

# FAQ

## **1. Why are we doing a generosity campaign?**

Our mission is unfinished, and the largest population of people who need to say yes to Jesus in our community need to be our priority. This is why we are finishing the lower level of our worship center to have a high-quality, fun, and impactful area to bring children to Jesus. Why this generosity campaign? Simply put, the construction of this finishing work is going to cost money. Our offerings currently cover our ministries, missions, payroll, property loan, etc. However, current giving would not cover those things and the cost of this new campus.

This campaign allows our church family the opportunity to commit to this project and its associated costs by making a financial commitment over a three-year period. A generosity campaign helps us to be financially wise and good stewards. It allows our leadership and our lender to see the level of financial commitment of our church family to this project before moving forward to the construction phase.

## **2. Do we have a goal?**

Yes! Our goal is \$1.5 million over the next three years. How did we come up with this goal? Three independent organizations that specialize in church giving analyzed FCC's giving for the past five years. Given the information and analysis received from these partners, our leadership has set our goal at \$1,500,000.

## **3. How much will the construction of our facility expansion cost?**

Our strategy is not to exceed \$1.5 million dollars for the finished lower level, repurpose and renovate current facilities, and new mission partners.

## **4. If our goal is \$1.5 million and we fall short of that goal, where is the rest of the money going to come from?**

The remainder of the balance would be financed with strategic ministry partners. Our leadership team and financial lender feel that a temporary loan payment on the projected remaining amount would be acceptable given our current giving trends and recent financial analysis.

## **5. How long will our campaign last?**

There are two parts to this campaign. The first will take place this fall in October and early November. This is where we will be kicking off the campaign by sharing the vision of this project and asking our church family to make a financial commitment (over and above current giving). For some, this might be a one-time gift. For others, this will be a commitment that will be fulfilled over a three-year period.

The second part of the campaign will play out over the next three years. From time to time, we will gently remind our people of commitments that have been made. Also, we will invite new people at Fork Christian Church to join us in this campaign by making a commitment as well.

## **6. What is our timeline?**

Much of the timeline depends on finances, Baltimore County, and our ability to obtain adequate funding. We aim to begin the capital campaign in the fall of 2024 and immediately begin the early stages of construction. We are already working with a local architect and contractors on the design. We hope to have everything in place and ready to go in late 2024. From there, we anticipate a one-year construction period.

## **7. What will be accomplished in this project?**

This project will include the design, development, and construction of the lower level of our worship center, facilities upgrades, staff growth, and missions partnerships. It will include the repurposing of the buildings on the property. This would also consist of the designing and constructing of things like the current Family Life Center, audiovisual and lighting in our worship center, our student ministry area, and worship center improvements, including carpet, HVAC, paint, signage, and landscaping.

## **8. How can I help?**

First, you can begin by praying for this project. You can pray that God's will would be done. Fork Christian Church has never been about a building or a piece of property. It has been about loving the people in this community and making the name of Jesus known in doing so. Our prayer has been and will always be that we do not become distracted by things like construction projects. We know this is

a season at FCC that involves designing and building, but it is not to become our focus. This all impacts our mission but is not the mission itself.

Second, would you prayerfully consider how you can help financially with this project? This will look different for each person and family in our church. Some will be able to give a one-time gift. Some will need to stretch that gift out over three years. Some will have money they can give, while others might have assets like stocks, that boat you want to part with, a third car, antiques, etc.

Please remember it isn't about the gift but the heart of the giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). Be praying about how you can give generously to this project.

### **9. Are we really ready for this?**

You bet we are! We have been praying for God's timing and will on this matter for years. We believe that the time has come. Will it be easy? Nothing worth doing is easy. Will it be worth it? Absolutely! We here at Fork Christian Church have been given a clear mission by Jesus to GO. This completion of the second level alone does not achieve our mission, but it does give us one more resource we can use in reaching this community and this world in the name of Jesus Christ.

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