

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE CAMPAIGN?

To update our facility in order to better connect with our community. It is our understanding that God is calling FCC to embrace a unique “backyard” ministry model in order to build sustainable partnerships for Kingdom work. We believe that by renovating our space, we can connect with hundreds of people throughout a normal work week and thousands throughout a calendar year. Through those connections, we hope to build relationships that enable us to improve our ministry.

What is a “backyard” ministry model?

It is important that downtown churches have an identity, something they are known for. The downtown environment can be very difficult for traditional churches - traditional churches often struggle to grow in a downtown location. However we believe that there is an opportunity for FCC to buck that trend and become a flagship church downtown by embracing a new identity, *The Backyard of Downtown*.

By reimagining our space and opening our campus to the community of San Angelo, our identity will grow and our ability to connect will be stronger than ever.

However, our understanding of the backyard ministry model extends far beyond a single building; visit www.fccsanangelo.org/home/congregational-meeting for the full report.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The projected cost of our campus renovation is \$3 million. As we understand God’s movement in the life of the church we believe that we are being called to update our entire church campus in order to best connect with the community of San Angelo and do Kingdom work. However, we also are trusting God in our understanding of God’s timing; if we raise \$1 million we will celebrate and renovate as much square footage as we can.

WHAT IF WE DON’T RAISE MORE THAN \$500,000?

We will prioritize the renovation project and move forward with Phase I.

HOW WILL THE MONEY BE HANDLED? LOAN? BANK ACCOUNT?

The church treasurer has set up a designated money marketing account with Wells Fargo advisors that will process all gifts received throughout the capital campaign and act as a checking account for the renovation project. Depending on cash received and donations pledged, the church will likely take a loan from the Disciple Church Extension Fund (DCEF). DCEF will loan the church double the pledged amount received. For example, if the church receives \$500,000 in pledges, DCEF will loan the church \$1 million at a competitive interest rate. Furthermore, the church can draw from the loan based on actual expenses and only pay on interest throughout the renovation process.

Visit www.disciplescef.org for more information.

HOW DOES A PLEDGE WORK?

Each pledge is a three-year commitment; you can give in various ways, visit www.fccsanangelo.org/donate/capital-campaign for more information. At the end of our three-year pledge, the church will launch a second campaign to repay the balance of our loan (if needed).

WHERE WILL THE OFFICES BE?

In order to create a large gathering space downstairs, the offices will likely be located upstairs or where the parlor is now. Ultimately, after funds are raised, the church leadership will need to finalize a few details of the new layout before moving forward with construction.

IF OFFICES ARE UPSTAIRS, WHERE WILL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS BE?

Sunday school classrooms will be relocated to the classrooms above the children's wing and could possibly be scattered throughout our new welcoming center (the Table), the Backyard, the Garden (courtyard), and even in the Fellowship Hall.

WHERE WILL PARLOR GATHERINGS TAKE PLACE?

One of the most exciting parts of this campaign is that we are creating multiple gathering areas. So the possibilities are endless for small groups to gather: Fellowship Hall, The Table (new entry area), the Chapel, the Garden (courtyard), and the Backyard.

WHAT WILL WE DO IN THE BACKYARD?

Bible studies, children and youth activities, outdoor concerts, food truck events, car shows... The possibilities are endless.

WHERE WILL THE CHOIR AND ORGAN BE FOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE?

The organ will not be relocated, and the stage will be designed for multiple uses, including a movable choir loft.

WHAT ELSE WILL WE USE THE SANCTUARY FOR?

The sanctuary is our largest space in the entire campus and used only one day a week for a single hour. We believe that in order to be good stewards, we must reimagine the usage of the space. Yes, our primary goal is to use a sanctuary for worship and as a part of this remodel we believe that the sanctuary must function as a dual worship space, both contemporary and traditional. We believe there are opportunities to use this space as a large meeting space for City Hall, the freshman campus, and for Shannon hospital. We also think that we can continue to maintain our partnerships with ASU and Ambleside, and other organizations who have a history of using our sanctuary for various events. Furthermore, we imagine our sanctuary, in conjunction with the table and garden, will make for an excellent event (wedding) venue.

Again... The possibilities are endless.

WHAT ABOUT PEWS? CHAIRS?

The dream is to create a space to use for multiple purposes in order to be flexible and we believe our best option is chairs. However, we also understand that this is a significant and sensitive topic. Before making any final decisions, church leadership will have to decide on a process that will include hearing the opinions of the church in deciding the answer to this question.

HOW WILL THE CHAPEL LOOK INSIDE?

The design of the chapel has not been finalized and will require conversation between leadership of FCC and Grace Chapel. However, the basic goal is to create a space that can be used for multiple events. Think clean lines and movable furniture/chairs with lots of natural light.

WILL THE MAGNOLIAS AND COLUMBARIUM REMAIN IN THE COURTYARD?

Yes and no. Some magnolias will have to be removed in order to create a new entryway(s) from the table and the garden. However, not all magnolias will be removed. And yes, of course, the columbarium will remain.

WHERE WILL WE PARK THE VAN?

In order to create more parking space and green space in the backyard, we will relocate the bus barns to the back end of the parking lot across from College Street.

WILL THERE BE ENOUGH PARKING SPACES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS?

Yes... But what a problem it would be if in five years that is not a true statement.

WILL THE KITCHEN BE REMODELED?

The kitchen is not included at this time, however, if funds allow, we will update that space.

HOW WILL THE COURTYARD BE CLOSED FOR SECURITY OF THE CHURCH?

We want to keep the courtyard open and available to church members, hospital workers, students, and other downtown guests. However, we also acknowledge the security and safety must be a priority. We believe that we can utilize technology (security cameras) to keep the space open and safe.

HOW WILL WE PRIORITIZE WHAT COMES FIRST?

The church leadership will have to have in-depth conversations in order to make decisions. However we do believe that the sanctuary and the backyard are at the top of the list.

WILL THE BALCONY STILL BE IN THE SANCTUARY?

Yes, we did briefly discuss flipping the sanctuary which would entail reproducing and/or removing the balcony, but we did not believe that the result would justify the cost.

WHAT ABOUT A DAYCARE CENTER? WOULD THE CHURCH OPERATE IT?

There are many possibilities that would allow the church to operate a daycare and or rent our space for an outside organization to operate within our facility.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE PLAYGROUND?

The playground will be relocated to where the existing covered parking is next to the bus barn. With the hope that we will one day operate a daycare, moving the playground outside of the children's wing will allow for children to safely move from their classroom into the playground area. This will also create room for an outdoor gathering space in the Backyard, next to our main entrance.

WHAT IF WE DISLIKE STYLE OF FURNITURE IN TABLE AREA?

It will be impossible to please everyone. However, we are working on a plan that will allow multiple voices to share their opinions and make decisions. The furniture and color schemes that you see in the current renderings are simply suggestions from the design firm and are not finalized. The challenge is to remember that we are making these decisions so that we might better serve those who are not yet here... even our unborn children and grandchildren. We must struggle with honoring the tradition of our church while also looking forward to a next generation.

What history tells us, is that when churches go through a process similar to ours, at the end of the renovation, 99.9% of people love the total product. We know and believe that you, your children, and your children's children will love the end result.