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the **light**

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

Helping people find and follow Jesus

DEVONSHIRE
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A Message From our Leadership

Dear Devonshire family,

This year, we celebrate 50 years of God’s faithfulness since Devonshire’s story began on August 28, 1964 – and what a journey it has been. From the very beginning, the dream was for Devonshire to be a church that would be relevant and creative in proclaiming the redemptive message of God’s love in our community. That hasn’t changed one bit. Today, we say it this way: Our mission at Devonshire is *to help people find and follow Jesus*. Everything we do is shaped by that statement, because we believe that the most important thing in a person’s life is where he or she stands in his or her relationship with Jesus. We believe that Jesus is the only hope for a broken and hurting world, and that only in him our lives find meaning. Because of this, everything that we do – whether for the infant, the preschooler, the elementary-aged child, the teenager, the young adult, all the way to those in their senior years – is to help people take steps to becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.

God has been so good to us, and I’m excited about the story that continues to unfold here at Devonshire. For many years, our church leadership has looked forward to expanding our facilities. We have taken the steps of purchasing properties and making updates to our facility along the way, but in the past two years, we as a leadership have sensed the Lord’s leading that now is the time to reconfigure our current facility by adding additional classrooms, building an additional multi-purpose facility that will include more classrooms, offices and a kitchen, and by also expanding our parking lot.

I’m excited about our theme, “Into the Light,” because while these changes meet some of our current needs, ultimately, the reason that we’re taking these steps to improve and expand our facility is all for the purpose of helping people in our community step into the light of Jesus. That matches up with what Devonshire is all about. In 1 Peter 2:9, the Bible clearly states that our purpose is to ***“proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”***

My prayer for this campaign, the new building and the updates that are a part of it, is that they would not only be a testimony to the faithfulness of God to his people and the generosity of our church family, but, even more, that through it we might proclaim the greatness and goodness of Jesus – the one who brings us into the light. I pray that, in the years to come, our facilities will continue to be a place where the life-changing gospel ministry of caring for and meeting the needs of the broken and hurting will take place. I pray that it will be a place through which people of all ages both begin their journeys with Christ and continue to grow in his grace. I pray that the people who come through its doors will experience healing and find a place to belong. I pray that these doors will be doors through which people come and hear of the saving grace of Jesus, and then go out telling the news of a God who saves.

As Devonshire’s story continues to unfold, you and I have the great opportunity to be a part of the work God is doing in bringing people into the light. I invite you to join us for “Into the Light” by asking God this question:

God, what is your will for my life, so as to fulfill your will for our church at this time?

I’m looking forward with great anticipation and expectation to finding out how the Lord will provide and grow our faith and trust in him, and to the many who will be stepping into the light of Christ in the years to come through the ministry of Devonshire Church.

Will you join us?

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Derek Thrush
Senior Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was asked of me once: "If you are saved, why doesn't God just take you out of here to be with him?" I think this is a good question. After all, I am not one who likes to wait. I don't want to suffer through the pains and problems of this world. This world is tainted. It's not what God desires for me. So why not take me now? The bottom line is that God desires that *none* perish: "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

This is the reason God waits. This is the reason he has left us here. He wants us to continue his message. It is imperative. Once we have been shown the light of Christ, we need to share that light: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20).

Every member of Devonshire has been given the charge to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). If we don't, we are disobeying God's call. "Go" is an imperative statement. Not, "you *should* go." Christ *wants* us to go, since he loves his creation so much. The Gospel is clear: "Whoever says 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).

Reaching lost people is not a choice. It might make us uncomfortable. We might have more people, two services, messier floors and less room. But, it's not our house: It's God's house, and the desire of his heart is for the lost. We can always make more space, plant satellite churches, find a way to reach more. We can't ignore the sickness of the world and its need for a Savior.

This is why we are expanding – to reach more people for Christ. That is why we started Little Lambs: to raise up children in the knowledge of God, to reach the families for Christ, and to help them find and follow him. We must constantly look for ways to help more people find and follow Jesus.

