



Rooted in faith. Giving to grow.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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Giving to Grow

2019

Anticipated Renovation

Sept.-Dec. 2018

Capital Campaign

2002

Sanctuary Fire & Rebuild

1990

Fellowship Hall Addition

1973

Office Wing Addition

1952-1954

Major Renovation

1933

Sanctuary Extended 35ft

1924

Basement Excavated

1889

Sanctuary Constructed

1854

Friedens Founded

Rooted in Faith

All-Church Prayer Walk

By Geri Fromm

Please join us on Sunday, October 21, from 9:25-10:15am for a prayer event for all ages. Come right after the early service for snacks and stay for the event!

We will start with a **Human Prayer Chain** throughout the building. Next, leaders will take small groups through **Six Prayer Stations** with pictures and floor plans of future spaces, prayer points, and hands-on activities for children. While some pray silently or out

loud, children may be coloring a picture or building a wall as we pray for the people who will use these new spaces (e.g. new nursery space, new adult classrooms). There will also be **Supervised Activities for Kids** in Fellowship Hall so that parents may leave their kids and better concentrate at the prayer stops, if they prefer.

This event will be a great opportunity to better envision the impact of the building project. Let's praise and thank God for the mighty work He is doing in growing His Kingdom through Friedens Church!

The Building Project: "Opportunity Cost" and Financial Cost

By Brandon Lemons

Through Friedens' upcoming building project, we are seeking to provide *A Warm Welcome, Spaces for All Ages, and Accessibility for Everyone*. These priorities will ensure that Friedens' building supports rather than detracts from our commitment to welcoming people and making disciples of Jesus.

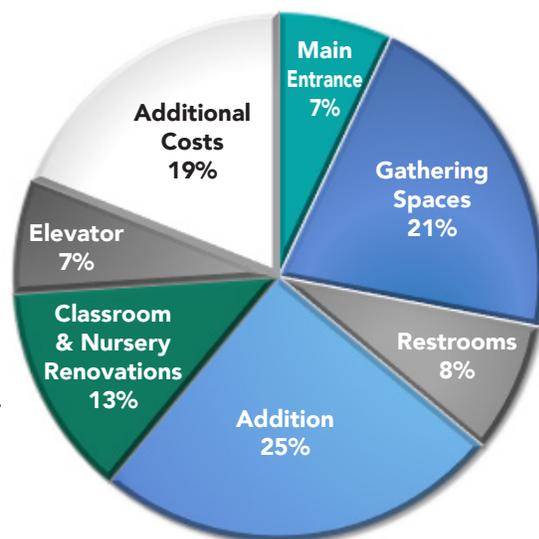
The building project is crucial for the future of Friedens. For instance:

- There isn't enough office space in the building for our current staff, not to mention our future Youth Pastor.
- There isn't adequate classroom space for teens or adults.
- People in wheelchairs struggle to use our restrooms, particularly with any dignity, and those with mobility restraints are confined to the building's main level.
- For safety's sake (for both children and volunteers), it is imperative that we have a restroom attached to the nursery.
- The entrance and gathering spaces are a genuine detraction from the experience of Friedens' guests.

The success of this Capital Campaign and building project truly are crucial for the future of Friedens. There is a major "opportunity cost" if we are unable to complete the main priorities of the project. If Friedens' ministry continues to be hampered in the ways listed above, we will be limited in: 1) the effectiveness of our discipling efforts; 2) the experience of Friedens' staff, volunteers, and congregation; and 3) the attractiveness of Friedens to guests and the broader community.

The total financial cost of the building project is estimated to be \$2.4 million. On top of the visible changes to the building, the cost includes

Building Costs



a sprinkler system and air conditioning for the entire building, new furniture in many spaces (including replacement of the metal folding chairs that are currently used throughout the church), and improved Audio/Visual capabilities throughout the building.

We plan to fund about \$1 million of the cost through Friedens' current assets and a building loan. We hope to fund the remainder of the project through a capital campaign that will raise at least \$1.4 million.

*But who am I, and
who are my people,
that we should be
able to give as
generously as this?
Everything comes
from you, and we
have given you only
what comes from
your hand.
(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

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Rooted in faith / Giving to grow Timeline

The *Rooted in faith / Giving to grow* capital campaign began in September and runs through December.

October: Early Commitment Period - During October, there will be an opportunity for people to make early commitments to the *Rooted in faith / Giving to grow* campaign. These early commitments are crucial for jump-starting the main campaign. During the early commitment period, the Early Commitment Team will be meeting with people one-on-one and in small groups to give information about making an early commitment. If you are interested in being part of this early commitment process, please contact Rose Morgan at 414-881-6076 or rmorgan@emcsinc.com.

November: Congregation Commitment Period - In mid-November, the entire congregation will be asked to make pledges to the *Rooted in faith / Giving to grow* campaign. Early commitments will be accepted through November 11. The congregation will be asked to begin considering commitments on Sunday, November 18.

December: Commitment Wrap-Up & Celebration - All pledges should be submitted by December 2. On that Sunday, the final tally for *Rooted in faith / Giving to grow* will be calculated, and there will be an all-church meal to celebrate God's provision through this process.

Joyful Generosity

By Brandon Lemons

A successful capital campaign will require sacrificial generosity from the Friedens family. To learn more about God's calling that we be sacrificially and joyfully generous, please be sure to listen to the current sermon series. All of our messages are available on Friedens' website, and we ask that you to take advantage of this resource if you miss a message in the series.

Many members of the Friedens family have already shared their excitement to give generously to *Rooted in faith / Giving to grow* through strategic planning of how they spend, save, and give. It takes creativity to manage resources this way, but as 2 Corinthians 9:7 says, God loves a cheerful giver!

Joyful Generosity is also not a new concept for the Friedens family. We have a rich legacy of individuals who were "rooted in faith" and who gave generously during their lifetimes and beyond (through bequests). These gifts make



up the majority of the "current assets" that will help fund the building project. As we reflect on the legacy left by those who have gone before us, may it be a model to us of what joyful, sacrificial generosity looks like and how it is an investment in the future and in eternity.

Questions About the Capital Campaign Process?

Contact our team leader, Mike Dow, at 414-651-3002 or visit <http://www.friedenschurch.org/building-project/faq> for frequently asked questions.



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