



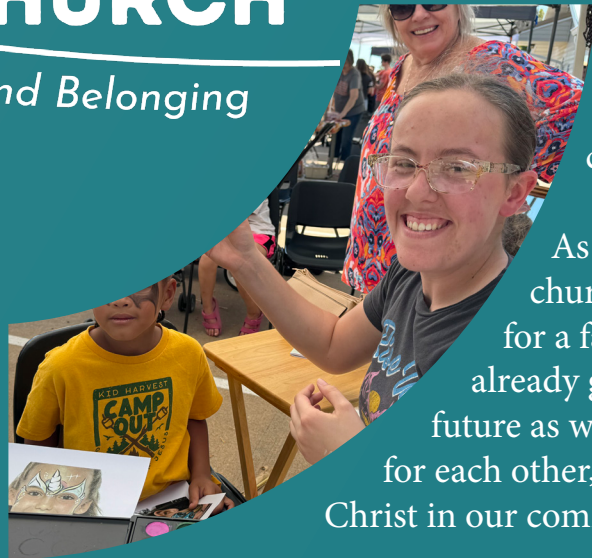
**GRACE
TOGETHER**

A Message from the Elders

Since our beginnings as a small Bible study in 1977, Grace Community Bible Church has been a place where the Gospel is faithfully taught, and where people find genuine Christian fellowship and a true sense of belonging. From our first building in 1982 to an expansion in 1989, God has consistently provided for our needs.

Today, we find ourselves at another pivotal moment. Since 2020, God has brought remarkable growth to our congregation, with weekly attendance more than doubling. We have doubled down on our commitment to blessing Kirksville through each of our lives and our church. Now, our current facilities can no longer adequately support the active life of our church family. Two Sunday services have helped accommodate the increase, but on Easter of this year, both services were crowded with over to 370 people finding a place to belong and worship our Risen Savior. As God has blessed, our foyer is now overcrowded, our kitchen undersized, and our gathering spaces insufficient to welcome new members to Grace.

We believe now is the time to step forward in faith and invest in a new, larger worship space—one that not only brings us together in one service, but primarily enables us to continue on with the vision God has given us of helping people come to Jesus! So, as the elders of Grace Community Bible Church, we are now launching the Grace Together Capital Campaign.



Our Vision

We are excited about what God is doing in our midst and the vision we think God is leading us in for the future! The vision is to fund a building not just for today, but for continuing growth. **The Vision of Grace Church is to be a family of Grace who Cultivates Belonging in Christ for Kirksville.** Our vision for this building project is be an extension of that vision. We want to build for our church, but also to be a blessing to our community so that more people can find belonging in Christ as a part of our family of grace. We want to build a building that builds the Kingdom of God. This building is not just about square footage; it's about creating room for the Gospel to go forward in greater ways, for families to find a home, and for us to cultivate belonging in Christ for Kirksville.

As we seek God's direction, we invite our church family to pray, give, and labor together for a facility that reflects the growth God has already given and anticipates His blessing in the future as we follow His direction. Let us make room—for each other, for our neighbors, and for the work of Christ in our community.

