



Flushing Community Church of the Nazarene  
*Missional Campaign 2016-19*

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# Legacy Overview:

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The Building A Legacy campaign is not a one dimensional. It's missional. It's financial. It's short-term. It's long-term. It's for today. It's for tomorrow. It's for our church family. But ultimately, it's for everyone who will come behind us who are not presently a part of our community of faith.

**It's missional ...** We believe that the primary purpose of this campaign is to give us a laser focus on the purpose behind our church. We desire to experience the transforming love of God and share it with others. Specifically, we will explain how this needs to be accomplished through family-focused ministries and faithful financial stewardship.

**It's financial ...** A major component of this campaign will help us realize our personal role in being stewards of God's resources in the world. Even though we live in one of the most challenging economic areas of the country, many of us have been blessed with gifts and resources and God challenges us through His Word to live generously leveraging those resources to build His Kingdom.

**It's short-term ...** Much of this campaign will focus on the next 3 years. We will be challenging everyone in the church to give sacrificially over this period of time to help us accomplish our financial goals that will lead this church into a needed building expansion and healthier approach to ministry funding.

**It's long-term ...** While this campaign is designed to last only 3 years, we believe the impact from our involvement will last in to the lives of the generations that will follow behind us. The priority we place on faith and finances will speak loud and clear to our children, grandchildren and beyond.

**It's for today ...** We can talk about accomplishing our goals but our leadership believes that now is the time to move forward in faith. We've looked at mission before. We've had drawings done on building expansions before. But now is the time! Today is the day! We can't wait any longer!

**It's for tomorrow ...** Our actions and involvement in the Building A Legacy campaign will significantly impact our days to come. Lives will be changed. Children will embrace faith in Christ and lead others to faith, as well. Generations will be influenced to be bold and live out a genuine expression of love toward the Lord. Our obedience today is shaping our faith journey tomorrow.

**It's for our church family ...** Everyone is needed equally to see our mission become reality. The church is being challenged to step up and live lives of faithfulness and obedience in all that we do!

**It's for everyone ...** As we work toward our missional and financial goals, the only test to see if they are working is found in experiencing those who are currently outside the Kingdom of God finding their way back to God through His grace. Your faithful steps will influence friends of today and the generations of tomorrow.

Who will find **CHRIST** tomorrow because of your **faithful** acts of **obedience** today?



# A Testimony of Legacy:

As we began to consider our mission and direction as a church, our leadership quickly identified that what we were really creating was an opportunity to firmly establish our legacy of faith within the church family. Each of us could tell stories of men and women who went before us on our spiritual journey – people who taught us in our classes or walked with us at VBS when we were children. These people helped shape our understanding of God. Over the years we have become the shapers and influencers of the generations that follow behind us.

Who played a key role in shaping your faith story? Who's legacy have you been blessed by?

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Legacy is the opportunity to pass along God's love to those around us. What will others say about you when you are gone? Will they have stories of being a servant, giving generously or maybe always available to talk and share encouraging words? Will they remember your faith and your testimony of grace? Will they remember how you were faithful in your attendance at church and consistent in your prayer life or command of scripture? Or could it be that they don't have much to say other than you were a nice person? In your actions today, you are establishing your legacy for all to see – especially for those closest to you.

**In moments like this, we have been given a great opportunity to shape the generations that will follow us. Will we be a church that settles for having a nice place to worship or will we be a ministry force in our community that truly makes a difference?**

What do you desire your legacy to be? What do you hope others would be able to say about you?

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### How is a “legacy” formed in your life?

Christian author, Susan Gaddis, offers the following as the substance of legacy: how others observe and tell stories of ...

- how you responded to life’s difficulties and disappointments
- how you celebrated and how you worshipped
- how you prayed both publically and privately
- how you made a difference in the lives of others
- how you conquered your bad attitudes and habits
- how you handled your finances and acts of service toward others
- how you talked about people or treated your family and friends

These are some great areas of our life we all should consider as we walk into these exciting days as a church.

### What does this mean for us today?

This packet attempts to outline the main contributing factors for our “Building A Legacy Missional Campaign.” It holds within it the ministry objectives that we believe God is calling us to as well as the tools and resources that we believe are necessary to carry out this mission. By considering your role in these objectives, you are “building your own personal legacy” that future generations will be able to point back to as divine moments.

# Our Story:



The story of our church is wonderful and filled with God ordained moments. In 1997 God began to burden Darrel Harvey with the idea of moving back closer to home to plant a church in Flushing. He and his family left their student ministry in a large church near Cincinnati, Ohio to plant Flushing Community Church. They did this largely without the financial support of either our District or any area Nazarene churches. In the spring of 1999, they launched the church with just a few families who had come to share the same burden to see a church in our community that was simple and focused on the mission of reaching others for Christ.

Those early days were incredible as the vision of the church and the love of God was being shared with intentionality on the sidelines of the football games, in the community coffee shops and in every neighborhood. The excitement of this new church was felt by everyone who visited. Many have said they could feel the Spirit of God moving in the parking lot as they came for their first visit to the church. Whether they were meeting at Crouse School building or the former Middle School (now the Early Childhood Center), God was moving and people were responding.



When the church moved into our current facility, there was so much excitement and momentum. The church continued to grow and do even greater things within our community. Plans were formed for expansion and multiple services were a part of our ministry until the economy started to show signs of slowing throughout Genesee County. In the moment, leaders may have felt frustrated we couldn't get any projects off the ground. In hindsight, we see God's hand of protection over our church.

