

ENDURING FAITHFULNESS



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

2022-2024

Know therefore that
the Lord your God is
God, the faithful God
who keeps covenant
and steadfast love
with those who love
him and keep his
commandments, to a
thousand generations.

DEUTERONOMY 7:9

A LETTER FROM PASTOR PHIL



THE STORY

The story of Grace Bible Church is really the story of God's enduring faithfulness to us. This faithfulness was shown to the three families who followed God's call to move to Bend to plant the church, as the Lord provided for all of our needs. This faithfulness has been felt through the provision of the incredible staff, elders, and deacons that the Lord has supplied over the years. It has been experienced through the many faithful members who have called Grace their church family, and have supported the church in its mission and purpose. And it has been seen in an amazing way through the provision of our current land and facilities. The Lord has been so wonderfully faithful!

Now we have another opportunity to see how the Lord will faithfully provide for a much-needed new home for Grace Kids and Student Ministries, and space for our growing staff. The exciting thing about this opportunity is that WE get to be a part of God's provision and faithfulness! We have been given so much...and now we have an opportunity to give back to not only our kids and grandkids, but to generations to come.

THE NEED

We are so thankful for the space that is currently being used for the discipleship and evangelism of hundreds of children and teens each week at Grace, but the reality is that this space is quickly becoming inadequate for the growing numbers. Before we went to two services, we were turning parents away and closing our Grace Kids classrooms because we were simply out of room.

This was unfortunate, because while our Worship Center still had plenty of room for growth, we had run out of adequate space for our kids classes. To help with this problem, we created two new classes in the former fellowship hall, and when our kids outgrew that, we purchased and renovated a modular building. In spite of these efforts, we still do not have adequate space for our growing children and youth ministries, not to mention the hundreds of homeschool kids on our campus each week in Classical Conversations, Friday School, and the Heart Christian Academy (starting this fall).

In response, we began a journey to design and build a new space for our children and youth that would serve us not only now, but in the years to come. That dream is now becoming a reality, as we enter into a season of prayer and giving to bring it to fruition. Our prayer and hope is to begin construction on this new home in the fall of this year (2022) and to see it completed and ready to use in the fall of 2023. But it will take everyone's participation and sacrifice to help make it happen.

THE COMMITMENT

We are asking the church to help us in two ways. First, we are asking you to join us in prayer; we don't want to do anything that the Lord is not directing and leading us in. Second, we are asking you to participate: we would like you to join us for a Vision Gathering so that you can learn more, to participate in our 20-day devotional on biblical stewardship starting on Feb. 20, and to come to Commitment Night on April 2, as we commit to participate together with the Lord in this, and to celebrate his goodness and faithfulness to us.

This is going to be a wonderful season for us as a church family as we worship the Lord together through our giving and sacrifice, and as we see the Lord once again provide for us through his Enduring Faithfulness!



HOPE CLINE

STUDENT MINISTRIES LEADER

It has been a total joy and privilege to be a leader in the high school youth group over the past few years. I have loved developing relationships with the girls and walking with them as they grow in their faith in Jesus Christ-both in their inner life as a disciple and in their witness to the Bend community. Being a leader has played a huge part in my own sanctification. It challenges me to reevaluate weekly if I'm living my life in light of the gospel in the same way I encourage the girls to be doing. My goal in sharing my Wednesday nights and my home life with these girls is to help them know the Lord better, but the Lord has used this time equally to bless me!

SCOTT & JANAE CRUIKSHANK

PARENTS

We can't say enough how valuable it has been for our kids to be involved in student ministries at Grace. It's been instrumental in our kid's lives to have Godly role models and leaders like Andrew and the many others who take time to disciple and know our kids. Things that we've taught them are more solidified and understood when an admired leader reinforces a Biblical truth. We are so thankful for the Biblical teaching, fun events, friendships, and growth through student ministries.





JR & KRISTINE ULIT

PARENTS

We are grateful for gospel based discipleship support from Grace Bible as we raise four boys, including one with special needs. Since we began attending, we felt fully included and supported in church life with many thanks to its disability ministry. The Buddies program helps our son participate fully on Sundays, and respite volunteers care for all our boys once a month, giving us regular breaks to reconnect as a couple. It's been a joy for us to teach in kids ministry, too, and to see the growth in our boys' hearts for God and others.

