

BLUEPRINTS

BUILDING GENERATIONS ON A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

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Celebrating 25 Years of Cornerstone

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It's always special to stop and appreciate the milestones of life. And that's especially the case this year as we celebrate 25 years of ministry here at Cornerstone Church.

My family and I were here during many of those years. We began attending Cornerstone in the summer of 2001 when the church was still meeting at Grant Elementary School. We became involved very quickly. My wife, Connie, would eventually get involved with the worship team, and I had the opportunity to teach an adult Sunday School class (in the school hallway) and

later became an elder for two years.

It was such an exciting time when our congregation took a big leap of faith and purchased our current property on McMillan Street, which only consisted of the blue building and a gravel parking lot at the time. It didn't take long until we were forced to hold two separate services because the church was growing so quickly. Within five short years, it became evident that we needed to build on, resulting in the construction of our current worship center and administrative wing.

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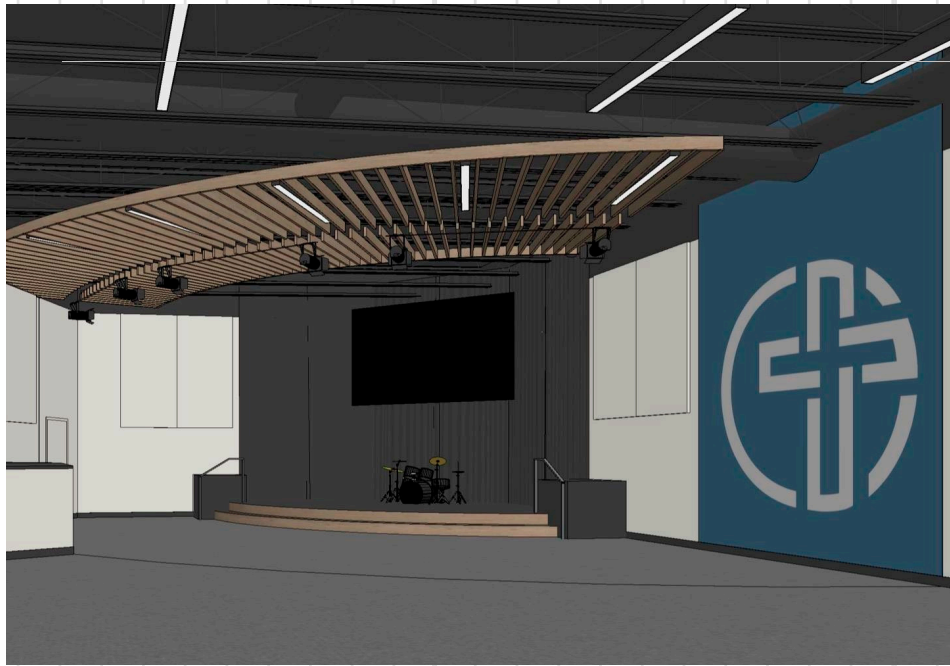
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us for a 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 13th at 5:00 PM

- Catered Meal (bring a side dish to pass)
- Worship
- Time for Shared Memories
- Slide Show
- Fellowship & Fun!