Terry Bate became our Lead Pastor in January of 2009 and over those years, the church has continued to reach out into the community and build a solid foundation of Biblical transformation. As our congregation continued to grow, it was apparent that our children's department needed more space. A decision was made to establish two morning worship services to accommodate the immediate space concerns. Simultaneously, plans were being discussed about expansion to our facility that would help us accommodate our long term space needs.

These plans, we believe, will assist us in reaching our missional goals which are outlined in this handout.



# The Mission:



With the excitement of God’s work seen clearly in our past, we are looking forward to our future years with an even greater sense of excitement. We believe our mission has been and will continue to be that we “experience the transforming love of God and share it with others.” This statement effectively speaks to our desire to not remain the same – but to be changed by God’s love, grace and mercy. That is the only kind of change that is sustainable and genuine. Conforming to a set of rules or laws only impacts the exterior of the person – we believe in a transformation that begins in the heart of every person and impacts every word, action and deed.

When the rich man approached Jesus in Mark 10, he asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit the Kingdom of God?” Jesus replied with what the man expected, “... you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’”

The problem wasn’t that this young man didn’t know the law. In fact he not only knew it, he lived it out with precision. “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.” Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” This is true heart transformation. When you can put the needs of others before you own, God has you where He wants you to be. Experiencing the transforming love of God takes these words of Christ and says, “I will!”

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God **transform** you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2 NLT

Unfortunately, the story continues with these words, “At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.” True transformation always begins with simple and radical acts of obedience. For this man, the things of this world were his comfort—they were his god—and he couldn’t imagine living without them. How is God going to challenge you to experience transformation?

We hope to be a church community made up of people hungry to not only ask the question, “What must I do,” but be prepared for the answer! This is a life ready for transformation. This is a life ready to build a spiritual legacy!!

Seeing our future is a challenging task for any organization but we believe that God is leading our church to focus on several key missional objectives as we minister in our community. These objectives include meeting the needs of the entire family, growing in God’s Word, and developing a deeper burden for others.



## A ministry built around the entire family:

Talk to any school teacher and they will tell you that the greatest indicator in student success is the family unit. We believe that God made families so that we could be understood, loved and nurtured in socially, emotionally and spiritually healthy ways. Unfortunately, our culture continues to attack the family unit and we are seeing

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.”  
Deuteronomy 6:4-7 NLT

the effects of that everywhere. We believe the church holds the answer to help every family and marriage succeed – families need to be built on Godly principles. To promote and teach these principles, we believe that we must make each of these areas a priority for our community:

> **Effective Ministry to Children:** nothing is more critical than reaching our children with the love of God. As a church, our number one priority must be teaching children about the love of God and doing so in a loving and safe environment. We believe this ministry focus demands more space for effective Sunday and mid-week teaching as well as events and activities that will promote community and outreach.



> **Effective Ministry to Teenagers:** there is no more challenging years in anyone’s life than middle and high school. Our community is largely void of effective ministry to this age group and we believe there is a huge hunger for students to embrace faith and practical understanding of God. Bringing our student ministry under one roof can open doors for effective ministry to teens and their parents.

> **Effective Ministry to College-Aged Students:** We have many colleges right here in the greater Flint area. This age is often left behind in most churches (including our own right now). These students are making huge decisions about life and relationships – the church must engage them now!! The additional space in our facility opens the door for a relational ministry with this age group as it’s focus.



> **Effective Ministry for Women:** Let’s face it, ladies have a particular set of needs and the church needs to be providing opportunities for women to be together, talk together, pray together, shop together, cry together and be real ... together. Building relationships is a critical need for every female at every stage of their life.

> **Effective Ministry for Men:** For most guys, the church is seen in many ways as “anti-masculine.” We must address ways for men to be involved in the church and create opportunities to discuss their faith as it relates to their marriages, their role as father, and their occupations. Scripture challenges men to lead their homes with Godly wisdom and Christ-like humility.



## A ministry built around the Word of God:

In a pluralistic society (meaning that people think there are many different forms of truth), we must be a church that is absolutely grounded in the timeless Truth found in God's Word. We believe that scripture holds the answers to every question of life. We are convinced that the Bible holds all Truth needed to discover and experience redemption through faith in Jesus Christ.

Any church that only creates opportunities for teaching and proclaiming the Word of God once a week runs the risk of not allowing the roots of scripture to grow deep. We want to be a church that establishes a deep hunger and thirst for the Word of God. This compels us to provide additional opportunities for teaching and experiencing spiritual conversations of all kinds.

"Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they shall  
be satisfied."  
Matthew 5:6 ESV

With this in mind, God's Word will continue to be our foundation in all that we do, but especially as it relates to these two objectives:



> **Multi-Generational Teaching:** The teaching we receive on Sunday's from our pastoral team is effective and practical, however, that cannot replace the need to be engaged with God's Word in smaller group settings. This can take place through small groups, our various sessions of Boost, or even groups that meet at the church prior to worship services. Current facilities create difficulties for any of these objectives to take place effectively. Additional building space will allow for groups together and have enough space and technology for that to take place in a manner conducive for learning.