KATY JOHNSON

STUDENT

When I first came to youth group in sixth grade we were new to town and I was pretty awkward. I was really concerned with what other people thought of me and how I could best make friends but everyone at youth group was super welcoming. I remember being really shocked at how comfortable they all were in their own skin and with each other. It really helped me to come out of my shell and make some great friends as well as strengthening my walk with God.



OUR HISTORY

First Sunday service



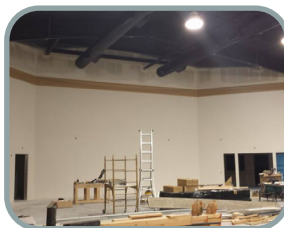
JUNE 2011

Moved to Boys and Girls Club



MARCH 2012

Renovation of current Worship Center



MAR '13 - FEB '14

First lay elders commissioned



JUNE 2014

JULY 2011



Moved to Innovation Theater on Division

MARCH 2013



GBC and Crossroads merge

FEBRUARY 2014



First Sunday in new Worship Center

OCTOBER



Chapel remodel and new church

Sports field put in



JUNE 2016

New modular classrooms completed



JANUARY 2019

Missionary House remodeled



APRIL 2021

2015



Classrooms added

SEPTEMBER 2018



GBC Redmond commissioned and sent out

DECEMBER 2020



Donation of barn property

FEBRUARY 2022



Start of Enduring Faithfulness

OUR CURRENT CHALLENGE

The truth is both our church and community continue to grow and we are simply running out of space for our kids, youth, and staff. When we were at one service, our kids space was running at 90-100% capacity in most classrooms, and we even had to turn kids away on some Sundays because the classes reached max capacity. Having to turn children away from Sunday school due to capacity restraints has filled us with grief these past several years. Since we seek to be a church community that welcomes children and partners with parents in their discipleship, providing space for them is critical. This new kids and administration building will aid and empower us to continue investing in future generations for years to come, as well as providing our staff with a space to collaborate, equip, and serve for the sake of the gospel.

Children's Ministry

NEED: For the adult capacity of our worship center, we need twice the square footage of childrens ministry classroom space than we currently have, which means that our kids classrooms reach their capacity long before our worship center fills up. This is the reason we've split into two services before our adult attendance and volunteers have been able to sustain a two-service rotation.

SOLUTION: Our new children's ministry building will provide over 8,000 sf of classroom space, allowing our kids' classrooms to grow in proportion to our worship center attendance.

Youth Ministry

NEED: We've been averaging 80 students and an extra 15 adults on Wednesday nights. While it's fun to have a crowded building, after we split the high schoolers and middle schoolers apart for the teaching time, we're completely out of space in our modular room. Additionally, splitting apart for small group discussions has been a challenge with our available space - one group recently started meeting in a storage closet!

SOLUTION: This new space will allow our middle school and high school groups to have two dedicated spaces for large group teaching and enough break-out space for our small groups to meet for discussion and prayer.



Homeschool Groups

NEED: We currently have two homeschool groups using our facilities with a third being added in the fall of 2022, which means that our campus is full five days a week! Some of these groups have gotten creative with classroom space, putting groups of students in hallways when the rooms are filled up.

SOLUTION: Adding this building will give these groups adequate space to conduct their classes with room to grow, allowing Grace to be a blessing to our community beyond our Sunday morning programming.

Office Space

NEED: Currently, we have just over 1,000 sf of office space in a mobile trailer building. This includes two offices and a shared workspace for four full-time ministry staff and 10 part-time staff, which means that some of our staff members are sharing workstations and others don't have them.

SOLUTION: The upstairs portion of this new building will provide over 3,000 sf of office space, including 5 private offices, a conference room, and an open office with space for six workstations, plus room for future expansion.

Biblical Counseling

NEED: Our Biblical Counseling ministry sees 20-25 cases per week on average, and has one counseling room available. Counselors often need to relocate their appointments to other rooms on our campus, where privacy and interruptions are a challenge.

SOLUTION: Opening this new building will allow our Biblical Counseling ministry to take over our current office space, giving them exclusive use of 3 counseling rooms and a reception lobby.

