



**FAITH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BLUE RIDGE - GEORGIA**

**TODAY'S
CHALLENGE,
TOMORROW'S
LEGACY**





*I was little and hungry.
Faith brought me lunch.*

*I was scorned because I was different.
Faith smiled, and then hugged me.*

*I was judged a failure.
Faith accepted and encouraged me.*

*I had nowhere to go.
Faith opened her arms in welcome.*

*I had been tempted to give up on church.
Faith embraced me within a loving community.*



“Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Legacy”

September 2017

Dear Faith Presbyterian Church members and friends:

“Today’s Challenge”.... At every stage in the story of Faith Presbyterian Church, there has been and is the continuing challenge to be the lively, faithful, compassionate, committed Christian community - worshiping God, nurturing the lives of all participants and reaching out in love and care to the people and community around us.



In our genesis as a church, the challenge that Faith met was gathering and uniting members, friends and supporters, leading to our chartering as a congregation by our Presbytery. All that has happened in the years following 2004 has been built upon this faithful foundation.

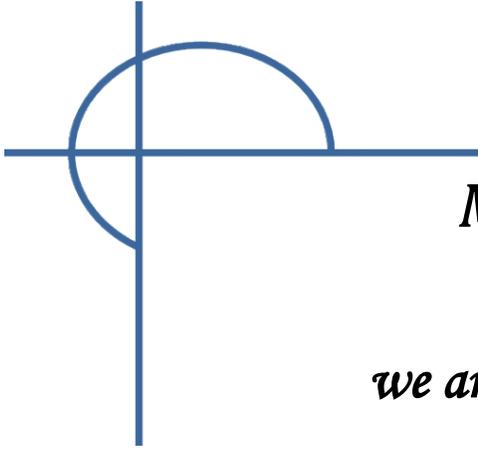
In time, the next significant challenge that the congregation took on originated from a shared desire to more fully embrace God’s vision and call for our congregation by being yet more visible, and able to welcome members and friends, and thus to widen the footprint of its mission among our neighbors. The move to Mountain Street in the fall of 2011 was the crucial response to that challenge and paved the way for an ongoing expansion of outreach, involvement and service, all pointing the way forward as God has been leading us.

The growth in participation resulting from the move to our present location required a plan for the future. An extensive search for a larger building or land suitable for building led us to a nine-acre property at Highway 515/Bluebird Road. The challenge of purchasing this property to be the site for a future church building for our congregation was met mainly through additional gifts and contributions from members and friends. An important step had been taken and the way cleared for the work that was to come.

In the summer of 2016, the Session appointed two Committees – the New Building Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee – and charged them to develop a plan for our very first church building and how to finance this building. Both Committees have worked diligently and are now presenting to all of us involved in and connected with Faith Presbyterian Church, the plans for a church building that is ours and is beautiful, functional, adaptable and affordable through the commitment and generosity of all of us.

I commend all the information in this publication to all of you. You will be joining with me and all in our church to pray for this process and the future. And together we will again face this challenge that will lead to.... **“Tomorrow’s Legacy.”**

Jim Simpson, Pastor



Mission Statement:

*By God's love and grace,
we are Called, Committed and Led.*

Vision Statement:

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God.

Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.

2017 Priorities for Faith Presbyterian Church:

- *Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those in our community.*
- *Be a viable, spiritual place of worship by the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.*
- *Equip members to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to show God's love, grace and care.*
- *Ensure the development of effective leadership skills.*
- *Ensure the development of effective internal and external communication, including appropriate use of technology.*
- *Develop a plan for the new church site and facility as well as the funding for it.*

How will the future building serve Faith's needs?

