



CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH



Dear Christ Covenant Family,



Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Covenant Presbyterian Church on March 7, 1971, Rev. Cecil D. Brearley, Jr. took as his sermon text Psalm 61:5: "You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name." He preached that, like David, "In so many ways we are the product of those who have gone before us...We owe so much to those who had the interest and the foresight to begin this church...The fruit of their faith and their labors of love, multiplied by the blessings of God, is our heritage today...It is a blessing we have received from those who have gone before us and led the way. Our part is to be grateful and to try to see that those who follow us have a good heritage."

Our Refresh, Renew, Reconnect campaign gives us the opportunity to do just that. The sanctuary in which Rev. Brearley preached

that sermon is the one in which we worship today. It is in many ways the epicenter from which flows our mission to make disciples of Jesus through worship, life, and ministry together in Christ – and it stands in need of refreshing, renewing, and reconnecting, both functionally and aesthetically. Over the next three years, our sacrificial giving to that end will help ensure that God's mission continues to be carried out effectively through us and those who follow us.

Please examine the enclosed brochure carefully and prayerfully consider the part you will play in this campaign. I hope and pray that, like me, you are humbled by the vision and generosity of those who bequeathed our sanctuary to us and want to imitate them for the glory of God, the sake of the lost, and the success of the saints who will follow us.

Rev. Brearley concluded his sermon with these words: "I preached a sermon here one time on the subject, 'Moving Forward,' at the time of the building program. God said to Moses, 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.' They were at the Red Sea. They had left Egypt. They had not yet reached the Promised Land. What God was saying to the children of Israel through Moses is the message that I would leave you with this morning: You have come this far, don't stop now – keep moving forward."

May the Lord bless, keep, and prosper us as we move forward together to Refresh, Renew, and Reconnect as Christ Covenant Church!

In the Lamb,

Justin C. McElwaine

Campaign Purpose

The purpose of Refresh-Renew-Reconnect is to renovate our sanctuary building in order to update and improve its function and aesthetics. Consultation with our architect, contractor, and multiple engineers confirmed that the electrical and HVAC systems are dated and deteriorating (as further indicated by the recent failure of the HVAC unit that services the west wing of the building). Failure to address these issues would soon lead to costly repairs and replacements. Refresh-Renew-Reconnect will allow us to address these issues before they become emergencies. Further functional improvements include expanded, ADA-compliant restrooms on both sides of the sanctuary, an expanded entryway in the east wing, a kitchenette for communion preparation, a conference room, and a bride's room.

Aesthetically, our desire is to beautify the building so as to make it more attractive and less distracting. To that end, the renovations include new carpet and flooring, refinished and reupholstered pews, replacing the windows, replacing the wood paneling with painted sheet rock, and replacing the sanctuary furniture (pulpit, communion table, baptismal font, chairs) so as to make them consistent in appearance. Additionally, painting the brick white (inside and out) will cover inconsistencies in the brick and signal to passersby a fresh, new chapter in Christ Covenant Church's ministry. The wooden beams and ceiling, and the stained glass in the rear of the sanctuary will remain and continue adding to the building's beauty. Finally, updated signage and landscaping will round out the refreshing and renewal of our building with a view toward reconnecting with our neighbors.

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TESTIMONIALS



MRS. DIANA ANDERSON

My family joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in the late 60's and found a close, loving church family that led me to the Lord, taught me about Christianity, about love and respect, about reverence for God, and that church isn't a Sunday requirement, but a daily privilege. Over the years, I have seen God's faithfulness to our congregation. The prospect of renovation can be overwhelming, but this capital campaign will give us the insight to plan wisely. While things have changed over the years and people have come and gone, God has blessed our church and I believe that He still has a special purpose for our neighborhood church.

MRS. JULIE ARMSTRONG

We all want a safe place where we can let down our walls and be known and loved. CCC is that place for me and many others. Part of our living together is being willing to sacrifice for the common good. Our sanctuary is often the first impression people have of us. It is important that it reflect good stewardship and thoughtful intentionality. We can demonstrate our gratitude by caring for what has been given to us and preserving it for future generations. CCC is a blessing to be shared and invested in so that others might come to experience the bond of love we share.

MR. RYAN EVANS

For more than 20 years, the Christ Covenant family has been a centerpiece for worship and my walk with Christ. Here I met my wife, we started our family, and we've grown with friends in the Lord. It's a place that reminds us to "stir up one another to love and good works...not neglecting to meet together." The capital campaign is about more than buildings—it's about leaving a legacy of faith, ensuring future generations have a place to experience worship, life, and ministry together. As stewards of God's blessings, we are called to invest in His kingdom, just as others invested for us.



MRS. LISA MONEY

CCC became home to us at our first visit. Ministry at CCC has been so genuine and has involved saints who are REAL and honest about being broken but loved! Through preaching, teaching, hospitality, serving opportunities, and weekly worship and Eucharist, I am equipped with my fellow saints for the work of ministry. Putting our thoughts, time, and assets into providing an excellent space for new saints to experience Christianity signifies the importance our congregation places on God and the work He is doing in and around us.

