



BUILDING for GREATER MINISTRY

Preamble

Eternal Church has started construction on a new church building. The construction costs over the last three years, have gone up dramatically. Because of that there is a need to raise \$1.2 million by the end of January 2023 to meet the financial construction obligations. The good news is that the church has grown substantially and there are many new giving units within the church. However, it means that many new members and attenders are not aware of the construction process, nor the financial needs created by the construction. Also, there are those with a history at Eternal who have been waiting to give or pledge until there was evidence that the construction was going forward. With that in mind it is the goal of the church over the next few months to raise awareness of the construction, generate enthusiasm for the new church and receive donations and pledges that will meet or exceed our financial construction requirements.

Mission of the Church – To treasure the truth of the gospel, worship Jesus Christ in word and deed, and grow in the community of faith. The mission is to accomplish this through the four coordinates: Worship, Truth, Community and Witness.

Vision of the Church – To see every man, woman, and child living lives of witness at home, at work, and at play.

Vision for the New Church Building – To build a place for greater ministry, dedicated to God, and to serve as a worship, equipping and sending center for Christians to go and witness the Gospel in their realms of influence.

This church building will allow Eternal Church to bring its various ministries under one roof: corporate worship, music, children and youth ministries, discipleship programs, medium-sized gatherings, counseling, outreach programs, special events and retreats.

We also desire for this building to be a resource to the community for special events.

Fundraising Goal – To acquire funding to cover a shortfall of \$1.2 million dollars that will be needed by the end of construction which is slated for January 2023. Also, it would be advantageous for the church to pay down on the construction bank loan of \$4.3 million dollars.

History

Eternal Church began in 2003 as a 4th service at Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Rock Hill. In July 2004, Eternal moved into Fort Mill, SC area meeting in the Tega Cay YMCA for a little over a year before moving into the Baxter YMCA upon its opening November 2005. The selection of a YMCA was intentional from the beginning. While the church emphasized the activity of gathering, it did not see this as confined to permanent places that the church necessarily owned. Eternal saw in Scripture (both the OT and NT), God's people were known by a "tabernacle" way of existing within the community. The

congregation appreciated the built-in connection with the community through sharing the facilities at the YMCA.

The intentionality of Eternal moving into the YMCA has also helped the church to be good stewards of our financial resources. Though there are expenses involved in the use of the Baxter YMCA it is much less than it would be than to build a church or rent a vacant store in a strip mall. So instead of high building expenses, Eternal has decided to use our human resources to make the YMCA a place of worship. The last 15 years at the Baxter YMCA have been labor intensive but has given Eternal the opportunity to place tithes and offerings directly into staff and outreach programs.

In 2009 Eternal left the PCA denomination and became a non-denominational church. Theologically Eternal remains an independent Reformed Church. There are some differences in the basic PCA's interpretation of Scripture on women in leadership, but for the most part it is a classical Reformed church. As in the PCA, Eternal is led by elected Elders.

In 2014 and through a series of miraculous events, Eternal purchased the property on Pleasant Road for \$200,000. It is nicknamed "the Shack". The property was cleaned up and the building renovated to be used for the staff and church activities. It is a place where the worship team gathers to practice, where the junior high and senior high hang out during their weekly gatherings and where many Community Groups meet for fellowship, study and prayer.

In April 2022, Eternal received final approval from the town to start construction. In May Choate started clearing the land to make it possible to start building the church.

Leadership

Don Logan - Preacher. Teacher. Husband and father. Loves to fish, Ohio State, and God's Word. He and his wife, Heather have three children: Althea and Aidan (twins) and daughter Olivia.

Jacob Collins - Pastor. Administrator. Husband. Technology geek. Guitar player. Former Apple guru and worship leader. Loves Florida State. He and his wife, Angela have a young son named Zane.

Josh Leftwich - Family Pastor. Husband. Loves Carolina BBQ & College Football. He and his wife, Gabriela, have three sons: James, Cade, and Levi.

