



THE NEXT CHAPTER





**Lord, I have heard
of your fame; I stand
in awe of your deeds,
Lord. Repeat them
in our day, in our time
make them known.**

HABAKKUK 3:22

A MESSAGE FROM WES



Church Story Family,

I don't know if you can feel it, but we are moving into The Next Chapter for Church Story. Over the last few years, it has been a story about the start of friendships, the rekindling of old faith, the awakening of purpose in the mission, and making an immediate difference in the community around us. It started in late 2022 with 30 people praying together in a living room, and weekly gatherings began the following January at The Heritage in Towne Lake. After outgrowing that space in a few weeks, it was announced that we would begin gathering at Good Shepherd Methodist Church. Then, in August of 2023, there was the transition to morning gatherings at Grand Lakes Junior High and the immediate growth that followed, especially among young families.

After raising \$1.3 million dollars in December of 2024, we closed on a 10-acre property near Juergen Road and Cypress Heights Drive. The reality of taking such a significant step of faith for a new church felt impossible. But the opportunity for impact alongside the three Tomball ISD campuses adjacent to the property for decades to come has shaped God-sized dreams for these days.

Over the last several months, several have been working diligently behind the scenes, and I am now able to fully update you on our plans moving forward and ask for your prayers and faith-filled partnership to help enact them. In the pages that follow, you'll get to see some of the detailed plans that are in motion to construct a permanent church home, the potential impact in the years ahead, and the fundraising goals to pull it off.

I wrote a quote on a dry-erase board in my office in 2022 that states, "I don't know what's next, I'm just trying to do what God told me today." It continues to be a reminder that we can trust the next chapter because we know the author who writes the story. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give [us] a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ" (Romans 15:5) and as we do our part in the mission He has placed in front of us.

