

CAMPUS EXPANSION

Project Overview & Rationale

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT INCLUDE?

The proposed campus expansion encompasses approximately 109,000 square feet and includes:

- A new dedicated, multi-level Sanctuary designed for transcendence and the glory of God.
  - Seating capacity of approximately 2,400
  - A 200-voice choir
  - A centralized Welcome Center
  - A new and expanded bookstore
  - 2 new large, covered drop-off locations
- A new two-story Children's Wing containing classrooms for all ages and a relocated nursery (for convenient access to the Sanctuary), as well as a new indoor playground.
- A new two-story Adult Wing featuring a multi-purpose space with seating for approximately 360 people, additional classrooms for adults, students, and STS, as well as additional STS offices.
- 600 new paved parking spaces and an outdoor pavilion.

WHY IS THE PROJECT SO LARGE?

The size of the expansion is driven primarily by the design and construction requirements of the new Sanctuary. To accomplish our objectives effectively and efficiently, it is necessary to expand the surrounding facilities as well. Increasing the Sanctuary's capacity to approximately 2,400 seats will help accommodate our current attendance and anticipated growth without approaching capacity shortly after opening.

Throughout the planning process, we have sought to maximize space while minimizing costs. For example, the Sanctuary incorporates multiple levels rather than expanding the building's footprint outward.

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Key Questions and Prayer

WHY IS THE PROJECT SO EXPENSIVE?

The overall cost reflects both the scale of the expansion and the rising cost of construction.

- 109,000 square feet of new facilities
- Approximately $600 per square foot in construction costs
- 11.2% increase in construction costs over the past year

The overall project estimate also includes site improvements, parking, design and engineering fees, contingencies, and other related costs beyond the building construction itself.

The project represents a significant investment, and careful attention has been given to designing facilities that meet our needs while managing costs responsibly. The longer we wait, the more it costs.

WHY NOT COMPLETE THE PROJECT IN PHASES?

Phased construction was carefully evaluated but ultimately determined to be less effective and more expensive over the long term.

Building only the Sanctuary in an initial phase would leave insufficient classroom space, nursery space, parking spaces, etc., to accommodate anticipated growth. Completing the project together allows us to address these needs comprehensively while avoiding the additional costs associated with multiple construction phases.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- Wisdom and discernment for the Development Team as decisions are made
- Favor with the Town of Cary, including timely approval of development plans and permits
- Provision of resources, including the necessary funding and construction materials
- Lasting ministry impact, that the completed project would glorify God and create greater opportunities for the gospel
- Sacrificial hearts and Kingdom priority

NEXT STEPS?

- Opportunity for information sharing and input – January 2027
- Congregational meeting and vote – March 2027

Please note that project details and estimates reflect current plans and may be subject to change.