| Congregational Needs | New Building |
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| Flexible, multi-purpose worship space that promotes reverence. | Sanctuary will employ existing chairs and movable walls, allowing the floor space to adapt to multiple uses for the church and community. Sanctuary ceiling height, lighting and furnishings will inspire reverence. Additional storage space is also afforded. |
| Worship space to have good acoustics and space for choir and musicians. | Church acoustics will balance spoken word with musical performances. A choir loft and expanded chancel area are included. |
| Provide appropriate spaces for meetings, classes, groups, bathrooms, offices and counseling. | Two classrooms are provided, expanded bathrooms w/showers, separate offices for pastor, accounting/choir director and support volunteers, plus quiet space for counseling are included. |
| Kitchen with capacity for serving meals and flexible space for serving and seating. | A heat and serve kitchen with pantry is provided. Double door direct access to the multi-purpose space is the design. |
| Provide good accessibility, including a covered drop off area. | The complete building is on one level. A covered drop off area is provided. Paved, lighted parking is included. Easy, dedicated access to the pantry and kitchen area is also provided. |
| Design to be affordable, sustainable with ease of maintenance and visibility from highway 515. | Outer coverings will be made of cementitious materials (Hardy Plank etc) impervious to insects and easy to maintain. We are investigating grants for energy efficient building systems. Church site will be elevated using existing soil to raise visibility of the church from hwy 515. Steeple height will be approximately 50 ft. |
| Appropriate technology to support the hearing impaired and the needs of the congregation and community in this space. | Hearing impaired technology, along with building systems controls, are part of the basic design. Also, provisions are included to support existing technologies and accept expanded recent technologies as required. |
| Include an outside space allowing for varied uses. | We have considerable space for many outdoor uses including provisions to expand the new facilities as needed, additional parking, gardens, outdoor facilities, etc. |

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What have we gained with this new church design?

Today we might squeeze 130 people into our Sunday Service, including 20 in the choir, if we opened the backdoors of the sanctuary. This new church design allows for 184 people comfortably seated, when the movable classroom walls are retracted. Frankly, we can get over 200 in the new sanctuary, if we just added seats to the back of the sanctuary. We gained two nice size classrooms in this new church. Also, we gain additional office space and counseling space with privacy, additional storage space, plenty of parking. In addition, we gain space to expand into a new fellowship hall/education wing in the future, room for a memorial garden, vegetable garden, picnic/gazebo area, etc. Also, we can hold meetings without being interrupted by folks using the facilities.

2) How long will this new building support our growth?

No one knows what the future will bring, but we expect our growth to accelerate with a new church building. If we exceed our new space, we can add a second service. As we continue to grow, we have provided for an expanded sanctuary to gain additional seating by moving the end wall of the sanctuary.

3) Why are we looking to build now?

Our current congregation is growing and we are almost at capacity at our current location. In addition to our current limit on growth, we do not have control of our current facility. The landlord will only give us one year of renewals. We are sitting on a high value commercial site in a growing area.

Construction costs continue to rise. All the good subcontractors are very busy. There is no sign that this will change in the next few years. The longer we wait, the higher the costs are expected to be. (See also the "benefits table")

4) When can we start construction and move in?

We would like to start building in 2018. We estimate roughly 12-18 months for construction.

5) How can I help?

Continue to participate fully in the ongoing life and mission of Faith Presbyterian Church. Pray about this facility and all the ways you and your family can contribute to support the building campaign's success.

6) Who will oversee the design and construction?

Ron Cantrell Construction Inc, our design build contractor, will assign an onsite Project Manager for day to day coordination and oversight. George Hlavenka is his architect. The New Building Committee will continue to interface with the contractor during construction and beyond.

7) What options do we have if we do not meet our current capital campaign goal?

- We can increase the amount we borrow
- We can extend the capital campaign
- We can reduce the scope of the project
- We can delay the start of construction
- A combination of any of the above

Artist Renderings of the New Faith Presbyterian Church



View of Faith Presbyterian Church's new home from the entrance of Bluebird Road off Highway 515.