Wes Jackson
Lead Pastor

A GREATER STORY IS BEING WRITTEN

NEW MEMBERS

100	141	74	79
2022	2023	2024	2025

351 TOTAL

ACTIVE MEMBERS

280 PEOPLE SERVED FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

↓ **IMPACTING**

5,466+ LIVES



339 PEOPLE SERVE ON A STORY TEAM

PEOPLE THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MENTOR GROUPS

117 

SINCE 2024

NEW FAMILIES ATTENDED FOR THE FIRST TIME

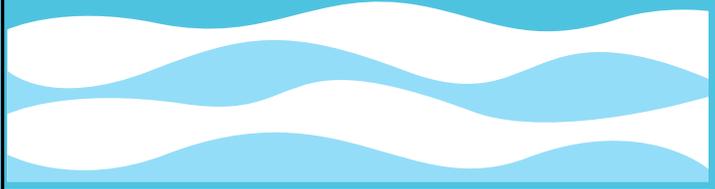


2024	304
2025	257

BAPTISMS **1** TOTAL

SINCE CHURCH BEGAN

2023	26	3 TOTAL
2024	49	
2025	57	



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE TRENDS

2024 → **↑ 67%**

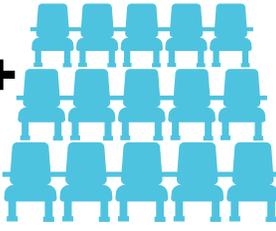
2025 → **↑ 42%**

29 PARTICIPANTS IN SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

55	WNTR WKND
39	SUMMER CAMP
19	BAPTIZED

AN EVEN GREATER STORY WILL BE WRITTEN

650+ 
SEATS IN WORSHIP ROOM

12,000 SQ FT



FOR USE BY COMMUNITY

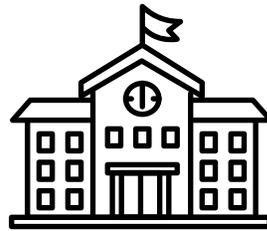