-The Grace Community Bible Church Elder Board

Our Needs

#1
MULTI-USE

#2
BATHROOMS

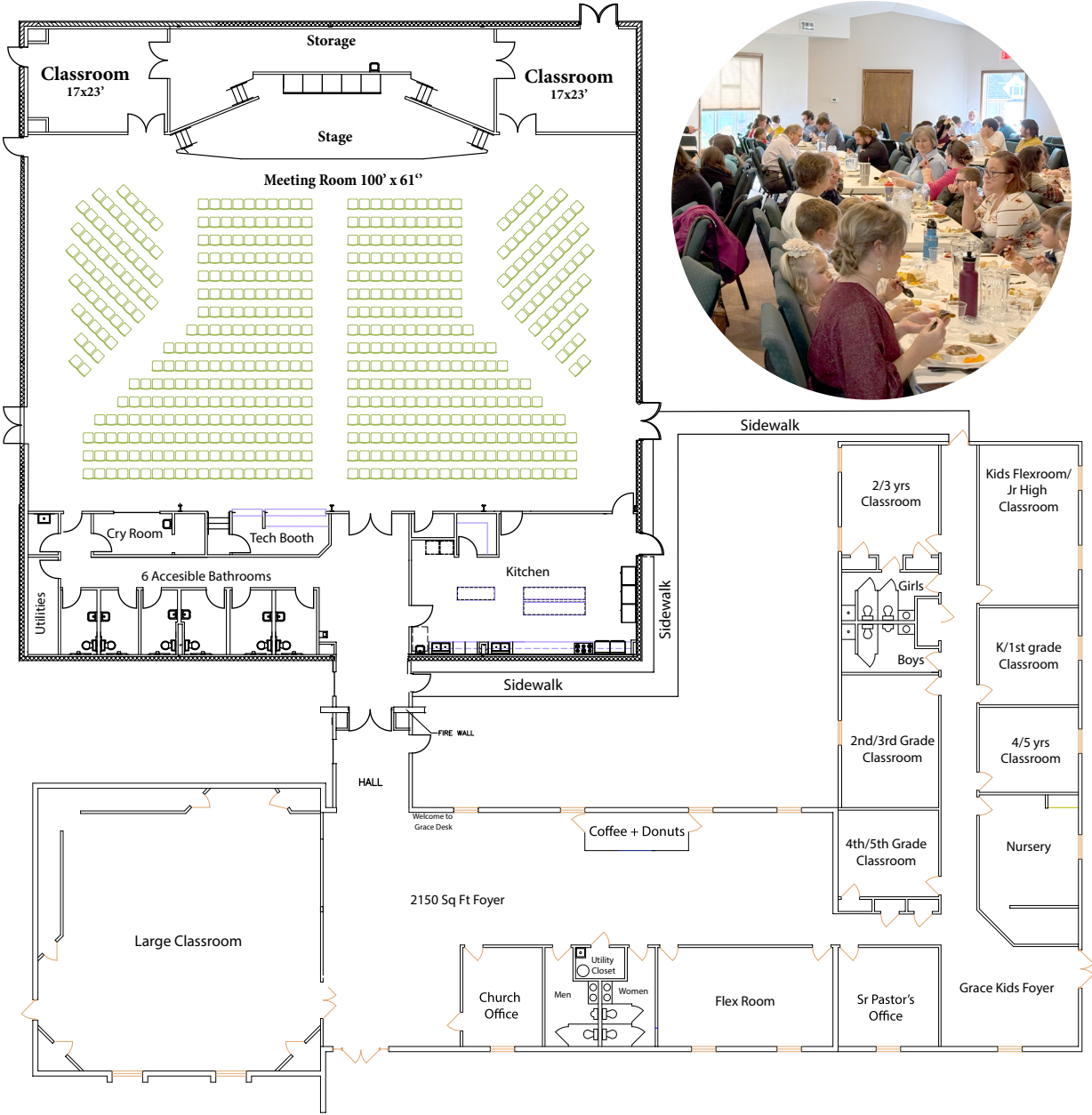
#3
FOYER TO FIT
THE SIZE OF
OUR CHURCH

#4
KITCHEN

#5
EXPAND
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SPACE



Building Design



Future Ministry Opportunities



Grace Family meals together



Banquet Seating



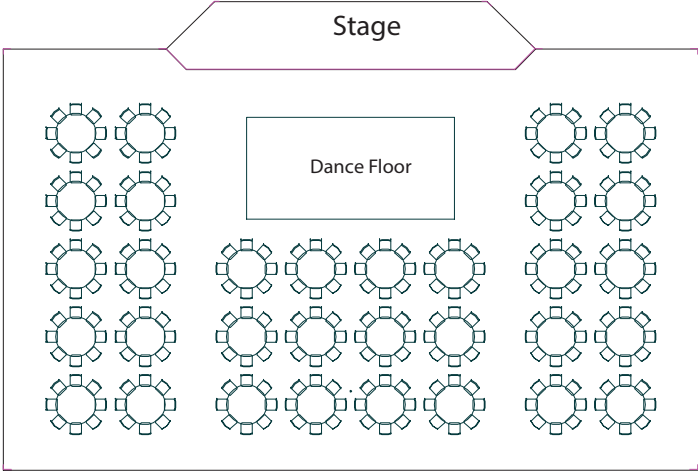
Wedding Services and Receptions



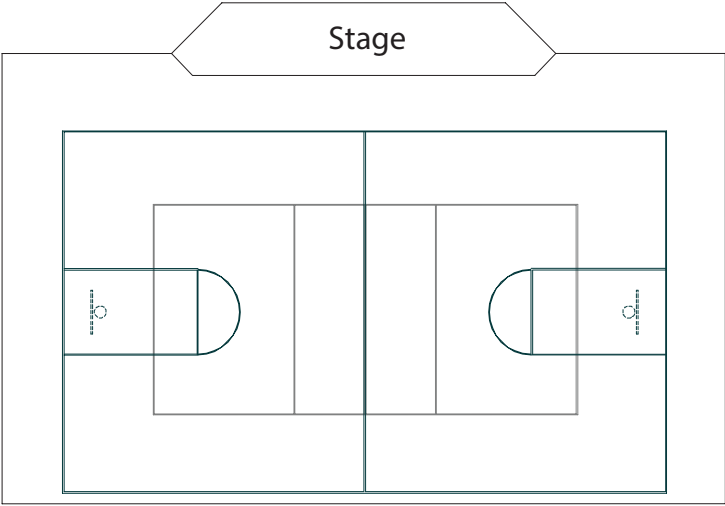
Sports Outreach



Youth Group Events



Sports and Banquet Setup



Our Grace Together Goal

Through Grace Together we aim to raise \$700,000 (or more!) over three years for a new multipurpose meeting center where we can worship God in unity with space to welcome others into our family of Grace.

This basic goal is the minimum necessary to build a new meeting center and make it usable, but it will not be enough to finish every part of the building.

For that, we have two additional goal levels:

\$700,000

1

Tier 1

\$850,000

2

Tier 2

\$1,000,000

3

Tier 3

Tier 1

We anticipate that reaching this goal will allow us to construct the new addition while leaving the kitchen and restrooms unfinished. The kitchen will be functional with our existing appliances but will require further enhancements in the form of new counters, cabinets, and upgraded appliances. The current restrooms meet city code requirements, but once additional funds become available, we plan to complete the new facilities to better serve our congregation.

1

2

Tier 2

If we meet this funding level, we hope to be able to finish the new kitchen and the new restrooms. However, we may still lack the funds to fully furnish the new sanctuary with appropriate sound and projection systems.

Tier 3