MR. MICHAEL MONEY

When we were looking for a new church home, I totally overlooked CCC because it looked, well, bland. However, upon visiting, we immediately realized that the membership was totally contrary to the appearance of the church. We have never met a more open and loving group of Christians. This campaign is important not only to be good stewards of what we have, but also to help the church and grounds reflect the vibrancy of the membership. Hopefully this campaign will be a blessing not only to us but to the next generation of members that God will bring through our doors for many years to come.

MR. JAMIE THOMASON

After the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, they finally found themselves on the banks of the impassable Jordan river with the Promised Land just on the other side. It was not until God's people stepped into the river that God parted the waters so that they could enter. Throughout the history of CCC, I have seen this theme play out time and time again where God called on his people to step out in faith. Once again, I believe God is calling us to act in the form of a capital campaign so that He can again display his faithfulness towards His people.



Questions & Answers

How will this building project help us reach our community for Christ?

The exterior beautification will signal to passersby a fresh, new chapter in our ministry, ideally attracting them to the church and, at a minimum, removing any deterrents they might feel to entering a dated, deteriorating facility. The interior improvements will remove distraction and direct attention to our God and the beauty and excellence that should characterize the space in which He is worshiped.

How will we pay for this?

Our hope and prayer is that through Refresh, Renew, Reconnect the Lord will provide sufficient funds to cover the cost of the renovation project.

What is the current financial condition of the church?

Christ Covenant Church is debt-free and in as healthy a financial position as can be.

How long is the commitment to this campaign?

Every member household will be asked to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial financial commitment, over and above normal giving, to be given over the next three years.

Why should I sign a pledge to the Refresh, Renew, Reconnect campaign?

All members of the church have vowed to support the church in its worship and work to the best of their ability. This campaign is a vital part of the church's work in this season of its life. People commonly make financial commitments every day in the form of signed agreements. Your pledge is simply a way of formalizing your "faith promise" to support the campaign to the best of your ability. It will also enable the church to know what to expect, how to plan, and to make informed financial decisions.

What does commitment mean?

Commitment means that, barring extraordinary, unforeseen circumstances, you will contribute the amount you pledge over the next three years.

What are the different ways I can give?

Even a small gift, given regularly, can add up to a substantial donation over time. Get creative: defer major purchases, hold a garage sale, get the children involved with extra chores around the house, reduce spending, give your tax refund. It's a great way to involve your whole

family in the joy of giving something that matters and has a lasting impact. Our financial team is also available to discuss gifts of stocks, bonds, and other assets. All gifts are tax deductible.

How can I help?

First and foremost, please pray for the success of Refresh, Renew, Reconnect and the project it seeks to fund. Second, participate in the events and meetings so as to be as informed as possible about the campaign and the goals it will help us realize. Third, pray about the part you might play in the campaign, and prayerfully consider what your own sacrificial commitment might be.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love"
(Ephesians 4:15-16).

Creative Ways to Give

Decrease: Are there things in your life you can take advantage of less frequently? Maybe it's fewer Starbucks runs or one less dinner out each week. By decreasing a weekly expense, regardless of what it might be, you can save a significant amount to contribute.

Do More: Often, there are creative ways to save money. Maybe it's been a while since you got a quote for an existing service (ie., cell phone and cable service). Perhaps you could do some extra comparison or bargain shopping to save funds. For your kids, it could be as easy as saving extra change to give.

Delay: Are there plans you might be making that involve a financial commitment? If so, prayerfully ask God about delaying those plans and using the extra income to contribute.

Donate: A great way to contribute is to give appreciated assets (stocks, bonds, real estate). Giving appreciated assets to the church and letting us sell them eliminates potential capital gains taxes and may increase after-tax proceeds. Please contact the church office for more guidance before committing an asset gift in order to determine its viability for liquidation.

TYPICAL COMMITMENTS YOU CAN MAKE OVER A 156-WEEK PERIOD

Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	3-Year
\$2000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$60	\$260	\$3,120	\$9,360
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$15	\$65	\$780	\$2,340
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$5	\$22	\$260	\$780

Campaign Goals

BUILDING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TAKES WISDOM AND FAITH.

The leadership of Christ Covenant Church has been prayerfully considering how to wisely address the needs of our facilities. The first goal is set at an attainable \$700,000. The second goal is a more ambitious \$1,000,000. Our third goal of \$1,300,000 is the sort of goal that's unattainable unless the Lord is in it. We pray that He will generously supply this need as we attempt great things for Him and expect great things from Him.

GOD MOVE IN ME...

We've included a copy of the commitment card in this booklet so you may begin to pray about your financial involvement and what that will mean for your stewardship over these next three years. Please take time to think and pray through this and discuss it with your family.



I/WE ARE COMMITTED TO GIVE

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Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

SAMPLE

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:

\$ _____ Weekly for 156 Weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 36 Months

\$ _____ Annually for 3 Years

\$ _____ Other (as follows) _____

I/we will begin giving on: _____

FOR GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH:

Description _____

Approximate Value _____

Signature(s) _____

NOTE: This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.



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