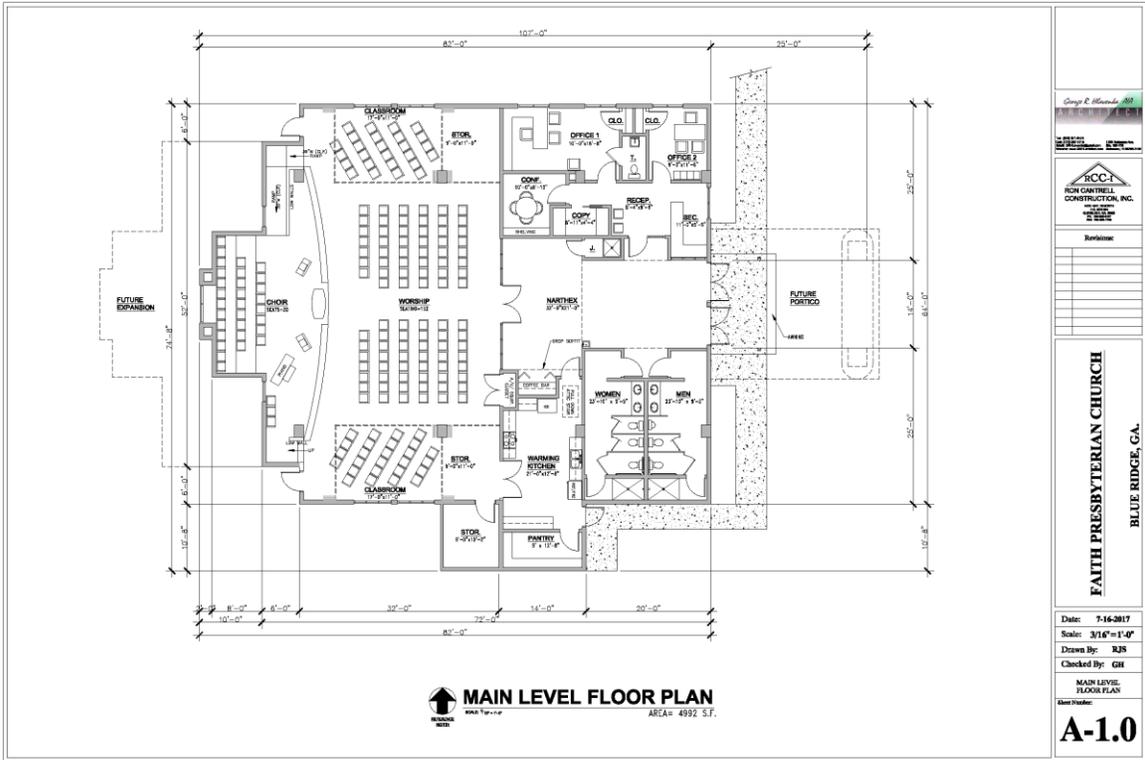


Entrance view to Faith Presbyterian Church's new home.

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View of the front of the Sanctuary, Chancel and choir loft from the right rear corner.



Building Cost Projections

BUILDING

Total Cost Projection **\$1,586,000**

MONEY DONATED FOR NEW BUILDING TO DATE

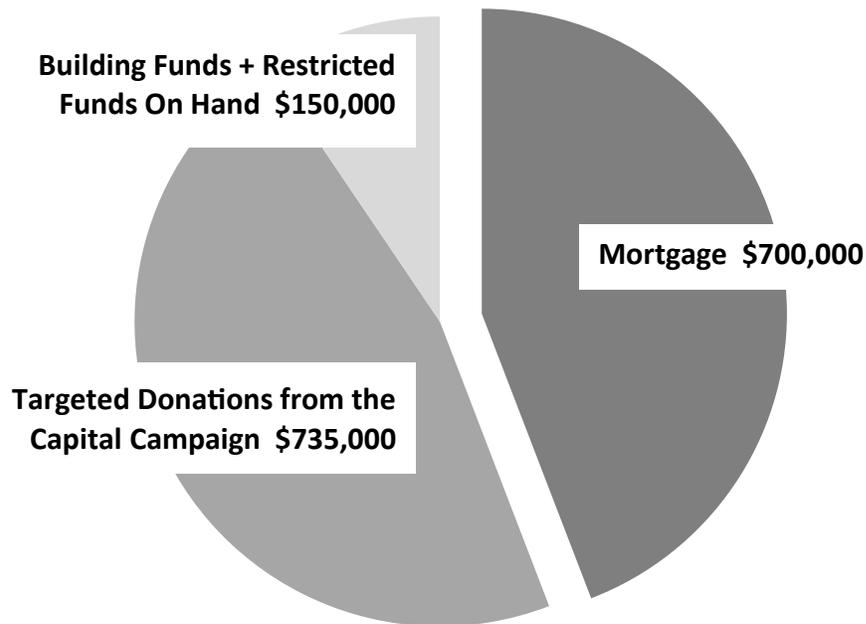
Building Funds + Restricted Funds On Hand **\$150,000**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Targeted Donations from the Capital Campaign **\$735,000**

MORTGAGE

Mortgage **\$700,000**



The cost estimates might be a challenge for our congregation to achieve. Can we afford this design?

Today our rent is around \$2,700 a month. At this point, we have on hand dedicated for church construction roughly \$150,000. A mortgage today of \$700,000 would cost the church about \$4,200 a month. $\$150,000 + \$700,000 \text{ Mortgage} = \$850,000$ subtotal. With the expected cost of \$1,586,000, that leaves \$735,000 needed from the Capital Campaign.