We anticipate that this level of funding will be enough to complete the new construction, including the kitchen and restrooms, and to equip the new sanctuary with essential sound and video systems. In addition, we should be able to reduce the amount of borrowed money needed, resulting in significant savings.

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Achieving the Goal Together

Grace Church has a place to meet today because God's people stepped out in faith in the past to provide for and build a space where His people can worship Him together. Let's sacrificially join together again to provide space for Kingdom of God to grow here at Grace.

In John 6:9, a young boy gives what little he has and Jesus receives it and uses it to accomplish His kingdom purposes to feed thousands! What an encouragement and example! Together, let's recommit to take our resources, be it our time, our talents, and our treasure, and give them all to God to use for His Kingdom purposes.

Achieving this vision will require all of us working together in faith and generosity.

We believe our goal is within reach if each person in our church prayerfully considers how God is calling them to give. While some may have the ability to offer larger gifts, every contribution—no matter the size—plays a vital role in reaching our goal.

Think About This

2 pledges at \$100,000+

2 pledges at \$60,000

4 pledges at \$35,000

8 pledges at \$20,000

10 pledges at \$10,000

10 pledges at \$5,000

Pledges less than \$5,000

Total pledged: \$770,00 or more!

Determining How You Will Participate

If you are unsure how you can best participate, here are some ways to make a thoughtful, God-honoring commitment. We encourage you to take this spiritual and financial step of faith as a united household.



