

## **Why CONNECT? We want to...**

Take care of God's facility: Part of our campaign funds will be used to deal with current maintenance needs like new flooring throughout the church and sound issues. Our current flooring is original when the church was completed in 1994 (over 20 years old). The carpeting has numerous stains throughout the church and tears in the gym area. We also plan to resolve noise issues in the sanctuary from the open windows at top of the hollow back wall. Funds will also be considered to address the perpetual paint peeling off the ceiling.

Provide larger, updated nursery. Lifeway church architecture's rule of thumb manual recommends 35 square feet per child. Our current functionally used space is just under 204 square feet. We have an additional 98.5 square feet with the crib room, but that space is not as functional, limiting the nursery capacity. Relocating the nursery will provide 375 square feet of functional nursery space and an adjacent toddler classroom. People need to feel comfortable leaving their children in the nursery so they can hear the gospel and participate in worship.

Consolidate the office area and children's education area. Relocating the nursery and toddler rooms will consolidate the offices to one area on the west side of the building and the main level children's area to the east side around the gym. This will improve flow and functionality on Sunday mornings during Sunday School, for LIFE Groups meeting at the church, and for other activities.

Modify the sanctuary to enhance worship. Moving the back wall in the sanctuary will allow us to minimize foyer noise in the sanctuary and relocate the sound booth to a more appropriate area for sound mixing. This will minimize distractions as people worship.

Add table and chair storage. Additional table and chair storage will be made available in the new addition. There should be adequate storage for at least 12 tables and 60 chairs. This will provide additional seating for larger functions without the necessity of hauling tables and chairs from upstairs classrooms.

Add Foyer and Classroom space. The new addition will open up foyer space that will double as a Cubbies game area, thus eliminating the stacking and unstacking of chairs on a weekly basis. Wear is already being noticed on the new sanctuary chairs from this process. The larger foyer will provide AWANA parents a more comfortable waiting area and opportunity to connect with each other and Riverside parents. It will also provide more conducive gathering and connecting space before and after worship. Larger classrooms will be used for AWANA, Sunday School, and LIFE Groups.

Ultimately, help people connect with Christ, Family, Community and the World. We've launched CONNECT to care for God's facility, enhance the functionality and flow of His facility for making disciples, and to invest in other areas that are gospel focused outside our church through a tithe of the campaign funds. We see Riverside as a center for discipleship in our area and want to enhance the capacity and ability for us to reach our region and disciple new believers until Christ returns.

Will you pray about how you might connect with CONNECT?

***Our Vision: Every family within 25 miles of Riverside will clearly hear and experience the gospel of Jesus Christ and have an accessible avenue of discipleship.***