One of Jesus's parables that touches my heart, and scares me, is the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30). The master gives three servants money. Two servants have the faith to risk their talents in order to please the master. One servant, however, gives into his fears and does not take a risk with his money. When the master returns, he is happy with two but upset with the one, because that servant feared using what was given to him.

Don't waste your talent – whether it includes money, time, gifts or abilities. We are here but for a moment. We have only this moment to make a difference, and God has not given us a spirit of timidity! Ask for a fresh filling of his Holy Spirit. Get serious about the job at hand. With his Spirit living and working in us, we can change Lower Paxton, Harrisburg, and the world.

I believe our church is in the process of revival. I have never seen so much love and passion in all my years at Devonshire. I have not seen the Spirit exposing, correcting, moving, healing, and refreshing like I have this past year. Let's walk our neighbors, co-workers, classmates, relatives – even those who are strangers to us – "Into the Light." Let's be the city on the hill and let our lives reflect purity and truth (Matt. 5:13-16).

May God richly bless each of you as you ponder God's call to reach his creation. May you feel a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit to lead and embolden you. May you become the person that Satan and his demons fear, as you lead people from his evil grasp. May you become the person whose all-out desire is to share the hope of Christ with the tired, lost and downtrodden.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (Psalm 96:3)

In Jesus,

Bob Amell
Board Chairman



“Into the Light” Capital Campaign

Summary

Devonshire Church has always served as a faith community to help people find and follow Jesus Christ. Throughout Devonshire’s history, the church’s leadership has been exploring, researching, discussing, and praying about how we should expand our current facility to meet the needs of our growing congregation and community.

Fifty years ago, Devonshire began in its present location with a clear calling to reach its surrounding community with the Gospel. In 1964, the original building was built; in 1978, the sanctuary and fellowship hall were added; and throughout the past 20 years, surrounding properties have been purchased, mortgages have been paid, an additional entrance and elevator were created, and, most recently, houses have been razed. This was done in preparation for the direction that our leadership has believed for years would be a next step for expanding our facilities in a way that would serve our ministry in our local community. We believe that now is the time to take the next important step towards building a facility that will serve the ministry and outreach needs for the mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.

As you read through the following pages, our desire is:

- to clearly explain the needs and challenges our church body is currently facing
- to communicate the goals of this campaign, including how it addresses those needs
- to explain how we can complete this mission together

Our Vision

Our vision through the “Into the Light” campaign is to create new spaces for ministry through the renovation and reconfiguration of our current facilities. This will include expanding and improving our parking lot, creating new classrooms for our children, and building a new multi-purpose facility. This multi-purpose facility will house our church office, a kitchen, space large enough for a full-sized basketball court for larger social events and activities, classrooms, and storage.

Understanding the Need

Our current facilities have served our congregation well over the last 50 years of ministry. As our body continues to grow, the following needs have arisen:

Lack of Parking and Needed Maintenance: We have reached our maximum parking capacity, and visitors and guests often have difficulty finding a place to park when they arrive on Sunday mornings. There is also maintenance and repair work that needs to be done to our parking lot.

Little Lambs Growth: Our preschool ministry has a need for additional space. New classrooms are needed to handle the increasing demands of the ministry to our community. Our current facility is also not able to accommodate parents and children for special programs and events, which are currently held offsite at larger venues.

Needed Classroom Space: During the Sunday school hour, more classroom space is needed to accommodate new and larger classes.

Growing Children’s Ministry: Our growing children’s ministry is in need of more space that is functional for the ministry. Currently, the children’s ministry shares its space with a number of other ministries, which has limited its options. It also is important that we take every step possible to provide our children with a space that is safe and inviting.

Community Outreach: Our ministry teams have also expressed interest in connecting with our community in ways that our current facility will not allow.

Church-Wide Events: Our current facility has reached a point where it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to host the entire church body for events held outside the sanctuary. As our body grows, this will become increasingly difficult.

Goals of the Campaign

The board of administration and our ministry leaders have prayerfully and deliberately worked together to address these needs, and have prepared a three-fold plan for this campaign.