KIDS SPACE
TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO

33%

OF OVERALL ATTENDANCE

TWO ENVIRONMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



PROXIMITY TO SCHOOL CAMPUSES

EVERY STUDENT & STAFF = A FAMILY

4,950 + **375**
STUDENTS **STAFF**

MULTI-USE FUNCTION OF MAIN ROOM ALLOWS

YOUTH TO GATHER WEEKLY

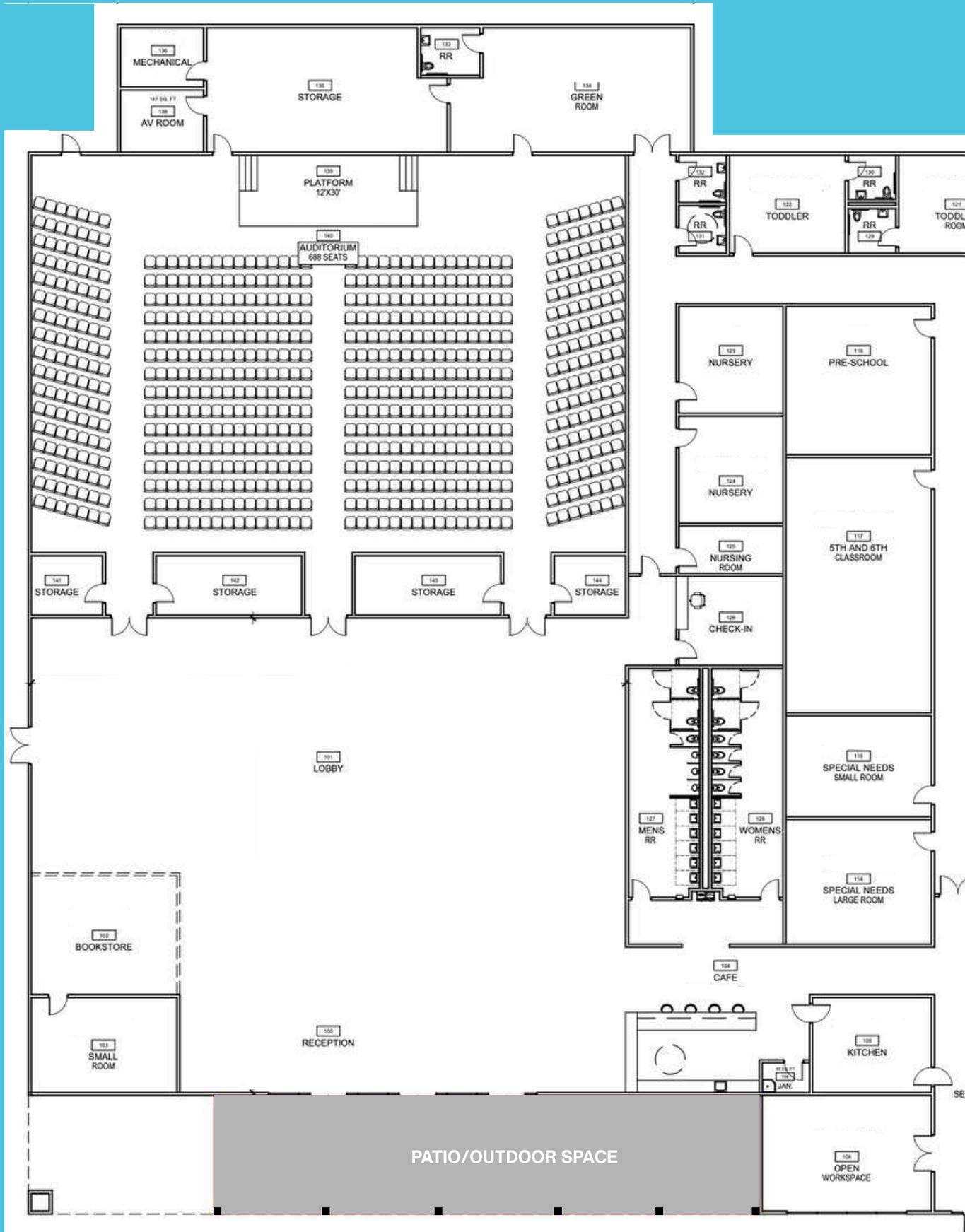


ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE

FOR CHURCH STAFF

2 ACRES AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





Tomball West Intermediate School



Tomball West Elementary School



**These are not final renderings and some items may change.*

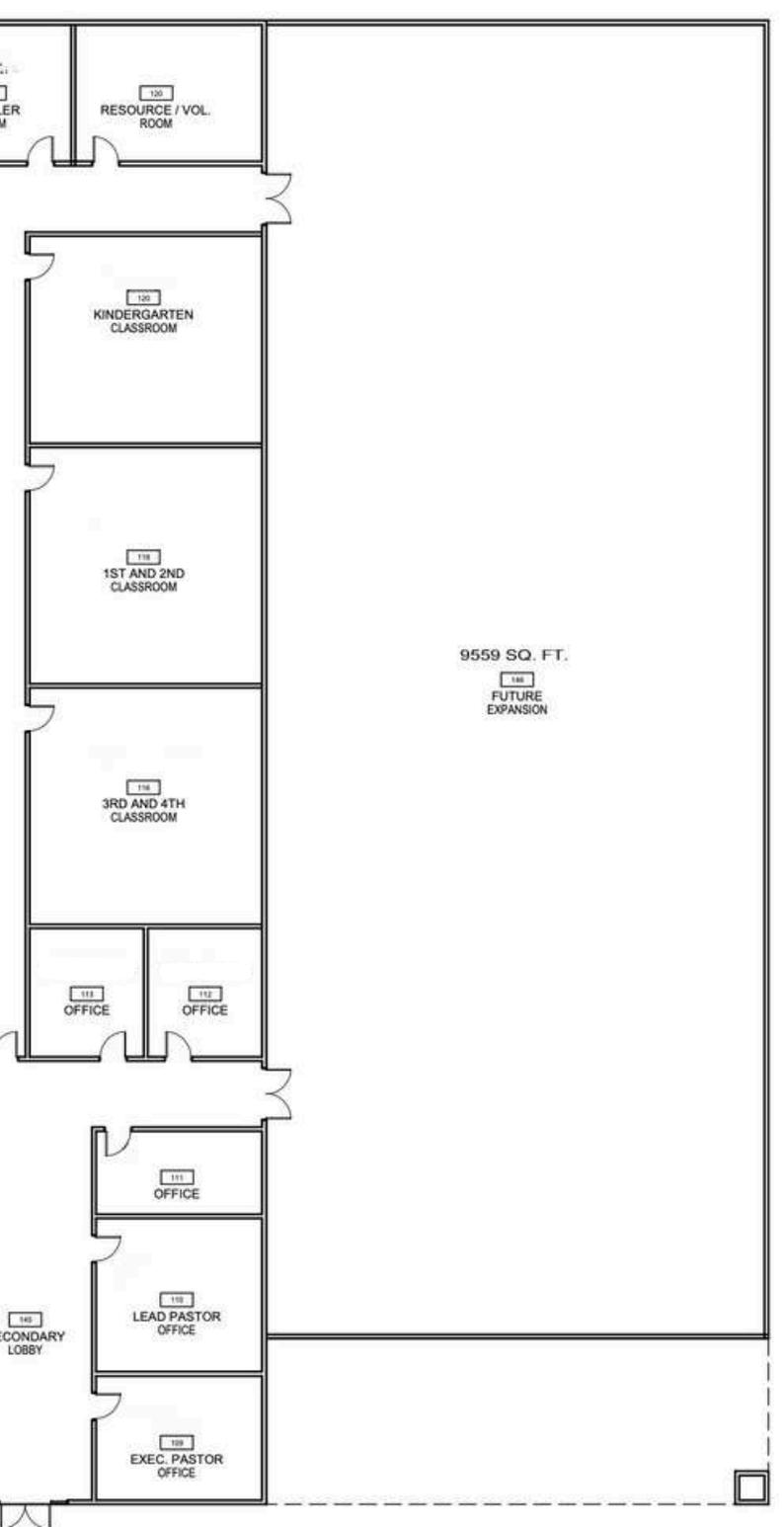
FLOORPLAN



Tomball West
High School



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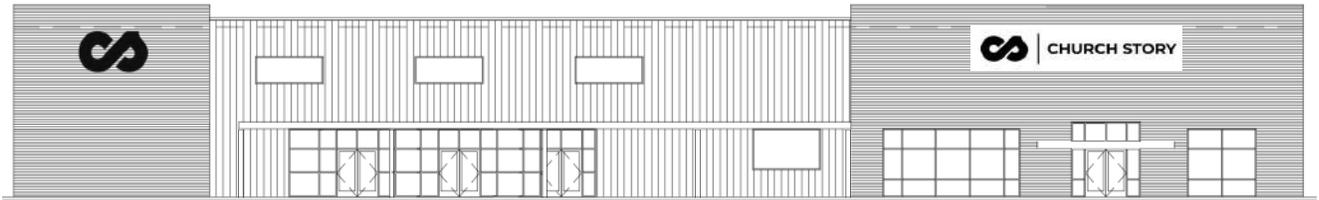


Initial construction will total 33,546 square feet, with an additional 9,500+ square feet for future expansion.