> **Dynamic and Effective Worship:** When we gather corporately in our building, there is something very dynamic that takes place. We sing from the depths of our souls. Our hearts cry out for God's touch in our lives. We pray and contemplate the Word of God. We experience the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. These gatherings are sacred and will always remain as our highest priority. Our facility and worship environment must be a vibrant space that has a clear welcome/reception area and friendly volunteer staff ready to receive guests. Additional space for children's ministry will enable us to worship in a unified service until the time arrives that we can no longer fit in the sanctuary/gym in one service. (Note: our move to 2-services was motivated by lack of children's space)





## A ministry built around a burden for others:

It has been said that the church is a unique organization in that it exists primarily for the people who are currently outside of their doors. Every objective listed above (children, youth, young adults, women, men, and various groups) are not designed to be “in-ward” focused but rather mutually focused. By this we mean that we must nurture and encourage the spiritual growth of those presently attending our church; however, we must never lose sight of those who need the work of God in their life who are presently no attending. The Kingdom of God one that must share God’s transforming love with everyone ... friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. If we fail at this, we would soon be just another empty church building ... and that is not acceptable.

We must be people who are ...

> **Reaching out with God’s Mercy:** God’s love compels us to reach out by providing for real needs in our community (food, shelter, water, and power). We will continue to strategically meet the needs of those who need help. We do this in the name of Christ – because He commands us to love our neighbors as our self. We cannot love them without a strong desire to help them. This does not involved bringing them to us – but rather – it means that we must go to them!

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’  
Matthew 25:34-36 NIV



> **Reaching out with God’s Care:** As needs arise in our church and within our community, we must demonstrate genuine care and concern for people. This involves calling and visiting the sick and lonely. This requires us to take notice of every life and express love in tangible ways. What needs exist in our community today and how is the church responding to those needs? Suicide. Divorce. Finance. Addiction.

Student mentoring. Grief. Substance abuse. Depression. We hold the answer to every one of life’s issues and burdens ... Jesus Christ!

> **Reaching out with God’s Grace:** We will not meet the social and economic needs of a person and ignore their deep spiritual needs. A church becomes a social club if is not focused on proclaiming the message of salvation and redemption. This is why Jesus came – to seek and save the lost! It is the passion of God that His creation be restored, renewed, and redeemed! Every member and attendee of our church needs to understand their role in God’s redemptive work in our world.



# Accomplishing the Mission:



We believe that many things are already in place to help us accomplish this mission. However, there are several resources that we believe are necessary to help us achieve these goals:

**#1 Leadership Development:** Our elected Board (6 members) have recognized a void in leadership and team development in recent days. To be able to sustain effective growth in our missional ministries, leaders must be identified and trained. This includes additional pastoral and support staff as well as lay leaders who will lead effective teams of volunteers.

Targeted areas of development include:

**Children's Ministry:** we cannot add additional space for children without increasing staff capacity in this area

**Youth Ministry:** we are actively pursuing a full time minister for our youth to provide spiritual nurture and outreach

**Administrative and Leadership Staff:** We are unclear what this will look like but our needs in these areas continues to grow

**Counseling Personnel:** Within our community, there continues to be a need for Christian based counseling and support

**Connections Ministry:** as our congregation grows, we will need directed assistance assisting our newest friends in getting involved within the life of the church

**#2 Increased Systematic Giving:** Scripture has always called God's people to be generous to the work of God – especially as it relates to the work of the church. The Building A Legacy Missional Campaign will be working over the next 3 years to encourage 100% of our church attendees to give sacrificially toward the mission of the church through regular tithes (10% of their income) and offerings. The church has been blessed by those who have given in the past, however, the goals of the future cannot be realized with our current percentage of families who give regularly. We want to impact this trend with solid teaching from scripture as well as opportunities to address personal financial strategies.

**#3 Facility Addition and Renovation:** We believe it's remarkable what we are able to accomplish in such limited space. Plans have been made that will potentially increase our current facility by an additional 11,600 ft<sup>2</sup>. This will accommodate the classroom, fellowship, and administrative space we believe that is necessary to move us toward our missional objectives. Specifically, this new space allows for:

- >> Additional space for **storage** for additional padded chairs & equipment (off west end)
- >> Additional space for a dynamic **children's** ministry experience. (new classrooms for all ages)
- >> Additional space for meaningful family **interaction** and **fellowship**. (classrooms, foyer/coffee bar)
- >> Additional space for adult/children/teen **discipleship** throughout the week. (additional rooms)
- >> Remodeling space for **administrative** offices. (office & meeting space onsite)
- >> Remodeling **kitchen** space with islands, countertop and cabinet space. Pass-through windows into the gym and hallway will allow easier access to get food where it belongs.