GOAL #1: CREATE New Classrooms and a Children's Wing

- Convert the existing fellowship hall into three new classrooms, primarily for Little Lambs Preschool use.
- Create a new office space for preschool staff adjacent to the classrooms, so all preschool spaces are consolidated into one area.
- Convert the existing Shire classroom and surrounding area into a children's wing, dedicated to G.P.S. Ministries. This will include a large-group area and two classrooms dedicated to G.P.S. Ministries, with access to the nearby preschool classrooms as needed.

How this meets the vision of "Into the Light": By creating new classrooms and consolidating the preschool operations onto the same floor, Little Lambs will be able to add three new classrooms and increase capacity. This ministry provides exposure to the community, and connects us with families in the area who don't have a relationship with Jesus.

Our children's ministry is also growing quickly, and more space is needed. By providing a space dedicated to its needs, we can provide children with a warm and inviting location where they feel at home. The new wing will also consolidate the classroom locations, increasing our ability to provide a secure and stable area while families are on-site. Experience shows that it is vitally important to communicate the Gospel to children at a young age, and we must do everything in our power to do just that.



GOAL #2: EXPAND and Improve Parking

- Add 70 new parking spaces on the north side of Devonshire Road (adjacent to the church building). The existing parking areas will also be resurfaced to address the aging condition of the areas.

How this meets the vision of "Into the Light": By expanding and improving our parking, we are making space for people who will attend services and ministry and community events. We are preparing for many more years of use by those who will be touched by the ministry of Devonshire through these improvements.

GOAL #3: BUILD a New Multi-Purpose Facility

- Our recent acquisition of the neighboring property on Devonshire Road and the lots that currently hold our church offices and overflow parking will be the location of an 8,200 square foot, multi-purpose, steel-framed building that is separate from the church building. This means that prior to the building of this facility, the current church offices will be razed. The new building will include:
 - the church offices
 - a full-sized gym, able to accommodate 360 people
 - men's, women's, and family bathrooms
 - two new classrooms, with an upstairs viewing area that could also be used as an additional classroom as needed (The Shire will meet in one of these new classrooms.)
 - a stage and storage area
 - a full kitchen facility

How this meets the vision of "Into the Light": The new facility will be large enough to host church-wide events that our current facility isn't able to accommodate. It will also allow Little Lambs to remain on-site for larger events, such as the Christmas and graduation programs.

The multi-purpose space will serve as our main gathering area for church social functions and for children's and youth ministry outreaches. This will also provide space for possible ministry opportunities in the future, such as hosting sporting and community events, a soup kitchen, and other programs.



Vision for the New Facility

To build a new facility just for the sake of building would be a misguided effort. Our leadership has been clear that we are not interested in a “build it and they will come” philosophy. The primary goal of any effort in the church body should be rooted in the Gospel, with a clear and purposeful heart to reach the lost with the love of Jesus Christ.

“A new children’s area for G.P.S. Ministries will not only be used to educate our children in the word of God, but will also be used as a space to encourage our children to follow their God-given gifts, leading them to be empowered to reach others for Christ. In addition, a space devoted to the children will allow us to create a safer environment for those children, as well as give us opportunities to work more closely with Little Lambs Preschool in aligning our visions for the children of Devonshire.”



David LoBianco
Children’s Ministry

“Little Lambs Preschool began as an opportunity to both fulfill a need the community was requesting and to help those families find and follow Jesus. Since opening in 2011, LLP has grown from 36 students the first year to full capacity at 94 students, with wait lists for each class. Children and families have been introduced to Jesus and Devonshire Church, formed friendships connecting non-believers to believers, and have developed a strong foundation for both spiritual and academic growth. The new classrooms will help us reach more of the families on the wait list, giving them an opportunity to know the Lord. The new building will allow parents and extended families the opportunity to see the students perform songs about Jesus here at Devonshire, rather than off campus. The family nights can also be held in that space, offering opportunity for fellowship with the staff and Devonshire volunteers and to share Jesus’ love with them in a comfortable environment. With more Little Lambs functions occurring at Devonshire, there is more potential for families to feel more comfortable attending the church functions. Additional space for classrooms and extra events will simply help more people find and follow Jesus.”