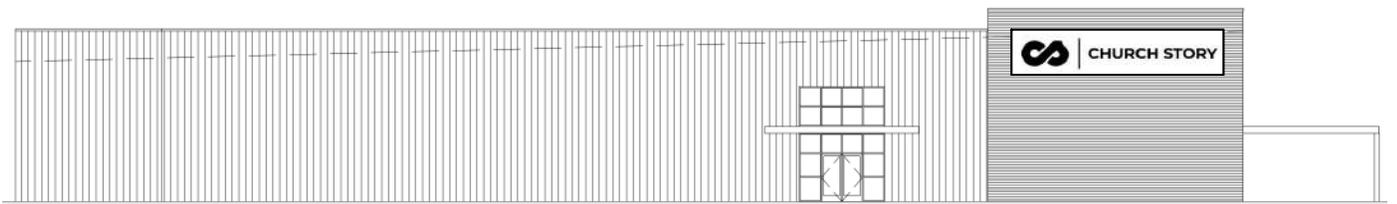


ELEVATIONS

FRONT



SIDE



STRATEGIC DESIGN DETAILS:

- Multi-use Main Room with removable seating for 650+ to accommodate potential table seating for special events or smaller ministry gatherings
- Flexible spaces to host community events
- Coffee Bar with a café seating area that can be used throughout the week
- Total campus capacity of 920 people per gathering
- Large lobby space adequate for community building and connection throughout the week
- Two ministry spaces for individuals with special needs
- Nursing Mothers Room in close proximity to the Main Room
- 9,000+ square feet of outdoor green space
- Future expansion to 800+ seats and 9,500+ square feet of additional space for Next Gen Ministry and spiritual formation
- Large patio space near main entrance for community building

