

## Questions you might have:

Is God inviting us to embark on a building project as a congregation?

Are we ready for a project of this magnitude?

How do we know if everyone affirms this direction?

Will this help us do better ministry?

## Timeline

- May 2013 | Making Room Committee created
- November 2013 | Making Room Committee report
- January 2014 | Congregational meeting
- February 2014 | Membership authorization for architectural consultation
- Spring 2014 | Space That Serves Committee created  
Elevate Studios hired
- September 2014 | Congregational workshop
- Fall 2014 | Design principles developed
- February 2015 | Space That Serves report
- May 2015 | Congregational meeting
- July 2015 | TLC Ministries hired



**THORNAPPLE**  
COVENANT CHURCH



An Important  
Moment

Dear Thornapple,

We are excited to ask for your participation in an important conversation about our facility! Over the last two years we have been discussing our facility and whether it is time to make some much needed changes. But we want to make sure everyone is fully informed and praying about this issue.

To help us do that we would like every household to join us in doing **three** things during the month of September:

### Pray

Begin praying today about our potential facility project. Ask God to speak to all of us about the necessity, scope, and timing of our plans.

### Attend One Facility Project Presentation

Over the next several weeks you are invited to come to the church for a full presentation on this matter along with opportunities for dialogue and prayer. **We would like every household to be represented at one of these meetings.** It's really important for discernment that every one be fully informed about the project we are praying about.

### Fill out a Congregational Readiness Survey

We would like every adult in each household to fill out a survey. We want to hear from everyone. The survey questions are written to help us know if we ready for such a project at this time. The surveys are confidential and will be reviewed by TLC Ministries who has been hired to help us through our decision-making process. The surveys will be given out at the Facility Project Presentations.

### Facility Project Presentation dates:

Thursday,  
Sept. 10  
at 7p.m.

Wednesday,  
Sept. 16  
at 7p.m.

Sunday,  
Sept. 20 at  
3:30p.m. and 5p.m.

We thank God for you in our prayers often and pray that our life and ministry together would continue to impact lives for Christ resulting in each child, student and adult becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ who loves God wholeheartedly, grows in the grace of Christ and serves sacrificially in the power of God's loving Spirit.

A few weeks ago we hosted 300 children in our VBS ministry. Children and adults grew in their understanding and love for God. One child who does not attend church regularly said that he believed Jesus could answer his prayers for a specific personal need. God was at work. Our facility enables us to serve our community and offer the good news of Jesus to many children. We are thankful for that.

Thank you your partnership in the work of Christ in our community and around the world. **See you at one of the presentation meetings in September.**

Pastor Rob and The Council of Elders