Jenn McMurray
Little Lambs Preschool

“The new building will be a helpful ministry tool for our youth. The thing that stands out to me the most is the potential to use this space before and after school to minister to students in various ways - from some recreational time or tutoring to Bible studies before or after school. It will be useful in youth events, from a better space to have dinner and talent shows, to coffeehouse fundraisers and events such as the 30-hour famine, which require activity space and multimedia capabilities.”



Andrew Kafferlin
Youth Ministries

"The classroom space at Devonshire is at full capacity today. The new facility will address this directly by providing areas for more classes and groups. The large multi-purpose space also removes the size restrictions we currently face when scheduling some classes and events. I'm so excited to see God work through our congregation to reach our neighborhoods and communities in new and relevant ways."

Brent McClintock
Adult Ministry



"With a new multi-purpose facility, we will be able to reach out to people in our community who haven't heard about Devonshire Church. The possibilities are many: basketball camps and leagues, a soup kitchen or community meals, family game nights, after-school youth options. It is going to be very exciting to see where the Holy Spirit leads us in reaching more people for God's glory."

Erin Stutzman
Local and World Outreach Ministry



FIGURE B. New Multi-Purpose Facility

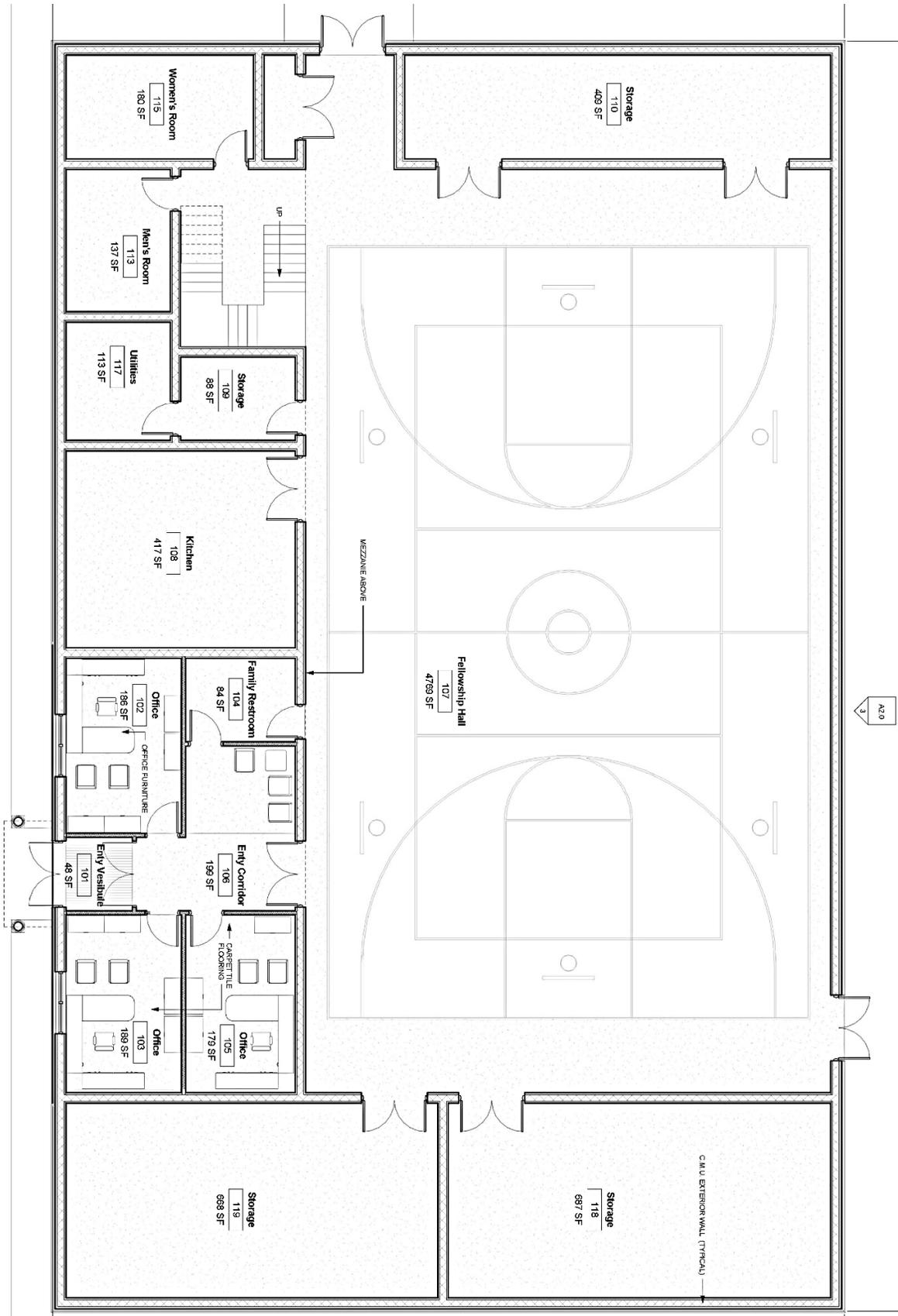


FIGURE C. Existing Fellowship Hall, Renovated Into Classrooms (1 of 2)

