?

AVLB stands for Audio, Visual, Lighting, and Broadcast and the work called for here is primarily infrastructure. Infrastructure tends to be unseen (in the flooring, attic, or walls) and is inherently expensive. Specific items include projection systems, new audio wiring, microphone systems, feedback equipment, computers, equipment upgrades and uniformity. We currently have a variety of old systems (in automotive terms, we have accumulated over the years parts from Ford, Chevy, and Honda and have patchwork of adapters to make them all work). These systems vary in terms of age and compatibility.

Didn't we just spend money on lighting and sound in 2020? Yes, platform lighting and speakers were added and these areas are still good. However, those upgrades were only a portion of the necessary upgrades and it was the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee at the time to phase this effort. What's proposed above will complete the improvements.

Who is the General Contractor? Did We Solicit Bids?

Garland Contractors will do the work. We received bids from two other contractors and Garland was chosen based on price and our experience with them (Bldg. E & D in 2000; ACT22 Project and Bldg. B Truss Replacement in 2015).

Where Will We Worship During Construction? What about VBS?

We will worship in the gym (Bldg. E) beginning May 24 through the end of the project. VBS is scheduled for June 14-20 and will happen on our campus. The ACT22 Project also impacted VBS but was successfully managed.

How Did the Work of the Great Commission Facilities Committee Influence this Project?

The Great Commission Facilities Committee (GCFC) halted its work in light of the pandemic before a final recommendation could be brought to the church. The GCFC recommended that deferred maintenance issues be addressed by the OPF and Stewardship Committees—and this Worship Center Project is the result of their recommendations.

The OPF Committee kept the larger GCFC idea in mind when making decisions with an eye towards reducing inefficiency as much as possible. For example, AVLB decisions were made to allow function within alternate uses of the room in the future.

What happens if the church over gives/over pledges the project?

The church is growing, even in a pandemic. Contributions in excess of the project needs will be escrowed and used for similar capital campaigns in the future subject to church approval.

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