



Frequently Asked Questions

? What is Making Room?

Making Room is a journey we began as a church in the fall of 2018 to make room in our hearts and on our campus for those who need Christ. Knowing many individuals and families in our community are unreached, we launched a plan to better reach our neighbors with the gospel. That vision has not changed! In fact, God has continued to stir our hearts for His Kingdom-mission, and with so many moving to our region in recent years, the strategic opportunity for the gospel has never been greater. Making Room is an opportunity to join our hearts in fulfilling God's mission for our church. Let's offer ourselves to that mission!

? Why is Making Room necessary?

Making Room Phase 1 resulted in a newly renovated worship center and lobby along with the infrastructure necessary for future construction. Since then, the population of Riverview has boomed. We have seen enormous growth and exciting gospel opportunities. Our newly renovated facilities have made First Riverview appealing to many new individuals and families in our region. With this growth we sense the need to begin Making Room Phase 2, which has been expanded to address our most pressing facility needs—secure space for children and students, fellowship hall space, limited adult LifeGroup space, and renovated office space. These are necessary to eliminate our existing educational building and fellowship hall, both of which are insufficient to meet our current ministry needs and have become expensive to maintain.

? How much will Making Room cost?

The master plan for our church campus has been consolidated into two major phases:

Phase 1: Worship Center Remodel with lobby and restroom expansion + phase 2 construction infrastructure.

Cost: \$2.4 million | **Completion Date:** November 2019

Phase 2: Ministry Center Building with secured children's and student ministry spaces, fellowship hall, and limited LifeGroup space + renovated office space.

Cost: \$6 million | **Estimated Start Date:** April 2026

To be sure, Phase 2 is a significant step of faith! Therefore, we are beginning another 36-month capital campaign and asking God to stir our hearts to give sacrificially. Our prayer is that our three-year pledge commitments will exceed what is needed to service any debt following construction. As God grows our church, we are continuing to mature in our giving. This year, our annual budget surpassed \$1.1 million. With budgeted receipts and gifts toward Making Room, we are already setting aside more than \$31,000 per month toward Phase 2, and the Lord has supplied more than \$820,000 toward start-up costs. Praise the Lord! We feel very confident moving forward. This is a great testimony to God's faithfulness and an inspiration to give toward this exciting new expansion of our campus!

? What is the timeline for Phase 2 construction?

Phase 2 will take approximately 12 months from start to finish. We anticipate breaking ground following Easter Sunday in April 2026.



Key Dates to Remember:

Below are important dates related to Making Room. Please plan to attend one Vision Meeting based on your schedule and family needs. A meal or refreshments will be provided. Register today at makingroom.fbcriverview.org.

Dates:	Event:
Tue, Sep 2	Vision Meeting ^{CP} • 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Wed, Sep 3	Vision Meeting • 6:30 PM Worship Center
Sun, Sep 7	Vision Meeting ^{CP} • 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Tue, Sep 9	Vision Meeting • 11:00 AM Fellowship Hall
Thu, Sep 11	Vision Meeting ^{CP} • 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Sun, Sep 14	Vision Meeting ^{CP} • 12:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Tue, Sep 16	Vision Meeting (Tentative) ^{CP} • 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Sun, Sep 21	Commitment Sunday

^{CP} = Childcare Provided (Birth - 5th Grade)

? How does this spiritual journey for Making Room work?

We are asking everyone who calls First Riverview home to prayerfully make a financial commitment over and above their tithe for the next 36 months. Pledges can be given on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. We will join in a one-time offering on Commitment Sunday, September 21, 2025 with pledges beginning the following month.

? How will we pay for Making Room?

A one-time, cash offering will be collected on Commitment Sunday, September 21, 2025, as well as pledges to be paid over a three-year (36-month) period. We already commit funds to Making Room in our yearly ministry plan (annual budget), and any revenue overages are designated for Making Room. We will execute Phase 2 as quickly as possible, depending on our pledge-commitment. The bigger the response, the more quickly we can reach our goals!

? How do I give toward my commitment/pledge?

You can use our tithes and offering envelopes by marking the appropriate line item for Making Room. You can designate "Making Room" on your personal check. You can choose Making Room when you give online (give.fbcriverview.org). Finally, you can text "fbcrGive" to 73256.

? What if I need to increase or decrease my pledge?

Your pledge is not an obligation or a debt; it is a prayerful statement of your intent. We know that financial situations often change for better or worse. This is simply a statement of what you sense God leading you to give and what you, in dependence upon God, plan to give over the next three years. You can make changes by contacting the church office at 813.677.6377 or by emailing makingroom@fbcriverview.org.

? I am new here. Is there a way I can participate in Making Room?

Yes. We are asking everyone to prayerfully participate. Simply fill out a Making Room Commitment Card, and drop it in the offering baskets. You may contact the church office at 813.677.6377 or by emailing makingroom@fbcriverview.org with questions or for more information.

? Will my commitment/pledge be made public?

No. We take privacy very seriously at First Riverview. Your contributions are always kept confidential.

? I am not able to be there for Commitment Sunday, how do I give?

If you are unable to give on Commitment Sunday (September 21, 2025), you can use our tithes and offering envelopes by marking the appropriate line for Making Room; you can write Making Room on your check; you can designate Making Room when giving online (give.fbcriverview.org); or you can text "fbcrGive" to 73256.

? How is this different than my tithe?

Our vision is to Grow in Faith and Live on Mission as we influence others to become thriving followers of Christ. That remains unchanged during Making Room, so please continue to bring your tithe in addition to your Making Room pledge. At times like this, God leads us to give above the tithe, out of the remaining 90% of the resources He has entrusted to us. In the Bible, God's people often gathered to give generously out of God's abundant blessings upon them. They gave of their first fruits, for example, and they gave to meet particular needs. We have an opportunity to give sacrificially to Making Room.

? What can I do between now and Commitment Sunday?

PRAY: This is a three-year spiritual journey. As an aspect of your prayer-life, begin asking God what He would lead you to give toward Making Room. Remember, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). We are absolutely convinced that if we all give what God leads us to give, we will exceed our goals.

PREPARE: Prepare your heart for this journey. We will all be challenged by it. As you step out in faith, God will supply what you need to fulfill your commitment. Trust Him to grow your faith!

PARTICIPATE: On September 21, 2025, bring your three-year commitment and your initial gift.

? What if I still have questions about Making Room?

We are happy to answer any questions you have about Making Room. Send an email to makingroom@fbcriverview.org or call the church office at **813.677.6377**.