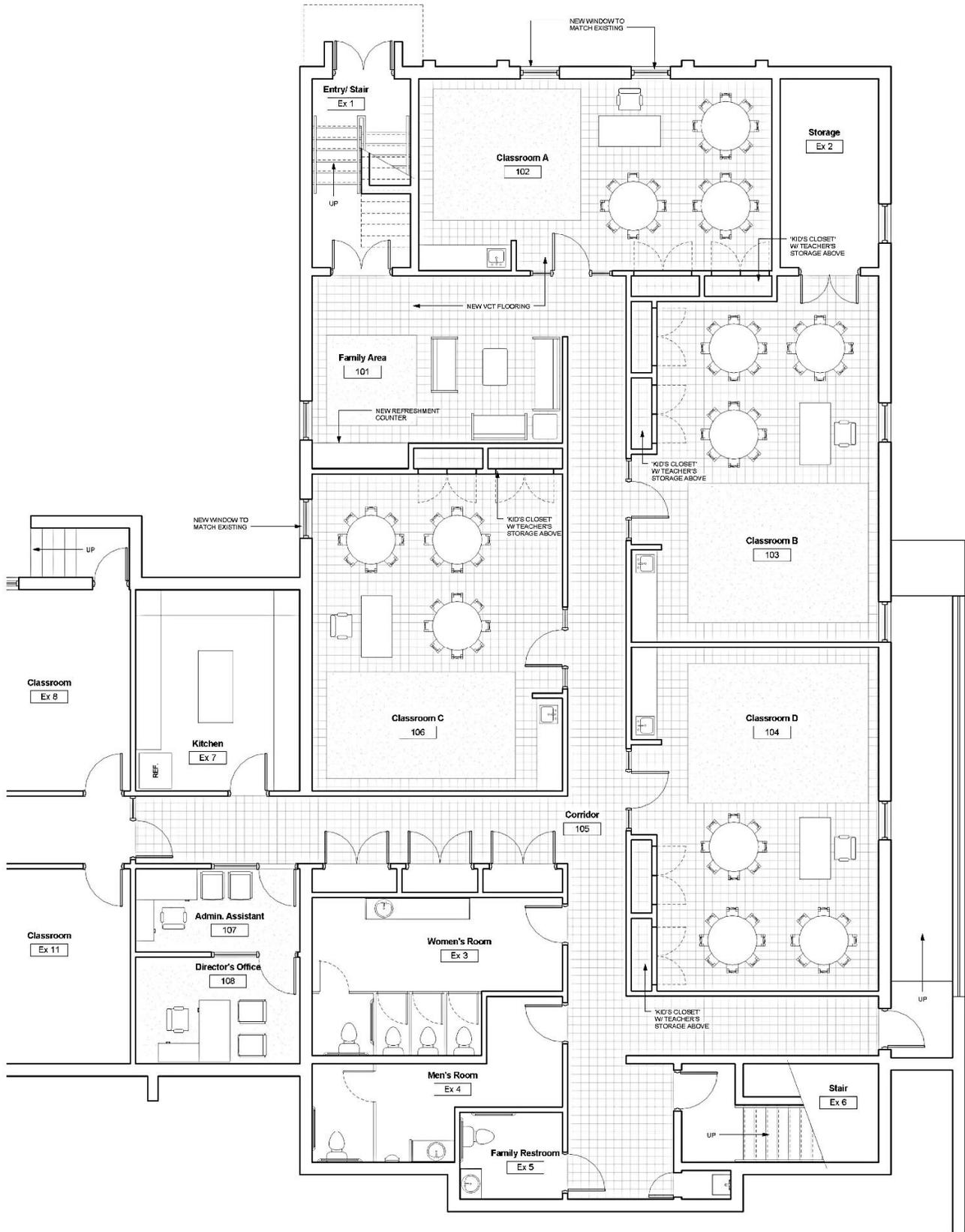