MASTER PLAN



1. FUTURE 800 SEAT WORSHIP CENTER

2. COMPLETION OF UNFINISHED GRACE KIDS SPACE

3. COMPLETION OF UNFINISHED OFFICE SPACES

4. REMODEL OF CHAPEL

5. FUTURE COUNSELING AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING

6. NEW PARKING AND LANDSCAPE

7. NEW COURTYARD AND OPEN SPACE

8. NEW KIDS PLAY AREA

PHASE ONE



Total sq ft of Grace Kids area:

11,070 sqft

with 8,710 being finished space

Total sq ft of office area:

4,773 sqft

with 2,984 being finished space

Total sq ft of both floors:

15,843

Current Project Estimate:

6-7 Million

1. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLASSROOMS

2. NEW OFFICES

3. LOBBY EXPANSION

4. NEW DROP OFF CANOPIES

5. COVERED WALKWAYS

6. PLAYGROUND AREA

7. EXTERIOR FACADE ENHANCEMENT ON WORSHIP CENTER

8. UPDATED SEPTIC SYSTEM

9. LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW SIGNAGE

10. RESURFACED PARKING LOT WITH NEW PAVED PARKING LOT AND LIGHTS ADDED



NEW BUILDING



CHECK IN FOR GRACE KIDS BUILDING



WE ARE GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF BEND

WELCOME

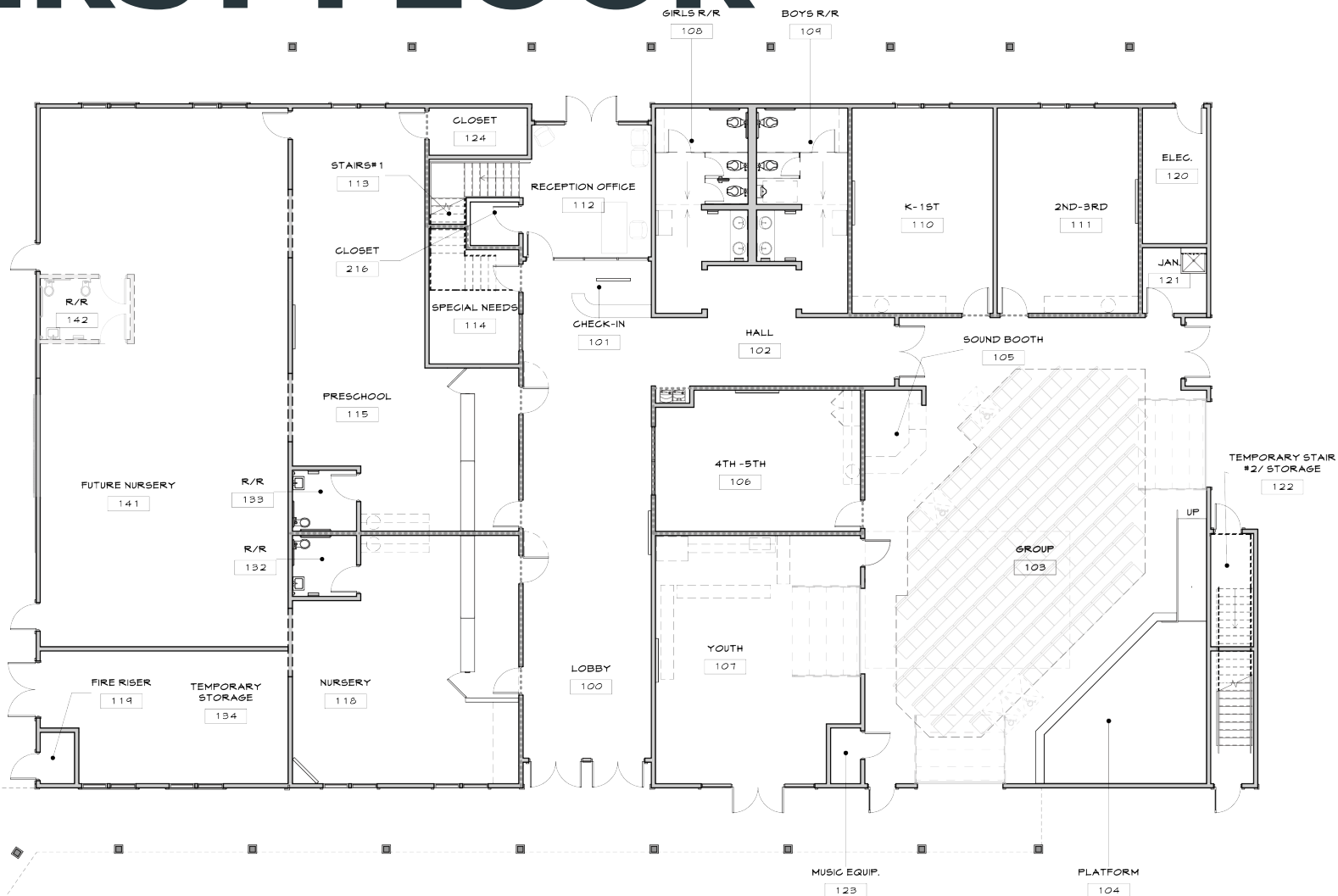
WORSHIP

NEW WORSHIP LOBBY

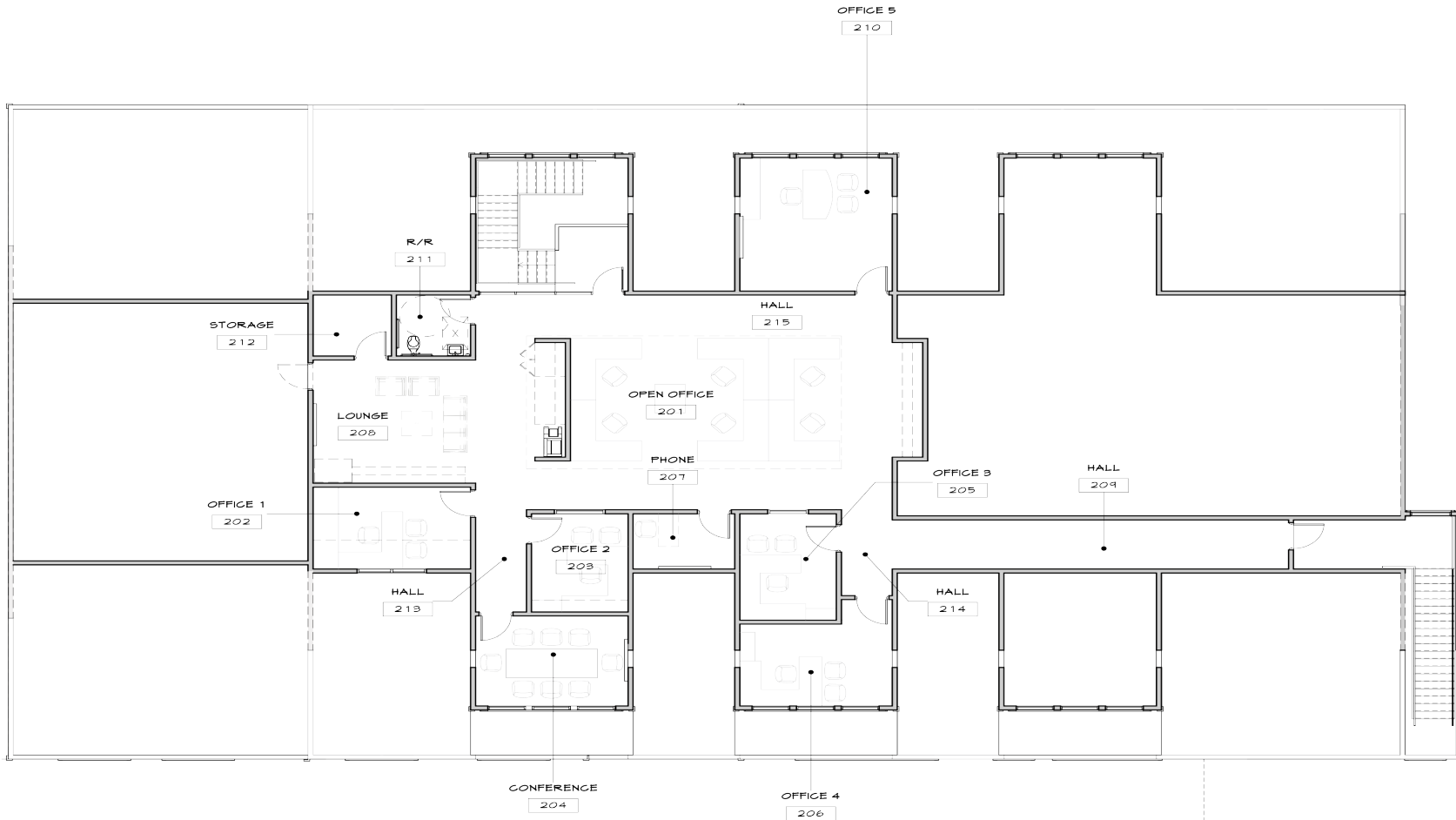


GROUP ROOM

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



JOIN US

We believe that God has called Grace Bible Church to reach the next generation through dynamic, weekly ministries for children, students and families. The Enduring Faithfulness initiative is a 2-year season of generosity in which we are asking all those who call Grace their church to make a pledge above and beyond their regular tithe and offering to see this vision come to pass. We are asking each member and family of our body to:

PRAY