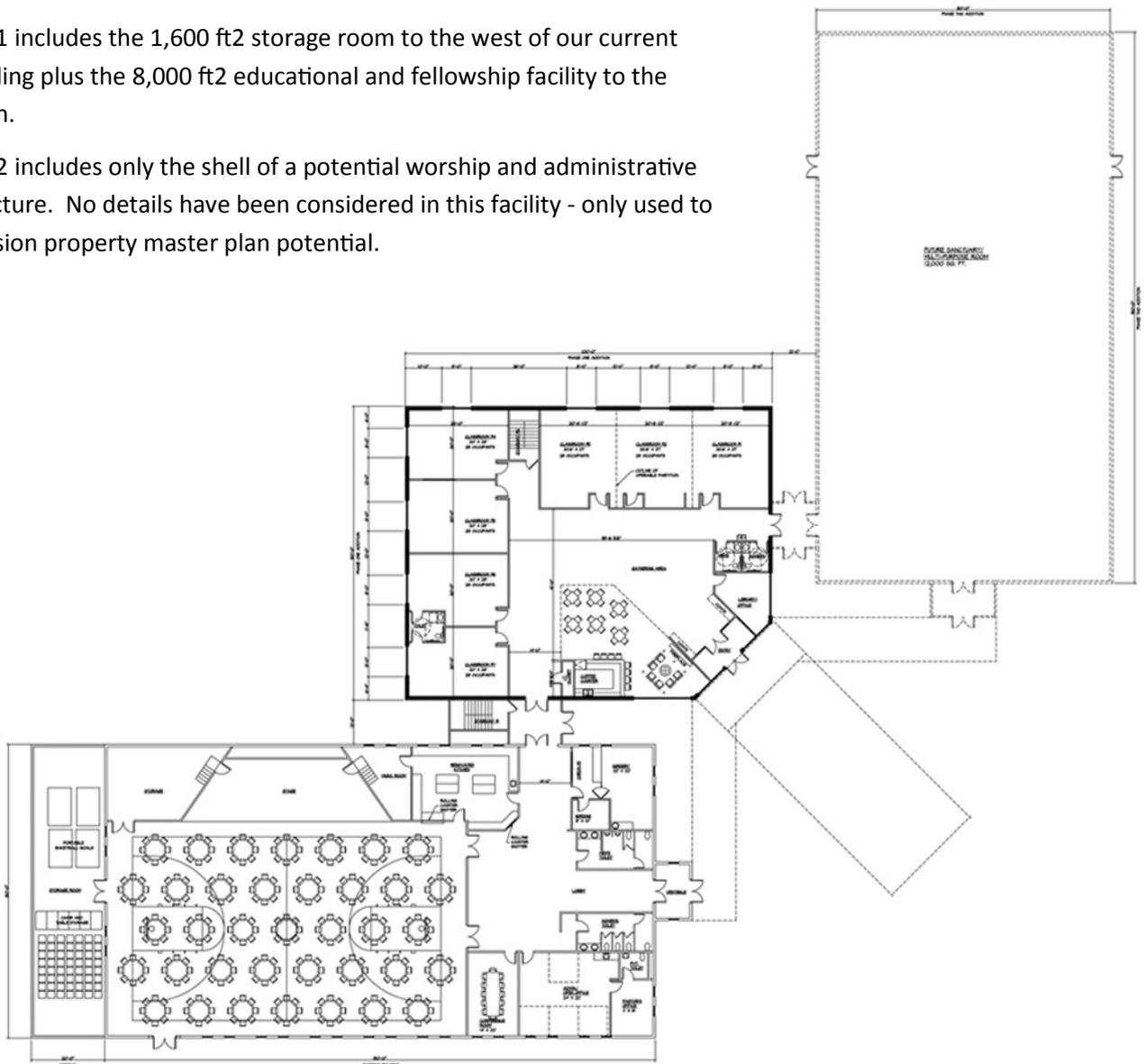
\* We believe this space has the potential to allow us to worship with one morning service again. Additional long range facility plans include additional educational space with larger multi-functional worship space (Phase 2). See next pages for drawings and pictures of our proposed additional space.



# Site Plans:

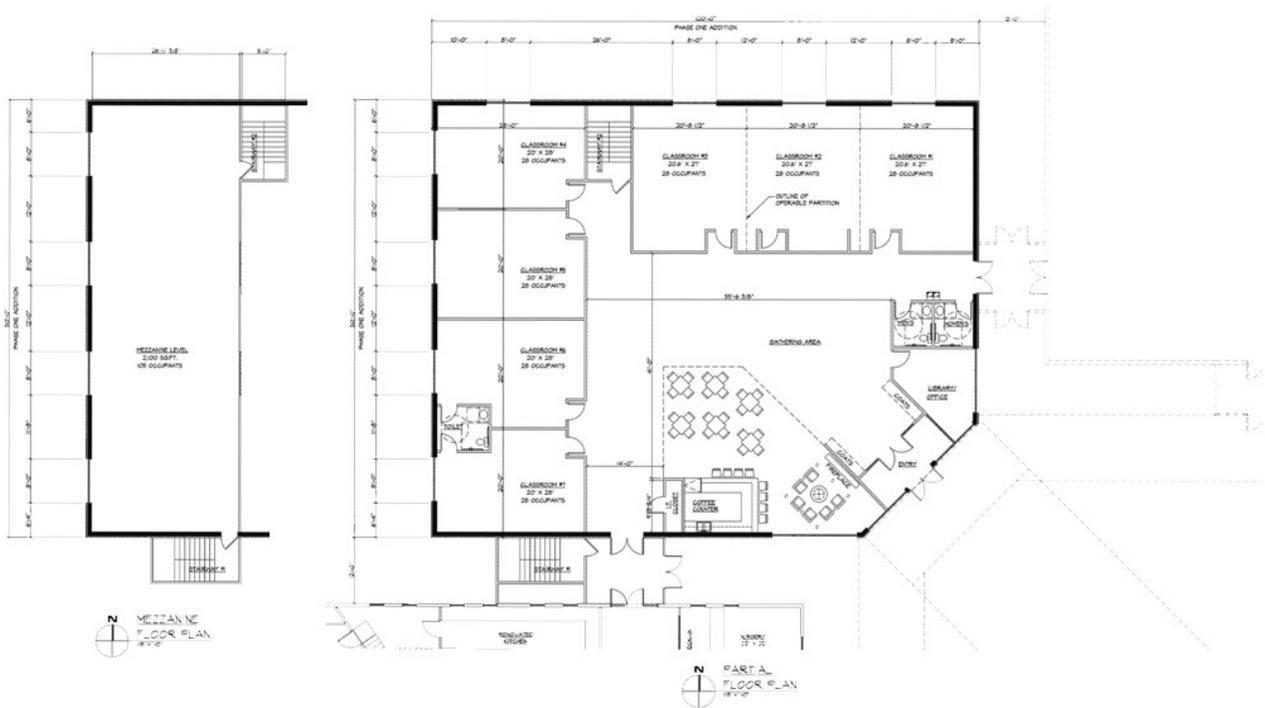
## Master View:

- This shows are current overall master site plan which includes a 2-phase construction.
- Phase 1 includes the 1,600 ft<sup>2</sup> storage room to the west of our current building plus the 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> educational and fellowship facility to the north.
- Phase 2 includes only the shell of a potential worship and administrative structure. No details have been considered in this facility - only used to envision property master plan potential.