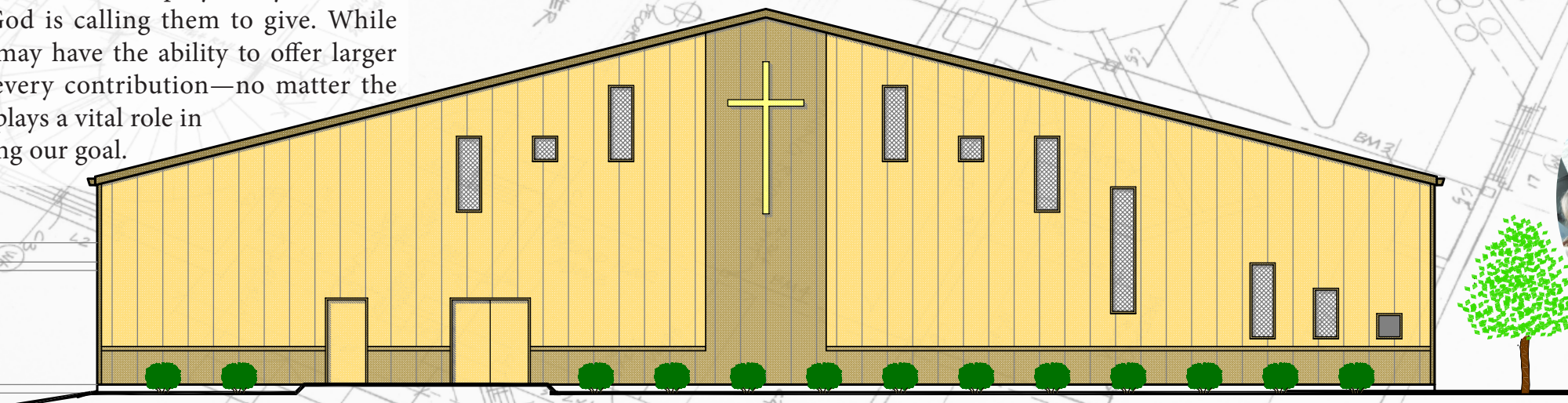
Seek God's Guidance – Spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal how He would have you contribute. He has blessed each of us uniquely, and we each have different capacities for giving. While our gifts may differ in amount, our sacrifices can reflect the same faith and commitment.



Think Creatively About Giving – Consider practical ways to free up resources for generosity. For example, eliminating one meal out per week could amount to \$3,640 in a year, allowing for a meaningful contribution. See more creative ideas on the next page.



Exercise Faith in Giving – We are trusting God together to provide for this financial need. How might you step out in faith to give generously toward our shared goal? See biblical giving principles on the next page.



Giving Principles

01 EVERYTHING BELONGS TO GOD Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's...

02 GOD'S CHILDREN ARE MERELY STEWARDS

Matthew 25:14-15 For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property...

03 DEVELOP A HEART OF GENEROSITY TO HAVE A HEART OF THANKSGIVING

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

04 HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED TO GIVE? WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU TO BE FULLY SURRENDERED TO

The **Rich Young Ruler** in Luke 18 needed to give 100% to be fully surrendered to God and follow Jesus. **Zacchaeus** in Luke 19 only needed to give away 50%. What Do you need to give away for your heart to be fully surrendered to God?

Creative Ideas to Enable a Generous Gift

Eliminate or scale back nonessential expenses:

By thoughtfully redirecting some of our discretionary spending, we can free up resources to invest in God's work. Scaling back in meaningful ways could allow us to make an eternal impact while deepening our faith as we refine our priorities, and trust Him with our resources. Here are some practical examples of ways we can redirect our spending:

- ✦ Eliminate one meal out per week: \$70 per week \$10,920 in three years!
- ✦ Eliminate 2 coffees per week: \$12 per week \$1872 in three years!
- ✦ Cancel 1 subscription (i.e. Hulu, Netflix, etc.) \$18 per month... \$648 in three years!
- ✦ Scale back cable/internet or cell phone package: \$20/month..... \$720 in three years!

Other ideas may be to reduce budgets for entertainment, shopping, Christmas and/or vacations. You may be able to give a portion of an income tax refund.

Give Non-Cash Gifts

When we think about giving to Grace Church, we often focus on contributions from our income. However, wealth is not just what we earn—it also includes what we have accumulated over time. As we prayerfully consider how best to support the Grace Together capital campaign, we can explore additional ways to give. In some cases, due to legal or tax considerations, these “nontraditional” gifts can provide meaningful benefits to both the donor and Grace Church, beyond the deep fulfillment of generosity and advancing God's kingdom.

Vehicles:

When you donate a vehicle to the church, it will be sold, and you can claim a tax deduction for the sale price.



Stocks and Bonds:

Donating stocks and bonds is a smart way to give, offering both financial impact and tax benefits. By gifting appreciated securities, you can typically deduct their full market value while avoiding capital gains taxes, allowing your contribution to go further. If you're considering this option, consulting a financial advisor can help ensure you make the most of it.



Real Estate:

Donating real estate allows you to deduct its full appraised fair market value, just like with stocks and bonds. Additionally, neither you nor the church will owe taxes on the gain, making it a financially efficient way to give.