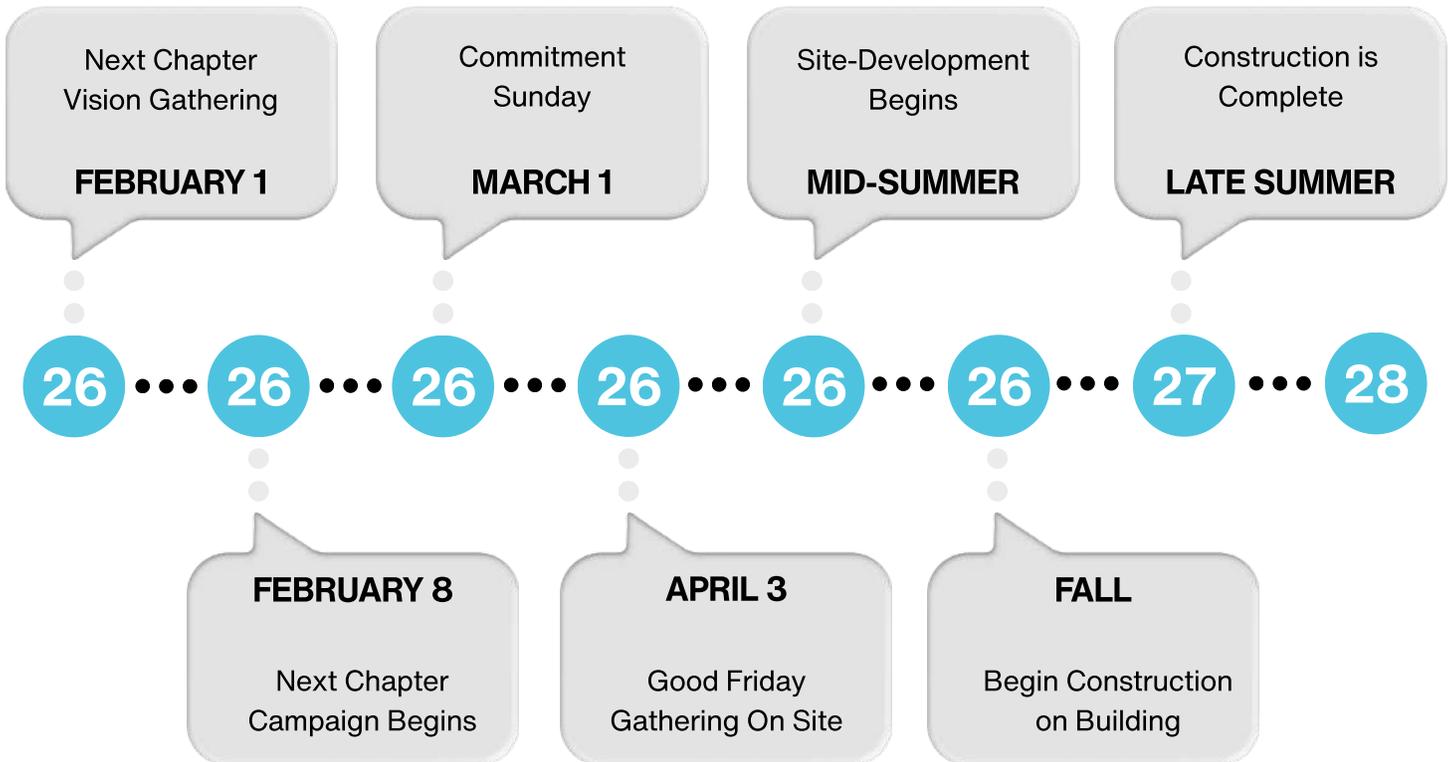


**“For I know the
plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.”**

JEREMIAH 29:11



TIMELINE



THIS IS AN EARLY PROJECTION THAT WILL LIKELY BE UPDATED



PROJECTED COST

Land (10 acres): \$3.4m

Construction: \$7.1m

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10.5M

Amount Paid Toward Land (2025): \$1.3m

Maximum Amount to be Financed (2029): \$2.2m

MINIMUM AMOUNT NEEDED TO RAISE: \$7M

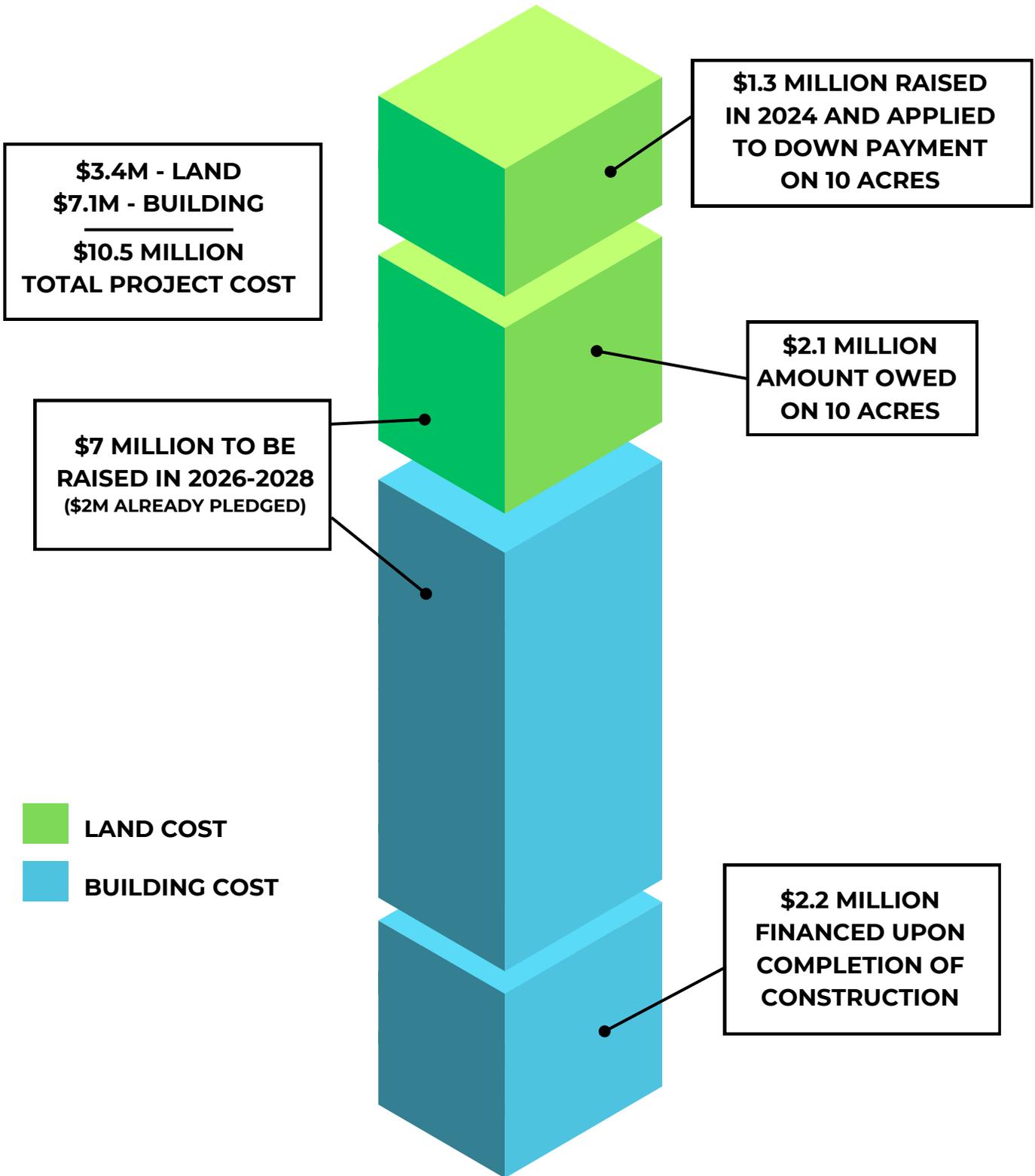
Raising \$7m over the next three years will help pay off the remaining \$2.1m on the land note and cover \$5m in construction costs of the building. It is a significant step toward our future together, and we believe God has positioned us as a church to reach this goal.