# Education & Fellowship:

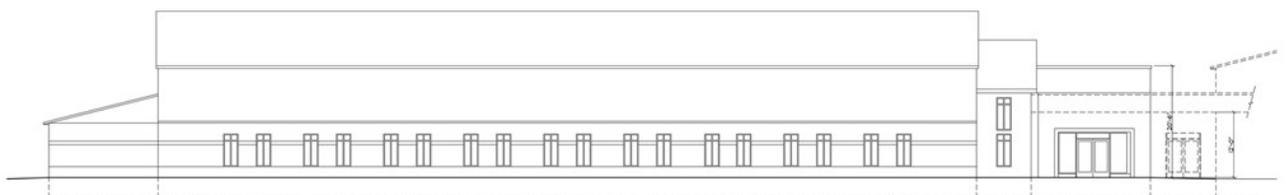
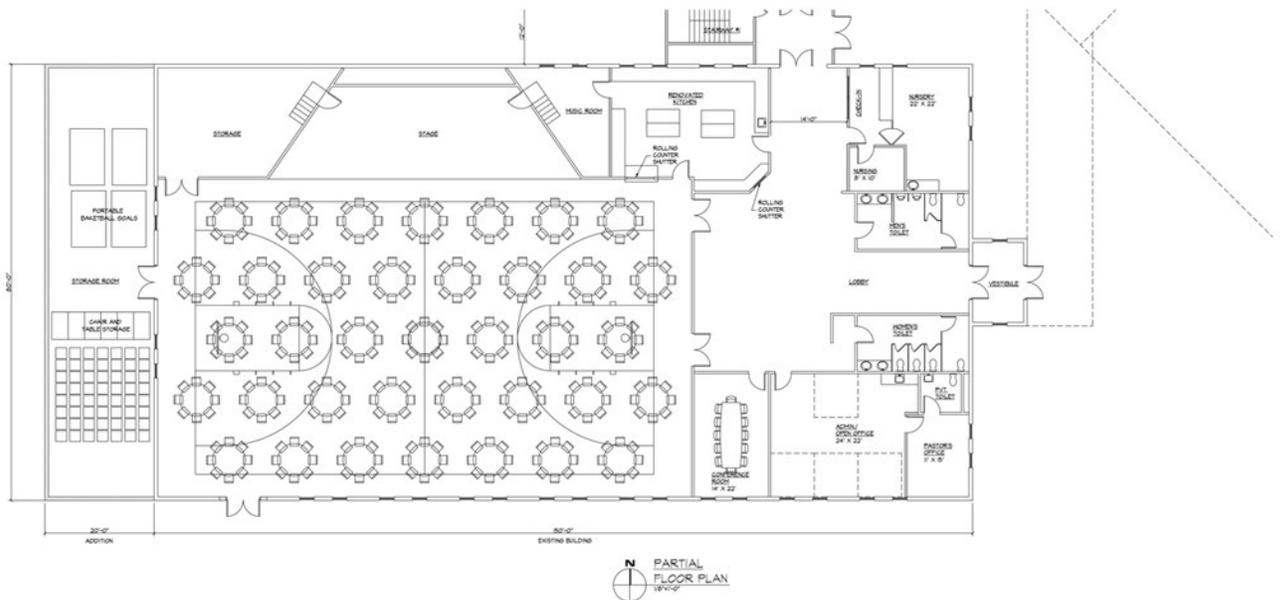
- The main floor of this space is 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> and includes 7 large classrooms for children and adult teaching, a large foyer/gathering area for various ministries and a small room for resources.
- Three classrooms along the north wall will have movable walls which open them up into 1 larger space for children’s worship.
- To the left you see a drawing for a 2,100 ft<sup>2</sup> multi-functional loft that would be targeted for youth ministry primarily.
- A covered drop off area would be incorporated into this main entrance, easing access to the building in inclement weather.



Building A  
*Legacy*

# Storage & Remodel:

- This involves a 1,600 ft<sup>2</sup> extension to the west which will expand our storage capacity to include additional padded chairs plus Upward hoops and equipment.
- Renovation of stage to include 2 entry doors for easier access at the conclusion of the service.
- Renovation of kitchen space to include lot's of countertop space and warming ovens. Pass-through windows into the foyer and gym will make serving much easier.
- Room to the northeast will be made into a large nursery with secure drop off and nursing room for mothers.
- Room to the southeast will be made into administrative space designed to be open cubical desk space. Current nursery made into meeting room which can be used for counseling and teaching.



# Building A Legacy Finances:



This is a movement within our church to create a legacy of faith to all who will come behind us for years and decades to come! However, if we have raised the capital to build a building but have not experienced personal spiritual growth, this campaign will have fallen short. The call to impact each life in our community and in our church is critically real. We must be aggressive in ministering to the entire family (children, teens, young adults, women and men). We must continue to make the teaching of God’s Word our foundation. And we must seek to reach out to our community in mercy, care and grace as we communicate the transforming love of God to every soul.