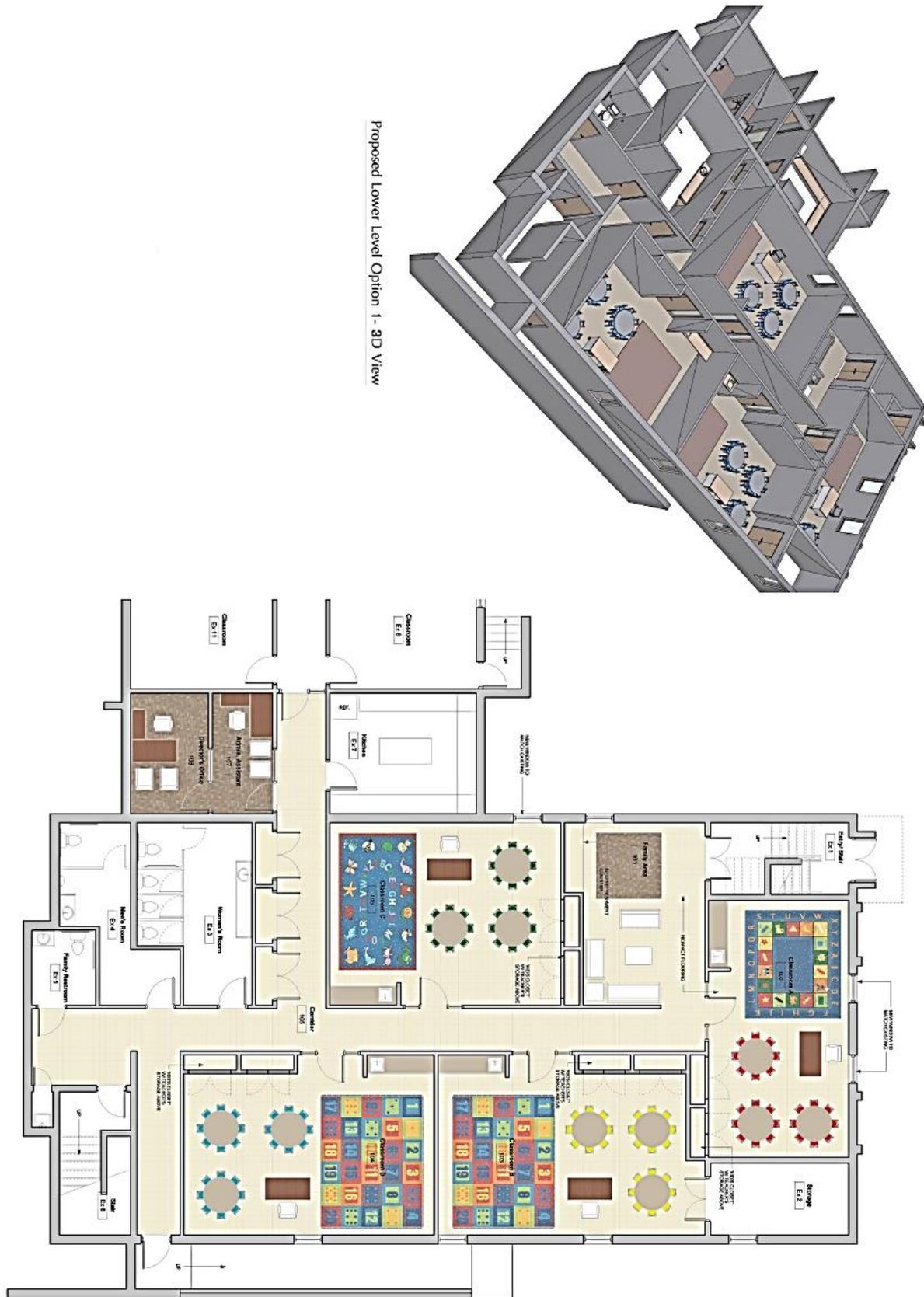