Join us in praying for the Lord to lead us in all of this. We believe this can be a transformational season in the life of our church.

PARTICIPATE

Attend a Vision Gathering. Ask questions. If you are jumping in at a later point, watch the initiative video and consider engaging with us.

COMMIT

On April 2, we are asking each person/family to commit to a generous 2-year pledge, above and beyond their regular tithe and offering, towards this vision.

CELEBRATE

Celebrate with us on April 2 – our Grace Bible Commitment Night!

The gift chart is just a guide, a GPS. It represents the kinds of gifts that will be required to allow us to reach our goal. We consider it a tool for prayer, reflection and growth.

GIFT RANGE	GIFTS NEEDED	SUBTOTAL	CUMULATIVE
\$500,000	1	\$500,000	\$500,000
\$300,000	1	\$300,000	\$800,000
\$200,000	2	\$400,000	\$1,200,000
\$100,000	3	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
\$50,000	5	\$250,000	\$1,750,000
\$30,000	8	\$240,000	\$1,990,000
\$20,000	10	\$200,000	\$2,190,000
\$10,000	23	\$230,000	\$2,420,000
\$8,000	35	\$280,000	\$2,700,000
\$6,000	50	\$300,000	\$3,000,000
TOTAL	138	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

MY 2 YEAR COMMITMENT

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

+

ONE TIME GIFT

=

MY TWO YEAR COMMITMENT

I'm not going to offer God, my God, sacrifices that are no sacrifice. 2 Samuel 24:24

What is the Goal of Enduring Faithfulness?

While we do have a monetary goal, it is secondary to the main goal: 100% participation from the members of our body in making a sacrificial pledge towards this new home for our kids, students, and staff.

What is the process of participating in Enduring Faithfulness?