Our budgeting should reflect an aggressive approach to this mission. Our staffing should reflect an aggressive approach to this mission. Our buildings should reflect an aggressive approach to this mission.

Throughout this campaign, we must teach a healthy approach to personal stewardship (financial and resources) that will bless both the church and the individual/family unit. Many in our church are missing out on the blessings that come from giving to the church. Currently we have nearly 200 family units but only 35-40 families supporting the church on this level (giving nearly 85% of our annual income). Throughout the next three years, we want to present opportunities for families and individuals to learn about Biblical giving to the Kingdom of God. This will take place in several different ways but the reality is that we must encourage the 150+ family units to become more involved in the funding of the long-term mission.

We have established several short-term financial goals that will expand our building and is targeted to pay off all existing debt on the property (which currently stands at \$450,000). We believe this plan is overall missionally aggressive yet remains financially conservative. Our leadership is not interested in modeling overly risky financial behavior; instead, we intend to adjust our facility goals in order to work within the resources the Lord provides.

With this in mind, our site plan has been developed in various stages and trigger points. The plans you are being presented are the plans we feel give us the best opportunity to reach our missional goals. However, we understand they may need to be adapted in order to keep our church on a healthy financial base. The following giving levels have been based on some good faith estimates from our builder:

Amount Given & Pledged	What can be accomplished with that level given
\$750,000	Reduction of additional space to 6,000 ft <sup>2</sup> with no additional storage. Debt remains.
\$1,000,000	Additional 8,000 ft <sup>2</sup> & storage. Debt remains.
\$1,150,000	Above plus 2,100 ft <sup>2</sup> multi-functional loft (youth)
\$1,600,000	Above and we become debt-free saving \$35,000 annually in mortgage payments.
\$2,100,000	Above with the foundation, concrete floor and exterior walls of phase 2 construction.
\$3,100,000	Completion of phase 1 and phase 2 construction which includes new worship facility.

*\*\* Additional projects could include development of the grounds (ball fields for softball, Upward flag football, pavilion, playground, community garden, etc)*

*\*\* What about our Oak Street property? We are currently investigating it’s value and could potentially sell it with the proceeds benefiting the construction of the youth loft in the new construction.*



# Frequently Asked Questions:

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## When will we start construction?

By common consent, our Church Board has agreed that we are not interested in taking unnecessary financial risk in building our addition. They have prayerfully considered that in order to break ground on any construction project we should have at least half of our construction costs on hand (cash) and the additional half pledged over the next 3 years. Our minimum goal remains adding additional space while adding no additional debt. Our preferred goal remains adding additional space and being debt-free as soon as possible.

## What if we do not raise enough capital to build at this time?

Ultimately, if we do not build, we believe the mission will move forward but it will be significantly handicapped. No space for adequate children's worship and discipleship. Teens will continue to float between two facilities to accommodate their growth. No space for young adults to come and gather together. No space for adult and children Christian education to take place throughout the week or on Sunday mornings. Office space continues to be ineffective for the community to reach our staff. While our current facility is multi-functional and effective on a certain level, we also believe our new building design addresses each one of these areas and creates the path for their mission to be successful.

If we do not have enough capital given or pledged to build the facility that is currently designed, our leadership will have a couple of options to consider: 1) redesign within the new budget based on our giving, or 2) hold off on building at this time but continue to raise the capital for future building and debt services. We have already designed this facility recognizing that certain aspects may have to be adjusted or downsized if we don't reach our capital goals. Similarly, we have established several financial safe-guards that will not allow the church to build with additional debt. This means that if we have to wait longer than we had hoped, we would rather wait and not be strapped by further debt, than move forward without a proper balance of capital. All funds given toward Building A Legacy will be held in a particular account and protected in its usage.

## What will happen when we do build?

No one is in the business of telling the future, but we can tell you what we believe will take place:

- > More children will be able to hear about God's love and grow up in God's loving grace.
- > More teens will be able to come to a safe place and embrace faith in Christ.
- > Young adults will have a space to come and hangout for friendship and spiritual conversation.
- > There will be space for families to come to church on Sunday morning for additional discussion groups and faith development with effective discipleship taking place.
- > Additional storage space would allow for padded chairs in our worship facility as well as safer storage of expensive sporting equipment (including Upward hoops and equipment).
- > There will be additional rooms for Boost and other mid-week groups to gather.
- > More friends from our community will be able to use our church for meetings, parties, open houses and gatherings.
- > Our staff will have a centralized location for meetings and receiving guests.
- > The community will be noticing the excitement surrounding a church that is building and expanding at a time when churches are dwindling and closing.



# Planning your involvement:

Most families in America live paycheck to paycheck. The demands that fill our time and take our resources are endless. From rising energy costs to travel sport leagues, it seems that everyone is looking for more yet we have less to give. Many of our families are young and have children in school or in college. Few of us are in a position at or near retirement which can sometimes indicate liquid assets for charitable giving.

Your church leadership understands these pressures yet we also understand that God has blessed us beyond what we deserve. The median household income for Flushing is near \$55,000 which means that we would rank in the top 7.4% of all wage earners in the world (according to [www.givingwhatwecan.org](http://www.givingwhatwecan.org)). Your income would be 14 times higher than the global average! Even if you gave 10% of your income away, you'd remain in the top 8.7% wager earners in the world. We are blessed! How can we be a blessing?

