



## **4 the Kids**

**Preparing kids to be Christ's light in the world.**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**I do not have kids or my kids are past the age of enjoying a space like this. Why should I support this program?**

We believe this building is more than just an expansion of space for our Acts 2 children and youth. We believe it allows us to continue God's work in our community. We envision this addition to allow our church to become a central hub in the community where people come to know Jesus, gather for meetings, sports practices, summer camps and more. In addition to this allowing us to be a light to our community, we also believe that each time one of these people steps on our campus, we have an opportunity to reach the non-religious and non-active Christians in the community. With more than 29,000 people in our five-mile radius not having a church home, we believe this is a way to reach them.

And, once they've stepped foot on our campus, we believe having enough space for children, youth and adults to deepen their knowledge of Christ is critical. Creating space for youth, in turn, also creates more space for adults to meet – an area in our ministry that is currently constrained based on space. Most adult programming is done off campus. This can make it harder for new guests/members or unconnected guests to be able to connect.

Bottom line is that this is bigger than a space for children of Acts 2. It is a central place for those in our community to find fellowship, light and love.

**Why aren't we using this money to pay down the debt on our current facility?**

With the infusion of new campaign capital, we will actually be less leveraged from a financial perspective. Interest rates are rising rapidly right now and we are better off with our current fixed rate of 3.75% through June 2023 than we would be to pay down the current debt and take on a new building debt at a higher rate.

**Will we be taking on more debt with this project?**

The short answer is no. As a church, we have committed to holding no more than \$3.2 million in debt. While we have a vision for this building that includes a rendering and floor plan, we are aware that what we raise in our capital campaign might not be enough for this vision in its entirety. Once we understand how much we can give, as a church, we will retrofit the building to the budget we have. We will not allow this project to take us past \$3.2 million in debt.

**Do the revenue models include the cost of maintenance and personnel increase for the facility?**

Yes. We know our costs will increase with the opening of any new building. Jeff Hedrick, our business administrator, carefully projected those costs in 2013, prior to building and opening the Sanctuary building in 2014.

**Do capital campaigns reduce general ministry giving?**

Yes, while we will ask for campaign commitments to be over and above regular giving we expect some current giving will be decreased with the increase of capital commitments. Our track record from three previous campaigns indicates we will have significantly more ministry resources with a capital campaign than without it.

**What are the numbers?**

- a) As mentioned in the case, a building committee (commissioned in 2016) presented some preliminary plans in a Town Hall setting about a year ago. The dream building they presented included two full-size indoor basketball courts complete with a concession area, a commercial kitchen, indoor and outdoor play areas and classroom space. This plan's estimated cost was more than \$4 million. Once we have campaign commitments, we'll know how we can proceed with a building that will be in alignment with our projected giving.
- b) Prior to any final decisions or contracts, leadership will bring all plans to the entire membership for a final vote. If our congregation decides to proceed with a plan, we will enlist the expertise of financial advisors with the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation for validation. We are then required to present our plans to our denomination's board of building and church location (they oversee all UMC building projects in our state). They will review our plan for final approval. There are a lot of built in checks and balances.

**If we expand our CDO childcare program, will it change the atmosphere by bringing in a business interest?**

Our current CDO ministry introduces our littlest ones to the love of Jesus and His church. We do this today at a price-point consistent with other programs in the area. We believe our business model centers around Jesus and can balance both the ministry side and business side of running an expanded program. We have a proven track record of ministry and financial success with our current CDO model.

**Do we have liability issues with running a childcare program?**

As with running any business, we do have liability issues. We run a DHS-licensed facility with our current CDO. We also have accountabilities/requirements with our denominational structure. We report to the state, and equally as important, to the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Running a childcare program means we will need enhanced security for the new building – have we accounted for that?**

The Building Committee has made plans to secure the building. The Acts 2 Trustees are responsible for all ongoing security measures for all of our property.