Jesse Schlicher - Worship pastor. Husband and Father. Middle school math teacher. Michigan fan. Hip. Talented. He and his wife, Ivy, have a daughter, Edie, and a son, Ira.

Keith Dudley - Production Guru. Artist and Musician. Husband. Father and Grandfather. His wife is Karen.

Kristen Gardner - Communicator. Wife and Mother. Loves to cook. Former physical therapist. Friend. She and her husband, Bill, have two daughters: Leah and Jenna.

Lizzy Richardson – Financial Administrator. Wife and Mother. Loves to study the Word and pray. A servant. She and her husband, Jon, have a daughter, Grace and two sons, Haddon and Phillip.

Melissa Williams - Family Ministry team extraordinaire. Wife, Mother and teacher. Loves people. Enjoys being outdoors, gardening & good books. She and her husband have two sons, Riley and Carter.

Carol McDaniel – Office administrator guru. Wife and mother. Loves people, truth, and the Word. She and her husband, Carson, and two sons, Parker and Dalton.

Emily Zolotarev - Children's Ministry Program Planner. Wife, mother, and teacher. Enjoys coffee, nature, music, and reading. She and her husband, Sergey, have three children: Maxim and Olivia (twins) and big sister Anna.

What is Eternal?

Eternal Church believes it is our ultimate purpose to Glorify God and enjoy Him forever. The church believes this happens when we love God and love people according to the Scriptures. Eternal fulfills its mission through four coordinates.

Truth – Eternal Church is characterized by biblical preaching and teaching and ordering our lives according to Truth. Since the Bible reveals God to us, we regard it as the supreme, controlling authority over all that we believe and do.

Worship - Eternal gathers together to have corporate worship on Sunday mornings. Other times, we gather together in Community groups, in men's and women's retreats, men's breakfasts, Compass Kids, youth activities and conferences. We interact, we study, and we pray together. We are the body of Christ gathering together to glorify God and enjoy His presence.

Community - Eternal Church is characterized by biblical community. Members in covenant with God and His church learn and are enabled by God to love each other, encourage one another, and build each other up. We care for one another, serve one another, and bear each other's burdens. We are kind to one another and forgive each other. We teach, admonish, and exhort one another with the Word of God. We stir one another up to love and good deeds. We are involved in one another's lives and know each other well enough to be fruitfully involved in one another's discipleship. As the local body of believers grows, they must work hard together to cultivate community with one another beyond merely gathering once a week for worship.

Witness - At Eternal Church we have an inward focus with an outward face. Although our primary goal in teaching truth, worship and community is to uplift, encourage and grow the Body of Christ, we also believe that the Hope that we have been given by God is not for us alone. While efforts to minister to the world is in no way a means of salvation, a church poured out in words of the Gospel, and deeds of mercy and justice, are signs of a church whose heart has been transformed by grace. God's true church will seek to witness to her world and culture by displaying deeds of mercy and justice.

The Need

The need is for Eternal to be able to honor its financial plan and not take on any more debt than necessary. The more funds that can be accumulated before the end of January 2023, the less debt the

church will be strapped with going into the new church building. The need is for \$1.2 million to cover all the construction costs. Any amounts over and above that would be used to reduce the mortgage with the bank.

Call to Action

Eternal estimates that it will need giving units towards the Building Fund on several levels. The levels suggested are merely to bring form to the \$1.2 million cash goal. Pledges over and above that would go towards paying down the mortgage.

BUILDING FUND MATRIX

- 🍏 One gift of \$100,000
- 🍏 Six gifts of 50,000
- 🍏 8 gifts of 25,000
- 🍏 20 gifts of \$10,000
- 🍏 20 gifts of \$5,000
- 🍏 All other gifts totaling \$200,000

Conclusion

Please pray with us as we take this step of faith. Consider how you can help us through your suggestions, referrals, and support. May the Lord be honored in this whole process.