Facts About Your Capital Campaign (CC) Committee

- **The Total Commitment can be spread over a three-year period.**
- **Your Commitment can be paid monthly, quarterly or annually. An example of commitment payment schedules are provided later in this brochure.**
- **The Commitment Card should reflect Commitments to be given on or after October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.**
- **Commitment payments are charitable contributions and may be tax deductible.**
- **Each household can make a commitment according to individual means and circumstances.**
- **Not legally binding: Commitments are a good faith promise and a moral commitment, not a legal contract.**
- **Changes: your Commitment can be amended or changed by a note or call to the church office.**
- **Confidential: only the Faith Presbyterian Church Financial Secretary sees the amount of your Commitment.**
- **Please plan your Commitment over and above your annual Stewardship Pledge. Our church will continue to operate in its current location and must be funded annually to do so.**
- **Starting point: A Commitment Payment Schedule is provided in this brochure, Some donors are capable of larger commitments. Others will make smaller commitments. All commitments are needed and appreciated.**

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' *Matthew 25:35-36*

3 Year Commitment Payment Schedule

| Total Commitment | Annually | Quarterly | Monthly | Daily |
|------------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| \$100,000 | \$33,333 | \$8,333 | \$2,778 | \$91.32 |
| \$75,000 | \$25,000 | \$6,250 | \$2,083 | \$68.49 |
| \$50,000 | \$16,667 | \$4,167 | \$1,389 | \$45.66 |
| \$40,000 | \$13,333 | \$3,333 | \$1,111 | \$36.53 |
| \$30,000 | \$10,000 | \$2,500 | \$833 | \$27.40 |
| \$20,000 | \$6,667 | \$1,667 | \$556 | \$18.26 |
| \$18,000 | \$6,000 | \$1,500 | \$500 | \$16.44 |
| \$15,000 | \$5,000 | \$1,250 | \$417 | \$13.70 |
| \$10,000 | \$3,333 | \$833 | \$278 | \$9.13 |
| \$7,500 | \$2,500 | \$625 | \$208 | \$6.85 |
| \$6,000 | \$2,000 | \$500 | \$167 | \$5.48 |
| \$5,000 | \$1,667 | \$417 | \$139 | \$4.57 |
| \$2,500 | \$833 | \$208 | \$69 | \$2.28 |

An Example of How Faith Might Reach Its Goal

| Total Commitment | # of Contributors | Total Category | Cumulative Total |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| \$60,000 | 1 | \$60,000 | \$60,000 |
| \$40,000 | 3 | \$120,000 | \$180,000 |
| \$20,000 | 7 | \$140,000 | \$320,000 |
| \$15,000 | 10 | \$150,000 | \$470,000 |
| \$10,000 | 12 | \$120,000 | \$590,000 |
| \$5,000 | 19 | \$95,000 | \$685,000 |
| \$2,500 | 20 | \$50,000 | \$735,000 |
| Total | 72 | \$735,000 | |

Methods of Giving

Commitments can be paid as cash or checks, securities, IRA's, real estate or other property. All payments are considered to be charitable contributions for tax purposes, and may be deductible, depending on your personal circumstances. Consult a tax adviser about your specific situation.

Cash or Check

Payments can be deposited in the collection plate on Sunday. However, you are encouraged to utilize electronic banking instead (e.g., Online Bill Pay), especially by setting up an automatic monthly payment. (*)

Appreciated Assets

Donations of individual stocks, mutual funds, real estate, etc. directly to Faith will increase both your tax deduction and the amount that Faith receives from your gift. (*)

IRA

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA is excluded from taxable income. This approach is only applicable to those over age 70 ½, who must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). (*)

Corporate Matching Gifts

Contact your employer to see if they have a corporate matching gift program. If so, this could effectively double your own gift.

Life Insurance, Bequests, Endowments, Annuities, etc.

These "Legacy" programs are outside the scope of the current timetable of the Capital Campaign. However, they are certainly most welcome as a contribution to future generations of Faith. Consult with a financial and/or tax adviser for more information.

(*) For more information, see the Faith Presbyterian Church Financial Secretary or any member of the Capital Campaign Committee.



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**Faith Presbyterian Church USA
Leadership Team for the New Building Project**



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Bill Green
Jim Reich
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| Class of 2017 | Dick Schmus | John Thompson | Frances Young |
| Class of 2018 | Ann Rand | Debbie Peterson | Jim Reich |
| Class of 2019 | Sylvia Goodyear | Patty Morris | Doris Riggs |
| Elders-Elect | Bruce Burn | Candy Frank | Frances Young |



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Thank You!



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All are always welcome

Thank you for giving generously.