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field, God's building."
1 Cor. 3:9

We Exist

to make a kingdom impact for Jesus Christ in the world through the power of the Gospel, for the glory of God. We believe God has been using our church to faithfully and effectively serve Oconee County and surrounding communities to advance the good news of Jesus Christ.

TO THIS POINT, CONSIDER THAT WE ARE...

Worshiping with 300 people over two services every week. Preaching the life-changing power of the Gospel to proclaim truth, awaken hearts, and empower obedience to God.

Raising and training up a new generation of believers and disciples. Teaching over 75 kids a week through Childrens' Church, Sunday Schools, and Youth groups along with church supported ministries like Mothers Morning Out.

Committed to evangelism through consistently preaching grace through faith, welcoming visitors, holding Christianity Explored, and conducting individual evangelism training classes.

Making disciples through one-on-one discipling relationships, several discipleship small groups, and Gospel Community Groups.

Impacting the nations with financial resources for full-time missionaries and missions' partners and by sending short term mission teams around the world.

Reaching out to our local community through outreach programs like Fall Festival, Vacation Bible School, and Easter events along with key ministry programs routinely using our facility. In particular, English as a Second Language is making a profound impact.

Working with ministry partners like Area Churches Together Serving, Chosen for Life, Athens Pregnancy Center, Downtown Academy, Mercy Health Center, Missionary Care Ministry, and others to work for the good of our city for the glory of God.

Equipping the saints for ministry through various avenues like Adult Sunday Schools, weekly Bible studies, and a library and congregation-wide book studies to name a few.

We believe God is using His church, Faith PCA, to make a kingdom impact on the world for His glory. In response to the way God has blessed our church, we want to be obedient partners in ministry.

Faith Presbyterian Church is literally a "city on a hill." Our hill has the space and capacity for these ministries and God's people here have the heart to minister. **How can we best utilize the property and space we have to give resources and room to support what God is already doing? How can we position ourselves to be ready for what God has in store for us in the future?**

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We Desire

to invest in the existing ministries at Faith so they continue to grow and flourish. The Lord is doing great work at Faith, and we want to partner with him by adding the resources that will allow us to...

- 1** Build >4,500 sq. ft of suitable classrooms, restrooms, and storage space. This addition will be routinely used for adult Sunday School, weekly bible studies, Gospel Community Groups, ESL, and various other ministries throughout the week. This space will allow us to equip the ministries already thriving at Faith and build in flexibility for what God may have in store for us in the future.
- 2** Gather for Christian fellowship and hospitality with one another in community by offering a >2,300 sq. ft multi-purpose fellowship hall with a capacity of over 330 people. This space allows for the members of Faith to host gatherings for special occasions like ministry banquets, mission's ministry kickoff events, graduations, weddings, and funerals to name a few.
- 3** Move the library out of the children's wing and repurpose classroom 3 for regular use in our children and student ministry. We've seen our children's ministry grow to a point that we need to expand the number of classrooms available for weekly Sunday services and dedicate the entirety of the children's wing for this purpose. Additionally, this move will allow a secure entrance and exit to the children's wing for drop off and pick up of our little ones. Security concerns are a top priority for new guests looking for a church home and monitoring of kids and adults through the double doors of the foyer is important for providing security needs.
- 4** Gather for worship as the body of Christ continues to grow. An expanded sanctuary with ~100 additional seats can grow the attendance capacity of weekly worship services and increase our ability to welcome new guests in a growing community. Faith Presbyterian places a priority on exegetical preaching of the gospel and is committed to our corporate worship experience.
- 5** Provide centralized office space for existing and future staff needs. As our church body grows we need to be prepared for our staff to grow along with it. Moving adult classroom space to the new building allows our staff adequate space to work together while making additional office space available for the pastoral and administrative needs of the congregation now and in the future.

We pray this process will individually and corporately build the faith of our church as we trust Him to provide for our needs through the generosity of His people. We pray that this expansion of our facilities will provide the best space for us to worship and serve in ministry together and will inspire the hearts of our congregation to ask, **"How can I better serve this Church, this community, the world?"**

To answer these questions,

Faith Presbyterian Church has embarked on a journey to improve our existing facilities and to expand our facilities to better serve the ministries we provide.

THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE JOURNEY HAS FOUR KEY PHASES

Phase 1 – Elevate (Completed)

Phase 1 of our journey was to provide a new narthex entry, sanctuary upgrades, and relocation of offices, and classrooms. This phase provides a modern look and feel to the existing facilities that our members can be proud of and will be welcoming to visitors. The improved sound, lighting, and layout of the sanctuary provides the best possible worship experience on Sunday morning. This phase of the project was focused on putting our best self forward as we Welcome visitors and Worship with our whole hearts.

Phase 2 – Expand

Phase 2 of our journey is to provide a new >8,200 sq. ft. building that aims to increase fellowship and classroom space as well as housing additional restrooms and a food service area. This new building will offer more space to teach members of Christ's body in their walk with the Lord, capacity for ministry programs, and a banquet hall that provides a true space for corporate fellowship within our church and the surrounding community. The outreach, discipleship, and fellowship opportunities will allow us centralized spaces for Welcoming people and new opportunities, as well as expanding capacity to teach God's word, and to Witness to unbelievers by opening our space to community outreach programs and community events.

Phase 3 – Encounter

Phase 3 of our journey is to expand the sanctuary capacity through incorporating the present-day kitchen and rooms along the east end of the current building. Additional space in our sanctuary will allow more people to encounter the Spirit of God, to experience the life changing impact of the Gospel, and to hear the truth of scripture. This phase of the project is all about maximizing our seating and space to Worship.

Phase 4 – Extend

Phase 4 of our journey is to strategically plant a daughter church outside of the Oconee County area. The ultimate goal of the Christian disciple is to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. At Faith PCA, we strive to see the good news preached in new places all over the world. With the completion of Phase 3, we will have exhausted our capacity of the existing 8 acres we own and will move to a model of extending our reach through the planting of new churches.