FIGURE D. Existing Fellowship Hall, Renovated Into Classrooms (2 of 2)



Project Timeline

As with any construction project, actual dates depend on many factors and could change as needed, but our goal for breaking ground on the new multi-purpose facility is the summer of 2016.

Sunday, March 22, 2015, is scheduled as "Commitment Sunday" for the "Into the Light" Campaign, and March of 2018 is scheduled as the completion of the three-year campaign.

Giving

Goals

The primary goal of the "Into the Light" Campaign is to raise \$450,000 above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings by March 2018 (three years).

Where Will the Funds Come From?

The total costs for the completion of this project is estimated to be \$1,200,000. Over the course of the three-year campaign, our goal is to reach the following participation milestones:

- \$100,000 from community fundraising
- \$450,000 from the congregation
- \$50,000 from Little Lambs
- \$600,000 from mortgage

Commitment Service

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, part of our regular worship service will be a special Commitment Service. The congregation will be asked to communicate their faith commitment privately by placing a Commitment Card in a marked container in the rear of the sanctuary. A sample of the Commitment Card is included on the following page. This will allow our board and campaign team to plan accordingly.



Sample Commitment Card

(Front)



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Campaign Commitment

...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

I (We) want to be a part of helping people "Into the Light".

Name (s) _____ *(print)*

Address _____ *(print)*

Phone _____ Date _____

This is a statement of intent and not a contractual agreement. It may be altered at any time as circumstances may dictate.

(Back)

Your Giving Potential to Reach Your Commitment

Weekly Contribution Examples		Monthly Contribution Examples	
Amount	3-year Total	Amount	3-year Total
\$ 1	\$ 156	\$ 5	\$ 180
\$ 3	\$ 468	\$ 10	\$ 360
\$ 5	\$ 780	\$ 20	\$ 720
\$ 10	\$ 1,560	\$ 25	\$ 900
\$ 15	\$ 2,340	\$ 50	\$ 1,800
\$ 20	\$ 3,120	\$ 75	\$ 2,700
\$ 25	\$ 3,900	\$ 100	\$ 3,600
\$ 50	\$ 7,800	\$ 150	\$ 5,400
\$ 75	\$ 11,700	\$ 200	\$ 7,200
\$ 100	\$ 15,600	\$ 250	\$ 9,000
\$ 150	\$ 23,400	\$ 500	\$ 18,000
\$ 200	\$ 31,200	\$ 750	\$ 27,000
\$ 250	\$ 39,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 36,000



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1. Cash gift (enclosed):

\$ _____
(make check payable to Devonshire Church)
 and/or

2. Commitment to give over the next three years:

\$ _____ a week for 156 weeks (or)
 \$ _____ a month for 36 months (or)
 \$ _____ a year for 3 years
 and/or

3. As follows:

(description of gift) _____
 \$ _____
(value of gift)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I understand that my financial pledge will involve a faith commitment. Can you explain the term “faith commitment”?

