



Step ^{IN} Faith

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Joshua 3:5



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace!

I am excited to share with you our **Step in Faith** campaign. It is an exciting time for our church as we step out and trust in God to lead us into our future. Over these last three years God has done amazing things in calling us forth as a church. We have gathered from a number of backgrounds with one purpose – to build a church that stands firm in the traditions and values of the Methodist faith. God has blessed our efforts, and we have, and continue to see, growth.

As we have prayed together for God to lead us, we have heard a clear voice indicating that now is the time for us to take our next step. We have been blessed to have Katy High School as our worshiping location, but we have also felt the longing for a place to call our own. Our Board of Stewards, as well as our Building Team, have done a great job of looking into various options. With much discernment, we have settled on two paths forward - to purchase an existing facility and remodel or to purchase land and build. This information booklet will give you the latest details we can share about the possibilities that are before us.

As you read through these pages, I ask that you prayerfully consider your part in building our future. This is a tremendous undertaking that will truly require God's guidance for all of us. Each of us has a part, and every part will require a significant step of faith. My prayers join with yours in seeking God's call for all of us in fulfilling our role in the Kingdom of God.

May God's grace guide us as we seek to step out in faith and trust in His future for us!



Howard Huhn
Senior Pastor



THE FIELDS ARE RIPE

Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

From its days as a rice-producing region, the Katy area has been a place of fruitful harvests. While the days of rice production have passed, the harvest of people longing to know about the life-saving and transforming power of Jesus Christ continues to grow. We live among one of the fastest growing communities in Texas. Since 2010, those living within a 20-minute drive of Resurrection Methodist Church has grown from 240,314 to 405,672 (in 2023). Projections show continued growth, with the population estimated to reach 548,446 in 2033. (That's 35% projected growth!) Many of those future residents are expected to be young families and retirees.

Standing Strong for Traditional Methodism

However, it is not just those moving into our area who are looking for new churches. Many in our community are looking for a church like ours that is rooted in Scripture and the historic and life-giving teachings of the Christian faith. They are seeking the same church home that over 300 men and women felt led to step out and form in Resurrection Methodist Church just 3 short years ago. People are looking for a church that upholds the faith that has been taught by Methodist churches for centuries, and as a member of the Global Methodist denomination, Resurrection stands strong for traditional Methodism.

Many families are disgruntled by the changes in other denominations as well and are looking for a worship style that both connects to the rich ancient creeds and hymns of our Christian faith, while also connecting to the dynamic music of today's contemporary song writers. Resurrection is dedicated to being a place where everyone can worship together and serve as one to be God's church.

How much land?

When you divide the land among the tribes of Israel,
you must set aside a section for the Lord as His holy portion.

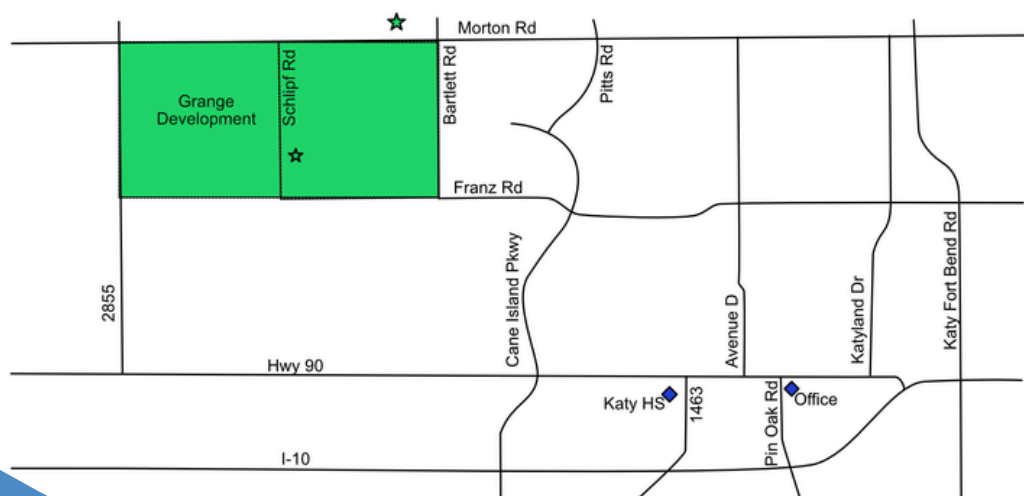
Ezekiel 45:1



One possible path forward for us is to purchase land. But how much land do we need? When God spoke to the Israelites in Ezekiel, he called for them to set aside over 17 acres just for the temple building alone! While 17 acres would be great, the cost for that much land would be limiting. Thankfully, we have worked with an architect to get a general idea of just how many acres would accommodate a church like ours. In order to meet our current needs and have room for growth, we will need 8-12 acres. Additionally, a key factor in any property consideration will be the need for proper drainage and detention. Land within a community development typically includes drainage while other land may require a significant portion of land set aside for detention.



With the current market, we are expecting the amount of land we need to cost between \$2 million and \$3 million. This land would address both our current needs and our expected growth. Determining the final location and land purchase will be dependent on the results of our capital campaign efforts and potential financing. All land purchases will need to be approved by a charge conference (a church-wide meeting of all members).



Possible locations of land that have been
identified by our Building team.