Following the three-year fundraising campaign, we will finance the remaining \$2.2m. Payments on this loan would represent about \$165,000 in our current annual operating budget (12.5%). Every dollar given beyond the \$7m goal will help eliminate debt and free up more resources for ministry impact.

We believe God is able to do more than we can ask or imagine, and we want to work together toward being debt-free as soon as possible, allowing us to dream and pray further into our future.

The following pages help clarify this strategy and show a pathway to reach the \$7m goal.

REACHING OUR GOAL TOGETHER



NOT EQUAL GIFTS BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE

3-YEAR GIVING PROFILE - \$7,000,000

NO. GIFTS	GIFT AMOUNT	TOTAL AT LEVEL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000
2	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000
3	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$4,750,000
5	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$5,250,000

12 Potential Commitments = \$5,250,000 or 75.0% of Goal

NO. GIFTS	GIFT AMOUNT	TOTAL AT LEVEL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
5	\$75,000	\$375,000	\$5,625,000
6	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$5,925,000
7	\$30,000	\$210,000	\$6,135,000
7	\$25,000	\$175,000	\$6,310,000
10	\$18,000	\$180,000	\$6,490,000

35 Potential Commitments = \$1,240,000 or 17.7% of Goal

47 Potential Total Commitments = \$6,490,000 or 92.7% of Goal

NO. GIFTS	GIFT AMOUNT	MONTHLY	TOTAL AT LEVEL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
1	\$14,400	\$400	\$144,000	\$6,634,000
1	\$10,800	\$300	\$140,400	\$6,774,400
2	\$7,200	\$200	\$108,000	\$6,882,400
3	\$3,600	\$100	\$64,800	\$6,947,200
5	\$1,800	\$50	\$36,000	\$6,983,200
MANY	UNDER \$1,800		\$16,800	\$7,000,000

76 potential Commitments = \$510,000 or 7.3% of Goal

150+ Potential Total Commitments = \$7,000,000 or 100% of Goal

CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR GIVING

There is a role in this campaign for every person who calls Church Story their home church. Every single contribution enables our success.

You will not be pressured or told what you should give, but rather encouraged to pray to discern God's will for your giving.

We won't give equal amounts, but we are equally invited into prayerful and sacrificial generosity, whatever that means for each of us.