Ways To Give



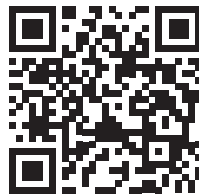
Cash or check:

If giving by check, you can give to the church general fund and the Grace Together initiative on the same check. Just indicated the amount designated for each on the memo line.



Electronically:

Give online at <https://www.GraceKirksville.com/give>, or by using the QR Code.



Stock transfer:

Rather than selling appreciated stock and incurring capital gains taxes, you can donate it directly from your account to Grace Church's brokerage account. This allows you to avoid taxes while also qualifying the transfer as a charitable donation. Grace Church will then sell the stock and use the proceeds to support the Grace Together initiative.



Other assets:

If you have vehicles, real estate, or other material goods that you would like to donate, please contact the church office at office@gracekirksville.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why not just extend our current sanctuary?

A: Extending the sanctuary would address only one of our current needs. It wouldn't resolve our need for a larger kitchen, more bathrooms, a bigger foyer, additional classroom space, or the growing needs of our youth.

Q: Why can't the sanctuary and gym be separate spaces?

A: Creating two separate spaces would essentially double the construction costs and triple our monthly utility and custodial expenses. Our church has always valued flexible, multi-purpose spaces to accomplish our mission and vision.

Q: Does it need to function as a gym?

A: Making it adaptable as a gym would maximize the space's potential and gives us the best opportunity possible to cultivate belonging in Christ all week long and not just on Sunday morning.

Q: Why is the new building being located in the back?

A: The most current and simple answer is that the city wants our building to drain out back and not create more water problems in the neighborhood.

Q: Do we need to build at all? What's wrong with our current space and setup?

A: The elders and most of the congregation wish to return to a single-service format. This requires either a larger gathering space or reducing our numbers, and we sense God leading us toward growth. Our typical Sunday attendance is between 220 and 240, though our membership and regular attendees combined are around 300. Our current sanctuary seats approximately 220, which feels crowded and does not meet fire codes or ADA compliance. Additionally, overfilling

the sanctuary raises safety concerns, as narrow aisles and closely packed seats hinder emergency exits, and does not feel welcoming. It also prevents visitors from coming. There is an oft-cited "80% rule" which states that a church sanctuary is no longer welcoming to visitors or members once the attendance has reached 80% of the capacity of the space. As a church, we never want to make anyone feel unwelcome, especially due to seating capacity.

Q: Why do we need additional spaces beyond the multi-purpose sanctuary?

A: Our current kitchen is too small for multiple people to work in at once, especially during events. Restrooms are also an issue, as there are regularly lines during Sunday services. Classroom space is similarly limited, and we especially need some larger rooms for our programs. Our current foyer is woefully too small, and we plan to repurpose the kitchen and 102, 104, and the library to be a foyer that will best meet our current needs. Ideally, foyers should accommodate 50–100% of the congregation to provide room for fellowship before and after services, which our current foyer and east entrance do not offer.

Q: Will it look like a gym?

A: No, the new sanctuary will be designed to look and function as a worship space while also being suitable for other purposes. Our goal is for the new space to excel as both a sanctuary and a multi-purpose area, much like our current space but with greater adaptability and improved design.

Q: Do we need to expand our parking lot?

A: Under city code we already have enough parking spaces to accommodate the proposed design.

Pray with Us

We invite all in our church family to regularly pray for God's will for their own participation, and for this important initiative in the history of Grace Community Bible Church.



Pray that God would be glorified through the teachings and the actions of His people in the Grace Together campaign.



Pray that God would multiply all that is given to lead people into loving and life-changing relationships with God and each other.



Pray for 100% participation; that every heart would be open to participate in this stewardship call.



Pray for wisdom for our church leaders and volunteers of Grace Together.



Pray that God would bless and protect those who serve in this stewardship ministry.



Pray that we all would be more intentional in living our lives as stewards (time, talents, and treasures) to further God's Kingdom.



Pray that God would reveal what He wants to do through you as His steward to fulfill His will for Grace Church.



Pray for specific guidance on what you can sacrificially give with God's help.



Pray for Grace Together Pledge Sunday on September 7th and First Fruits Sunday on October 5th.



Pray that you would continue to trust and depend on Christ as your personal savior.