

## **Grand Opening of Our New Location: Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>!**

After years after of praying, planning, serving, giving, and waiting, we are ready to announce the Grand Opening of our new location! I hope that you will see this new building – and our future buildings – as testimonies of God’s faithfulness. I truly believe the foundation of this building is prayer. I praise God for how faithful our church has been throughout this process, and I know we will continue to trust and obey God as we move forward with the remaining projects. Thank you, church, for faithfully praying, sacrificially giving, and patiently enduring. I also want to thank the Relocation Committee for the countless hours they worked on this project and for their continued work as we finish out Phase One: David Baker (co-chair), Brandon Musser (co-chair), Robert Haydon, Heather Kirby, Arlen Thielemann, Bill Betts, and Carolyn Matejowsky. As we prepare for our opening Sunday, here is some initial information (more information will be coming).

- Pastor Ross

**When is our first Sunday?** Our first Sunday will be **Sunday, October, 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Will everyone be meeting at the new site on Sunday morning?** Yes! Our Sunday School classes and our Traditional and Contemporary services will meet at the new location on Sunday mornings. We will finalize this schedule in the next few weeks.

**What Items Remain to Be Constructed?** There are a few items that still need to be constructed but will not impede us from moving if they are not completed by the opening of the services:

- The Cross above our main entrance: this will be visual from the road way, will be illuminated at night, and also will be visible from inside the Commons.
- Entrance Sign
- Playground
- Internet and Wifi cabling
- Youth Building (As noted in our last update, we are providing a temporary, portable building for our youth Sunday School until the Youth Building is built. Phase One will not be deemed “complete” until the Youth Building is built.)

**What items remain un-funded in our Phase One budget?** As a reminder, we are building Phase One without debt, and therefore, projects are not begun until there is adequate amount of funding to begin. There are few items that we are still waiting for proper funding before we start. Some of these items will be funded as we find cost savings in our current budget and some through the Lord’s provision of people giving and, perhaps, the selling of downtown assets. If you are interested

in more details about these unfunded items (e.g. the budget for the Youth Building is still being kept at \$750,000), please reach out to Pastor Ross. For example, here are some items we are praying for funding to become available, however God provides (i.e. through cost savings and/or funding coming in):

- The playground
- Internet and Wi-Fi cabling
- Potential unexpected and/or miscellaneous item(s)
- Youth Building

**Will the church offices move at the same time we start having Sunday services?** No. We are going to wait a little while before we move the offices. This will help this season be less stressful and provide some cost savings. We will have a sign at the new building during the week directing people to our downtown building/office.

**Will we do anything to mark this transition?** Yes. On Sunday evening, September 26 at 5:30 pm in our current Sanctuary, we will have a special evening of “Remembrance and Celebration.” This will be a time for us to come together and remember all that has taken place in these buildings and give thanks to God. I pray this will be a meaningful time as we prepare to celebrate this move.

**Will there be activities at the new building during the week?** Yes. We will move our Mother’s Day Out to the new site at some point, Bible studies and ministries can take place during the day, and most of our Wednesday night activities will be there (our youth will still probably use our current youth building on Wednesday nights until the new Youth Building is built).

**What do we need to do to prepare?**

- Please be in prayer for the committee and staff as we juggle logistics and make decisions.
- Please be in prayer for how God will use this new building as a ministry tool for His glory.
- Please be prepared to be flexible and have a positive attitude. We are working hard at planning, but there will be surprises and changes.
- Please give financially as the Lord leads you.

**Questions?** If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Ross, committee members, or church staff. We welcome your questions.