1. SMALL GIFTS ADD UP

By giving smaller amounts at higher frequencies—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—large gifts can be reached in smaller steps. Setting up recurring giving can make small gifts part of your regular routine, while helping leadership plan responsibly.

2. REVISIT YOUR BUDGET

Intentional lifestyle adjustments can free up resources to give and may help achieve other goals. Examples include canceling streaming subscriptions, limiting meals or coffee out, and generally assessing wants and needs.

More substantial gifts may come from bigger family sacrifices, such as:

- Postponing major expenditures such as cars, home projects, or trips.
- Carving out a portion of commission income, bonuses, or raises.
- Redirecting other income from interest, dividends, and rental properties.

3. INCLUDE YOUR KIDS AND YOUTH

Adults are not the only ones who are interested in or who will benefit from this project. This is a great opportunity to teach our kids about honoring the Lord through a habit of sacrificial generosity. Whether it comes in the form of a special *Next Chapter* Piggy Bank, a Lemonade stand in the cul-de-sac, or just participating in a family meeting about giving, we encourage you to engage your kids in this campaign. We would love for our kids and youth to feel they have a meaningful role in fulfilling our mission together.

4. CONSIDER SPECIAL TAX-FREE IRA GIFTS

- **Using a Traditional IRA:** If you are 70 1/2 years old or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to Church Story or other charitable organizations without incurring a penalty or tax liability. If you are 72 years old or older you can also use this contribution from your IRA to assist in meeting your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and this may lower your overall tax liability. Remember that for preferable tax treatment, a gift from a traditional IRA must pass directly to the charitable organization and not pass through an intermediate account.
- **Using Roth IRA:** If you are 59.5 years old or older, you can make a tax-free withdrawal in any amount from your Roth IRA and donate to Church Story if held for at least five years. Regardless of your age, you can withdraw your annual IRA contribution amount and donate to Church Story without incurring a penalty or tax liability.

5. CORPORATE GIFTS

Those who have used their business as a source for giving have made significant donations.

6. FREEDOM FROM DEBT

Looking to the next three years, you may discover that debt obligations will be fulfilled, thus freeing up revenue for additional giving.

7. MAKE GIVING A HABIT

For those who have never made giving to the Lord through the church a habit, use this opportunity to get started! The idea of tithing may feel like an unattainable goal, so start small. Commit to giving a smaller percentage of your income, and increase it gradually on a monthly or annual basis. This will help ease you into the habit. As the church is taking on this big financial commitment, we will need the renewed strength that comes from first-time givers securing our normal operating income.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Any discussion of tax treatment is not intended and should not be considered as tax advice. Consult your personal tax professional for advice on your tax position.
- Contact Church Story's Executive Pastor, Birdie Netz, at birdie@churchstory.org or 405-765-7555 for questions about creative giving strategies, including transfer instructions.

GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH

WHAT ARE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

Transferring ownership of an asset, rather than selling the asset and giving the cash, is one form of non-cash gift. Such assets include stocks, bonds, annuities, property, and others.

WHAT ASSETS COULD I GIVE?

Appreciated investment property held more than one year such as publicly traded stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds, real estate, collectibles and other such readily marketable property.

WHY GIVE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

Giving stocks, mutual fund shares or bonds to the church, then letting the church sell them, eliminate potential capital gains taxes and can increase the after-tax proceeds resulting in a larger gift to the church.

HOW DOES THE TAX BENEFIT WORK?

- **Itemized Deduction:** The individual or business is allowed to include 100% of the market value of most such assets as charitable contributions for tax purposes if held more than one year.
- **Capital Gains:** The transfer of property does not generate a capital gains tax.
- The church, as a tax-exempt entity, will realize the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains taxes.

What if I sell first then give the cash?

You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after tax proceeds from the sale.

Example: Assume you sell \$20,000 worth of stock that you've held for more than a year in order to donate the proceeds to The Next Chapter Campaign. After paying any capital gains taxes, you'd be left with less than \$20,000 to give to the campaign. But if you donate that same \$20,000 of appreciated stock directly to Church Story through an electronic transfer:

- Church Story will process the gift and provide a tax receipt for full \$20,000 donation value.
- You can deduct the full \$20,000 value of your donation on your tax return.