## “Not equal giving—but equal sacrifice!”

To reach our goals, we need every family to determine how they can participate. Some will be able to give much and some will only be able to give a little. Some will be able to give large annual gifts and some will give smaller weekly gifts. What you can give is between YOU and the LORD! To help you discover your giving potential, you may ask yourself the following questions:

Current:	Savings:	Item:
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Cable/Satellite TV Bill ...</b> <i>Can it be reduced or changed for the short term?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>OnStar/SYNC or other vehicle aids ...</b> <i>Could you go without this service?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Satellite radio for the car ...</b> <i>Super nice to have - could you live without it?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Eating Out ...</b> <i>Eating out can be expensive. Could this be limited?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Specialty Coffee ...</b> <i>I know, I know ... Just think about it! :)</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Memberships ...</b> <i>Are you maximizing your gym membership?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Subscriptions ...</b> <i>Do you take several magazines? Do you read them all?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Entertainment ...</b> <i>A family seeing a movie with snacks vs. rentals or Netflix?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	<b>Refinance ...</b> <i>How much could you save a month to refinance your home or consolidate debt?</i>
\$_____	\$_____	Other Ideas _____
\$_____	\$_____	Other Ideas _____
\$_____	\$_____	Other Ideas _____
\$_____		<b>Total savings potential that could be redirected toward BAL ...</b>

# Mission Becoming Reality:



*This is a story of what we believe can be a regular occurrence in our community ...*

Jack grew up in the church nearly every Sunday. Sometimes his family would attend services more than once a week. Even though he had a few friends there, he never really enjoyed it nor understood why it was so important. Believing in God was never a struggle but he felt guilty all the time and felt that God only wanted to punish him for all the wrong things he had done and all the bad thoughts he had in his head. For Jack, church was an obligation forced upon by his parents – nothing more.

As Jack went through High School, he distanced himself more and more from faith and in college, God was far from his mind – except on test days, of course. When Jack married Jill, they had a lot of common interests but neither desired God to be a central part of their relationship and life together. Jill had even less church involvement as a young girl so the topic of faith never came up. They had a simple destination wedding with a few family and friends then their life together began.

Establishing their home in a new town was a little difficult but the challenges they faced were not significant. Arguments seemed to come and go but as they found new friends through work, they really felt more established. When their first child was born, life changed significantly. It wasn't about them anymore. Instead, it was about someone else. They discovered a love they had never felt before – it was deeper than anything they had experienced until that time. It also helped them understand their parents a little better and both of them began to reflect on their different upbringings.

Once the second child came, the routine of changing diapers and sleep deprivation were just a part of normal living but there was a new void, too. Jack remembered those weekends of going to church with his parents a little differently now and he longed to raise his children with the knowledge of God. "My kids need to know about God," Jack thought. Jill was understanding but didn't have the same desire. She had friends when she was younger that went to church and they were always kind and smiling. She knew that it was something she should explore but it was scary.

One day, Jack was on the phone with his dad when he shared with him what he was thinking about regarding church. Jack asked his dad, "Why is it so important to you and why did you make me go all the time?" His dad shared how belief in God isn't the reason church was valuable to him. Faith in God changed who he was and who he was becoming even today. Jack had never heard his dad talk about the days before he was born and some of the things his dad had done. He always knew his dad was a "good guy" and assumed he always had been. But that wasn't the case. Through tears, his father said, "Son, being good and just believing isn't enough. There's so much more to life with God in it." Jack had a feeling he'd remember this conversation for a long time.

That evening, he told Jill they were going to church and she didn't resist. He found his old Bible from when he was a kid and flipped through the pages. Memories of Sunday School teachers and preachers were flying through his head. Jill was worried about what to wear and if she'd know when to stand or sit at the right times.

Jack was reading his newsfeed on Facebook when he noticed a co-worker posted about new series their church was starting. There was a link to the church's website and before he knew it, Jack had spent 30 minutes looking at the various ministries and pictures that were on that site. It was well done and the pictures made the church look fun and inviting.





He even saw some familiar faces as he scrolled through. He clicked on a link that enabled him to listen to a message that the pastor had recently preached and he sounded like a real person – not like the preacher he remembered from his childhood. He showed the site to Jill and she quickly found the FAQ section that answered her questions about what to wear, what was available for the kids and what the service was going to be like. Sounded casual and exciting – not so scary after all.

Jack and Jill walked in the doors of Flushing Community Church a few days later not having a clue who they would see. The other people walking into the church from the parking lot were friendly and greeted them with smiles on their face. They actually seemed happy to be there. There were a couple people at the door and they shook Jack's hand and commented how cute their little daughter was dressed. They couldn't get over how clean, bright and exciting the building was. The open foyer had great signs leading them right to the information desk so they could ask some questions about the children. This wasn't what church used to look like but it was already strangely familiar because the website had so many great pictures on it.



They were greeted kindly at the children's classroom and noticed the workers seemed prepared and excited to meet their children.

The nursery worker didn't even flinch when Jill told her that their youngest was teething and was a little fussy. Their son noticed a buddy from the daycare center he attends and he went right into the bright and beautiful class and started playing. They were shocked at how beautiful the children's area was decorated and how friendly these strangers were. When they walked by the room filled with older kids, they noticed them playing air hockey, foosball and laughing together as some great music was playing. It looked like they were about to have great time together because the stage was decorated so cool and there were adults interacting with the kids with huge smiles.