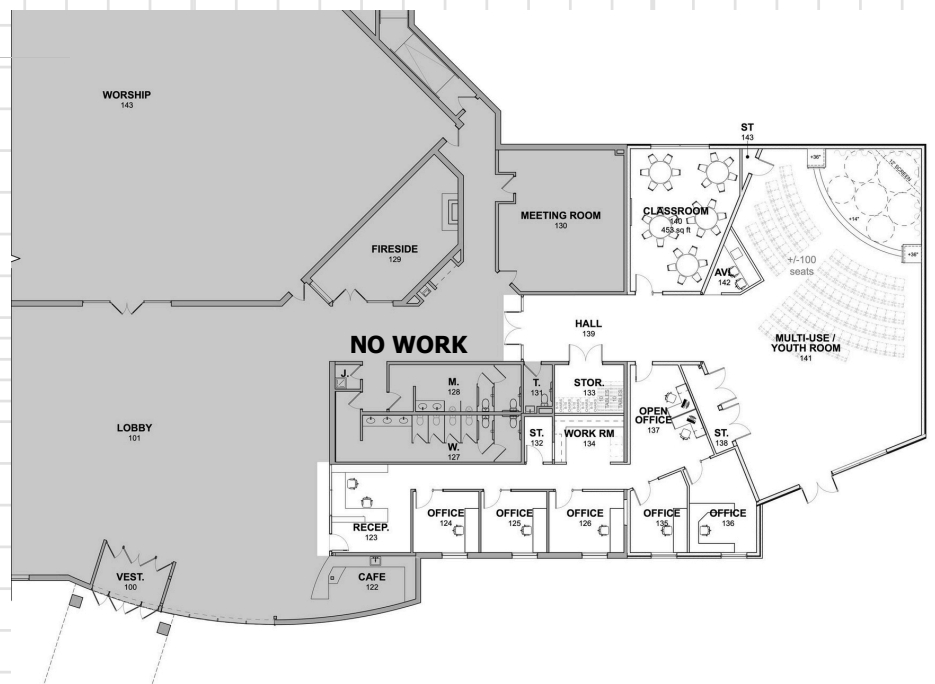


What's Included in This 3,562 Square Foot Addition?



The Phase 1 North Building Addition will include a modern multi-purpose space (up to 100 person capacity) with built-in stage and AV equipment for youth and special events, along with an adjacent classroom for small groups or other educational settings. This will also allow our students and kids to meet the same time mid-week and Sunday mornings.

Changes to the Administrative Wing will consist of a more inviting reception area while giving our staff a better view to the front door of the building, along with three new individual office spaces, a work room, and additional storage. As our staff continues to grow, this project will help alleviate a current shortage of offices and crowded workspace.



Financial Update

Amount Already Donated (as of 8/25/25)	\$950,000
Amount Committed by May 31, 2027	\$1,785,000
Total Phase I Cost	\$2,400,000
Total Remaining Need Beyond Already Committed	\$615,000

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In 2006, we began attending another church closer to where we lived, but returned 13 years later. We noticed the church had grown, yet the "family atmosphere" had not changed one bit. I'm still in awe of the fact that our church still has so many people who volunteer on Sunday mornings and mid-week doing everything from technical work in the sound booth to leading our youth groups or making coffee in the kitchen. It's a rare find in a church of our size.

I am currently serving as an elder once again and am so excited to see how God is STILL changing lives after 25 years. I remember working in the sound booth after we moved into the blue building in 2002 and looking down from the balcony to see the people worshipping together. I can honestly say that the spirit of worship is just as evident now as it was back then.

I'm also humbled to think that back in the very beginning, everything we owned as a church would fit into a small utility trailer

(unloaded and re-loaded every Sunday at the school). And now, we are in the process of expanding our facility again because of what God is doing.

At Cornerstone, I wouldn't say that we are in a 'we need to grow mindset,' yet God continues to bring more people into our fellowship. We've always preached the Word, the whole Word, and we preach it authentically. As a result, our family has become larger and it's a very special time to not only be celebrating the number of years, but most importantly, the number of changed lives.

As many of you are aware, the congregation has recently voted to proceed with Phase 1 of the BluePrints building project. Starting this month we will begin the process of adding a 3,500 square foot addition to the north side of our building, which will consist of a spacious multi-purpose area for youth programming and special events; along with expanded office space for our growing staff.

Almost \$1.8 million was committed to the project in advance, and we have already received nearly \$1 million in just the first year of our capital campaign (Praise God!).

Our team felt it made the most sense to do the new addition first so that the current youth activities were not interrupted during the process. This will allow our current kids' programs to continue in a new space while we move on to Phase 2, which will be to better meet the needs of our education wing by renovating the older building.

I encourage everyone to take part in our church's 25 Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 13th, as well as the Ground Breaking Celebration for the building project the following morning after our Sunday church service.

This is a very exciting time to look back and praise God for all He has done, while looking ahead at the next chapter of this story we call Cornerstone Church.



Join us on September 13th for our 25th
Anniversary Dinner & Celebration

Meal at 5:30 PM / Program at 6:15 PM
at Cornerstone Church

Groundbreaking on the North
Addition Construction Project takes
place following Sunday morning
service on September 14th