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

You are invited to join the next phase of the adventure of following Jesus as the people of Church Story by partnering your faith and finances in *The Next Chapter*. We are kicking off a three-year effort to fund the project and meet our goal.

To do this, your help is needed. This simply will not happen without everyone playing their part.

Like the Israelites gathering resources for the sacred space, this will similarly take sacrificial generosity and faith from all of us. Not everyone will be able to give equal amounts, but everyone is invited to prayerfully and creatively participate in the effort.

THREE REQUESTS OF YOU:

1) Will you prayerfully seek the Lord and ask what amount your family could sacrificially give toward this project (beyond your regular giving) over three years (2026, 2027, 2028)?

2) Will you plan to make your three-year pledge on (or before) a special commitment Sunday on March 1?

3) Will you consider front-loading your pledge as best as you are able?

As you seek the Lord about this decision, you may desire further dialogue with Wes (or other leaders). More conversation is welcome.

May God give us the vision and courage together to sacrificially give toward this opportunity to make a difference in Northwest Houston and beyond.

Thank you in advance for your partnership!

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**For we cannot stop
speaking about
what we have
seen and heard.**

ACTS 4:20

**“I DON’T KNOW
WHAT’S NEXT, I’M
JUST TRYING TO
DO WHAT GOD
TOLD ME TODAY.”**

- SEAN MORGAN

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HIS
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE CURRENT ATTENDANCE STATISTICS AND WHAT ARE GROWTH TRAJECTORIES OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS?

The attendance trends over the past three years are as follows: 2023 - 265, 2024 - 431 (+63%), 2025 - 616 (+43%). With a conservative growth projection of 20% in 2026 and the first half of 2027, average attendance will be 740 and 887, respectively. Research shows that a move into a permanent building often results in a 30-40% increase in the first year. If true, 2028 average attendance could equal 1,242.

HOW MUCH IS THE CURRENT DEBT, AND WHAT ARE ITS TERMS?

The remaining balance on the land is \$2,078,617 and is owner-financed with a 30-year amortization at 6% interest, with a balloon payment due in month 36. The plan is to pay off this note as soon as enough money is raised in early 2026.

HOW MUCH NEW DEBT WILL WE INCUR IF WE CARRY OUT THE CURRENT PLANS AND RAISE \$7M?

The goal is to finance \$2.2m or less at the end of the three-year campaign, which would equal less than 13% of the current annual operating budget. The estimated monthly payment would be \$13,750.

WHAT IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO RAISE THE FULL \$7M?

We will continue to work to accommodate projected growth at Grand Lakes Junior High and equip people to know God, grow with others, and go make a difference. As we grow, we will continue to pray and discern on the proper time and financial capacity for the construction of a permanent home. With that, it is anticipated that growth will stall significantly due to the limitations of the school campus, especially for Youth and Kids Ministries.

WHAT IF WE RAISE MORE THAN OUR GOAL?

All glory to God! Every dollar above the \$7m goal will reduce the amount that needs to be financed after the project is complete. The stretch goal in this endeavor is \$9.2m over the next three years.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (cont.)

WILL WE WAIT UNTIL ALL THE MONEY IS RAISED BEFORE PROJECTS ARE STARTED?

No, a construction loan will allow construction to begin as pledges are received, with the total amount equal to the campaign goal.

WHEN DO WE EXPECT TO BREAK GROUND AND WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO THE NEW BUILDING?

If campaign projections meet the goal, site development will begin this summer, with completion by late summer/early fall of 2027.

HOW WILL THIS CAMPAIGN IMPACT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET?

A capital campaign is giving above and beyond the tithes to the operating budget. In the short term, the operating budget will not be negatively affected by this campaign. In the long run, it will see increases as people experience the blessing of increased generosity.

HOW BIG WILL THE NEW FACILITY BE AND WILL IT BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT EXPANSION IS POSSIBLE AS GROWTH CONTINUES?

The first phase of the building will be 33,546 square feet with a capacity for 900+, and expansion could quickly add an additional 9,500 square feet when necessary.

WHEN SHOULD WE BEGIN GIVING TO THE CAMPAIGN?

While some contributions have already started to come in, most will begin following Commitment Sunday on March 1, 2026.

CAN I GIVE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

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