Building a House for God

Make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Exodus 25:8

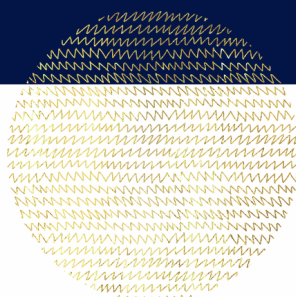


While land purchase would be one possible first step, ultimately we will need to turn our attention to building a home for our church family. Initial needs as identified by our building team would require around 48,000 square feet of building as part of the 1st phase. This would include a worship space that seats 400, multiple classrooms for children, youth, and adults, as well as office space. Consideration is also made for a potential licensed day school, which would meet the needs of a growing community. In addition, we would need parking to meet our needs. While this is the ultimate plan, it is likely that our actual first phase would be much smaller, focusing on multi-use space and meeting space to meet our immediate needs.



If God leads us to build and provides funds to build our initial phase through our campaign and/or lending, we will move forward with specific designs. The building team is already considering options for building that meet quality and value. Under consideration are traditional 'stick build' construction, tilt wall, and a steel building with a decorative veneer. Decisions about technique and design will be made with finances and durability in mind. All building construction projects will need to be approved by a charge conference.





EXISTING BUILDINGS

Another possible path for us would be to purchase and remodel an existing facility. The Building Team and the Board of Stewards have considered a number of existing properties in this last year. Many of them do not meet our current space needs and do not match the traditional church esthetic that best fits our congregation. However, another potential property that might meet our needs has recently come to our attention. The Building Team and Board are actively exploring the possibility to determine its viability for our use.

Purchase of an existing building would require not only an initial investment for the purchase, but would also require additional funds to remodel the property to meet our current and growing needs. Available buildings are either designed for other purposes (such as former stores or warehouses) or are older facilities that need significant updates. The Building Team and the Board of Stewards are dedicated to finding a place that would both meet our needs and be a cost effective project.

We continue to seek out all potential meeting locations. If a fitting location is found, the leadership of the church will consider both our current and future needs in making a decision. All building purchases will need to be approved by a charge conference.



Potential Costs

New Land Purchase and Building

Initial Land purchase	\$2 - 3 Million
First Phase building	\$3 - 4 Million
Total estimate for 1st phase	\$5 - 7 Million

Existing Building Purchase and Remodel

Building purchase	\$1 - 3 Million
Remodeling costs	\$3 - 4 Million
Total estimate	\$4 - 7 Million



Giving Options

As an expression of their faith and commitment to God, many church members make their pledge a priority during capital campaigns. As you prayerfully determine your strategy for supporting the mission and ministries of your church, consider these ways to design a plan for generous giving.

1. GIFTS OF CASH Cash pledges are the most common way to make gifts over and above regular weekly or monthly offerings and tithes, and there are many ways to find additional cash resources to benefit your church. When developing your strategy for generous giving, keep in mind that the pledge period is three years, including four tax years.

2. DELAY SPENDING Individuals and families often decide to take a less expensive vacation or delay buying a new car or remodeling a home in order to have more to give. Others use cash already set aside to purchase a lake cabin or build a swimming pool to increase their pledge.

3. REDIRECT FULFILLED COMMITMENTS When substantial commitments such as mortgage payments or college tuition are complete, diverting those resources to a capital campaign can increase your pledge significantly.

4. PLEDGE RAISES AND BONUSES A larger pledge based on anticipated income increases over the three-year pledge period can increase generosity. Consider expected salary increases, overtime possibilities or planned bonuses from employment contracts.

5. UTILIZE UNEXPECTED INCOME Cash received from an inheritance, income tax refund, or unexpected bonus can greatly increase your campaign commitment.



Asset Giving

WHY CONSIDER GIFTS OF ASSETS? Transferring ownership of an asset held at least one year, rather than selling it and contributing cash, offers the benefit of avoiding capital gains taxes while increasing giving potential. The church realizes the full value of the gift less transaction costs. Most gifts are sold as soon as possible, thus providing a cash contribution to the capital campaign.

WHAT ARE GIFTS OF ASSETS? Stocks, mutual fund shares, bonds, real estate, collectibles or other items of value the church can sell. Note: The donor is responsible for determining the value of the gift. Church officers are responsible for determining if a gift is appropriate and liability free.

WHY IS THIS KIND OF GIVING IMPORTANT? Gifts of assets can allow church members to give generously without contributing large sums of cash they may need for living expenses. Stock purchased over many years, rental property or a coin collection are examples of valid gifts.

WHOM SHOULD I TALK TO? Begin with prayer. Include family members, where appropriate. Consider contacting your tax advisor or financial planner after deciding what you would like to do. Explain the importance of your gift and ask for advice on how to make the most generous gift possible. Keep in mind that your advisor's priority is protecting your assets, and they may not immediately understand your motivation for this type of generosity.

WHOM DO I CONTACT ABOUT GIFTS OF ASSETS? Gifts of assets should always be discussed in advance to determine if they fall within the church's gift acceptance policy. Begin by contacting the church office, the Board of Stewards, or Senior Pastor.

CAN I GIVE INCOME-PRODUCING ASSETS? Interest income, revenue from rental properties, or money from any income-producing asset can be considered as a resource for increased generosity. This type of gift may not offer the same tax advantages, but if the income is not necessary for your livelihood it can provide additional options for generous giving.



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