A. A faith commitment is a decision that is made between God and you through prayer and conversation with God. Faith commitments are inspired by the belief that God will provide both through unexpected means and through the efficient management of your personal finances; through seemingly miraculous provisions, as well as the call to sacrifice comforts of daily life. The essence of a faith commitment is captured best through 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Q. Will I be asked to communicate my faith commitment for “Into the Light” on March 22?

A. Yes, during our Commitment Service. The leadership team will make important decisions regarding the timing of various projects based on the collective faith commitments made that day.

Q. Will my faith commitment be a matter of public information?

A. No. Information about individual faith commitments will be known only by the financial reporter, Butch Hainly, and will be held in the strictest confidence. The leadership team will be aware of the collective total of all faith commitments.

Q. What if my circumstances change and interfere with my ability to complete my faith commitment?

A. Certainly none of us anticipate what the future holds. We understand that over the course of time, your circumstances may change unexpectedly due to health issues, job transitions, and so on. As with all faith commitments, the matter is between God and you and the fulfillment of your commitment would be a matter decided between God and you.

Q. Will the funds be used only for the building project?

A. The funds are designated for costs directly related to the capital campaign. By law, these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Q. Is a regular weekly or monthly payment required?

A. The commitment that you make and the payment method and frequency you choose will be at your discretion. If you use the tithing envelopes, you may include your faith commitment with your regular tithes and offerings. You should designate the amount as “building fund” on the face of the envelope. You may also choose to have your payment deducted automatically each month from your bank account or simply write a check and note “Into the Light” in the memo portion of your check.

Q. Can you suggest some creative ways to fund my faith commitment?

A. There are many, many ways to maximize our resources. First of all, allow God to talk to you about areas of your life where you could make even minimal changes that would maximize your expendable dollars. Consider donating an unexpected windfall, like a tax return, towards the campaign before it is used elsewhere. Perhaps it is that daily mocha latte at your favorite coffee shop, or a dinner at your favorite restaurant. You and your family could hold a yard sale or sell some of your used items on eBay. If you have an accountant or financial planner, he or she may be able to suggest other creative options suited to your particular circumstances.

What's Next?

Ways to Get Involved

1. Prayerfully consider an amount for your faith commitment.
2. Mail your faith commitment card to the church office.
3. Our financial reporter will receive and record your commitment into an anonymous database.
4. You will receive a letter confirming your faith commitment.
5. Your faith commitment is confidential and will remain confidential.

Additional Ways to Participate

6. Take a personal inventory. Consider investing from as many areas as possible: income, time, talents, and assets, such as real estate, stocks, bonds, personal possessions, etc.
7. Ask yourself, "What can I give up, do without, postpone, or alter in order to give to my church?"
8. Faithfully pray that God is glorified as we join together in the "Into the Light" campaign.

How Can I Pray?

- Praise God for his faithful provision to our family and church body over the past 50 years.
- Pray that God will continue to reveal his will and give wisdom to those in leadership as they make decisions regarding the future of Devonshire (James 1:5).
- Pray that God will help us to be like-minded within our families and our congregation, so we can work together to fulfill his will for our church (Philippians 2:1-2).
- Pray that God will use those who attend Devonshire Church to make a difference for Jesus in our community and throughout the world (Matthew 5:13-16).
- Pray for God to provide everything we need to fulfill his will for our church, so that we can continue to "help people find and follow Jesus" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

More Information

If you have questions about the campaign, the expansion project, or the upcoming ministry plans, we'd love to talk to you.

Questions and comments concerning the stewardship campaign can be sent to Bob Amell (bob@devonshirechurch.org) or Pastor Derek Thrush (derek@devonshirechurch.org). You can also contact the church office by phone at 717-545-8485.

More details and updates can also be found on our website, www.devonshirechurch.org/intothelight.

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