The smell of coffee was incredible and they noticed how people were gathered in that area talking with each other and visiting. The space was so well decorated it felt like they put a Starbucks right inside the church – nice chairs, some tables, places to plug in laptops and even a really cool fireplace. It was so nice. It was while they were debating about getting a cup of espresso that they bumped into Kimberly – a friend of Jill's from CrossFit. Kimberly found out it was their first time at FCC and offered to show them around. She also told them their first time at church meant their drink of choice was free – BONUS! They soon made their way into the gym and sat down with Kimberly and met her husband, Ron.

This wasn't like Jack's church growing up and the band on the platform didn't look like old Mrs. Swartzkolf on the organ, either. They didn't know the songs but they could tell others really did. The songs were surprisingly well done and some of the band members reminded them of ones they had seen recently playing at their favorite restaurant in town. The preacher stood up in jeans and looked like everyone else in the room. As he spoke, Jack's mind couldn't get over how much had changed in the church culture since he was a child. The message was vaguely familiar but it was more meaningful and more practical than what he remembered as a child. They both left the service that day talking about the experience the rest of the afternoon. Later in the week, Jack was at work and was suddenly reminded about the principles shared on Sunday and also recalled that this was a series of messages – not just one. He had to go back to hear the rest. Jill even downloaded the Bible right to her phone using the free App that was using during the service. She didn't know much about



the Bible but this seemed like an easy way to get introduced to it.

After each week, the kids were more and more excited about coming to church and Jack and Jill were making friends. Surprisingly, they already knew several families there and found out some were even neighbors. The conviction of his father's words from several months ago grew louder and louder in Jack's mind so he asked to meet with the Pastor. Over some coffee, they talked about Jack's past church experience and what led him to come back. "There has to be more than just coming to church, right?" Jack asked. "What else do I need to do to find peace and joy in my life like my Dad spoke about?"



The Pastor told Jack about forgiveness and trusting in the Lord to guide his life. He said that Jack was recognizing a deep spiritual need to be forgiven and cleansed from his sin. Experiencing forgiveness would bring the joy, peace, purpose and peace he was seeking. So Jack prayed right there and then. At first it was so exciting. Jill had grown closer to Kimberly and had been asking her lots of questions, too. She

even embraced this new relationship with God and they quickly joined a small group. As they met with the group, they learned they were not alone in the struggles of parenting, marriage and life. The Bible wasn't just some series of boring stories anymore ... it held within it the key to finding the greatest treasure in life. How did Jack miss this so many years ago? He sure wishes he hadn't.

Jack loved calling his Dad each Sunday afternoon to share what they learned at church and how much the kids were actually enjoying being there, too. He wished it had been his experience as a kid. One day while talking to a colleague about their struggling marriage, Jack said he'd pray for them. He responded, "You don't believe in that God and church stuff do you?" Jack smiled and replied, "I not only believe in it, I've experienced it! God's love has transformed my life, my marriage and my kids. Why don't you come and try it out this Sunday? I'll meet you at the coffee bar at 10:15."

*Jack has truly experienced the transforming love of God and now he's sharing it with others! While this story is made up, it is based on the reality we are striving for and believing in. How will you join us in seeing this vision become a reality every Sunday at Flushing Community Church? Who is your "Jack" or "Jill" that you need to reach out to? Who will you influence toward the Kingdom of God? How will your legacy change the course of their life and the destination of their soul?*



# Taking the Next Steps

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After reading this packet and hearing our mission and goals, we hope that you will prayerfully consider your involvement in this campaign. Here are some “next steps” you can consider:

## **Prayer:**

Ellen Evans is leading our team of people praying for this campaign and more. They lift up your needs as listed on our “iPrayer Guide” and they are praying during our worship services each weekend, as well. You can contact Ellen to get involved or simply increase your level of personal prayer time. We don’t want anyone to get involved with our mission without considering their options through prayer.

## **Consider Your Involvement:**

After spending time seeking God’s direction, take some steps in finding your place. Maybe you need to get involved in Children’s or Youth Ministry. Maybe you’d like to help create our ministry to Young Adults or work in the new coffee bar. Are you interested in helping us launch our ministry to women or men? As we move forward, we will be giving more opportunities to get involved. Don’t miss out!

## **Consider Your Gift:**

None of our goals can become a reality without the faithful contributions from the church family. Both our short term giving (in reaching our construction goals) and our long term goals (in funding our long range staff and ministry goals) require 100% church family participation. What can you do to help us in your giving. Look at the ways you can make personal budget adjustments that allow more room for generosity in your life.

## **Miracle Sunday:**

Bring your Financial Commitment Card to “Miracle Sunday” on February 28. We will be having a combined service (10:30AM) that will feature wonderful worship and dynamic stories of God’s provision. We will be sitting in tables during the service and then have a celebration luncheon together. Paula Salem and her Hospitality Team is working on organizing this special time for us. Contact her to get involved. This is a family worship experience and we anticipate the gymnasium being packed out! Don’t miss this opportunity to be a part of a historic day in the life of our church!

## **Live by Faith:**

Our campaign will wrap up March 6 with our final message and Sunday presentation. We will better understand what our expansion options will be at that point. However, nothing comes to a conclusion at that point. In fact, we believe that our campaign is only just beginning at this point. Your opportunities to get involved in ministry will begin at this point along with the challenge to give more financially.

We believe that you will experience greater challenges as you attempt to live this faithful journey. However great those challenges may be, we believe you will experience even greater blessings as a result of your obedience and faithfulness. You will be writing your own personal legacy of righteousness and generosity!



*"We desire to experience the transforming love of God and share it with others."*

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