While anyone can give to this initiative at any point over the next 2 years, we are asking for our members to attend a vision gathering, engage in a season of prayer, then fill out a pledge card prior to Easter.

What is the purpose of the pledge card? I have never heard of that before.

The total of our pledge cards allows us to fund this project, putting us in the best possible financial position for moving forward. In the same way that we make long-term financial commitments to a mortgage or a car payment, we can do this to see God's work advance!

I keep hearing about "Commitment Night." What is that?

On April 2, we will be coming together for a very special night of filling out our pledge cards and celebrating. Our hope is that every member of Grace Bible joins us.

I have heard of "First Fruits" Sunday? How does that work?

On Sunday, April 24, we are holding a special Sunday of "First Fruits" giving. In the Bible, the people of God brought the first of their fields to God in an act of worship. Our hope is that our members will target 10% of their overall pledge for this special offering to help us launch our project.

How can I give stocks or other appreciated assets?

Please contact our business administrator Pat Coffey at pat@gbcbend.org and we will be happy to help facilitate this.

How will the church pay for the total project?

Obviously, the goal of 3 million is not going to cover the total cost of this project, so the elders have discussed this and agreed that they are comfortable securing a short-term loan for the remaining balance. The hope is that the loan can be paid off in 5 years or less through allocating 20% of the general budget to debt reduction, and continuing to receive designated building funds.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

