

# BUILD/iffOUSE

#### **Build His House**

Dear Bible Fellowship Family,

From the very first service we shared together, our mission has been clear: to connect generations and lead people into a legendary life in Jesus Christ. Everything we've done—every prayer, every outreach, every moment of worship—has been about creating spaces where people encounter the living God and discover their purpose.

Now, God is calling us to take the next bold step.

In Haggai 1:8, the Lord says, "Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build My house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored." And in Isaiah 54:2, He gives this command: "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." This is not simply about constructing a building. It's about preparing a place for lives to be transformed, families to be restored, children to grow in faith, and the Gospel to be proclaimed to the next generation.

The vision you'll see in these pages is not the dream of one pastor or one team—it is the dream of an entire church family united under the call of God. It is a vision of shared spaces where no generation stands alone,

where the laughter of children can be heard from the same halls where students gather, where the sanctuary is filled with worship and the café overflows with conversations that change lives.

Build His House is more than a campaign name. It's a declaration of obedience. We are saying to God, "We will make room for what You are about to do." We believe this new facility will be a launchpad for ministry, a place of hope for our city, and a spiritual inheritance for the generations that will come after us.

This booklet will walk you through the why, what, and how of this project. You'll see the spaces God has put in our hearts to build, the ways we can partner together, and the eternal impact we believe will result. As you read, I ask you to do three things:

- Pray Seek God about the part He's calling you to play.
- 2. **Believe** Stand in faith with us for His provision.
- 3. **Act** Step forward in obedience, whether through serving, giving, or sharing the vision.

Church, we are not just building walls. We are building a legacy of faith. We are building a place where countless stories will begin with, "I met Jesus here." And we are building it together, for His glory.

Let's rise up and Build His House.

Pastor Brandon Walton Bible Fellowship Church



#### A Place for Every Generation

The Future Home of Bible Fellowship From day one, Bible Fellowship has carried a simple, bold mission: to connect generations and lead people into a legendary life in Jesus Christ.

This new facility is more than square footage. It's a tool to fulfill that mission with clarity, reach, and power—a place where ministries don't feel siloed but integrated, where families move naturally from one environment to the next, and where every person can see themselves in God's story.

#### What This Building Makes Possible

Integrated, Not Isolated

The campus is intentionally designed with common family and community spaces so that kids, students, and adults see and serve one another. The flow of ministry becomes visible in the hallways, the café, and the courtyard—discipleship in motion.

### Seamless Next-Step Pathways for the Next Generation

Bible Kids and Axis Youth will flourish in state-of-the-art, purpose-built spaces—all under one roof. As children grow in both life stage and faith, the transition from nursery to elementary to youth feels natural, not forced.

#### Walk the Campus in Your Mind

#### The Arrival

As you pull onto the property, the first impression is excellence and welcome: clean, well-manicured grounds; clear, safe parking; and a sense that a place has been prepared for you. The building's dark metal exterior is accented by glass and warm lighting. A wide covered porch wraps the front and right side—the kind of porch that makes you slow down and smile. String lights (Edison bulbs) trace the roofline at dusk, and a raised, illuminated "Bible Fellowship" sign declares the invitation.

#### The Foyer & Café

You step through the main doors into soaring volume—wood accent panels, an accent stone wall, and polished concrete floors underfoot. Conversations hum.

To the left, families stream toward the kids and students zones. To the right, the café opens with booth and table seating, metal-and-wood tables, and chestnut-leather tones. Glass roll-up doors lift to blend the café with the covered porch and courtyard for al fresco connection. It's bright, fresh, and modern—with a touch of tradition. It feels like home.





#### The Sanctuary

Entering the worship space, your eyes rise to exposed wood beams against a black ceiling that focuses attention forward. Pendant LED lights glow overhead, soft and expectant. The platform includes backstage and green-room access, and the LED wall anchors the room with scripture, visuals, and story.

A side wall of architectural glass filters in golden light. At the touch of a button, programmable blackout shades transform the atmosphere for moments of prayer and presence. With 400–500 seats, the room is expansive yet personal—crafted for encounters with God.

#### Bible Kids

At check-in, a two-story grain bin—integrated into the building—becomes the kids' iconic landmark. It's whimsical and inspiring, a vertical reminder to "look up"—we are a small part of God's big creation. The theme nods to Eatonton's heritage as the dairy capital of Georgia, blending faith and farm in a modern, playful way.

Two hallways branch out:

- Nursery/Preschool Wing: soft colors, secure entries, sensory-aware design for our littlest legends.
- Elementary Wing: energetic, story-rich rooms with age-appropriate themes and direct access to a fully fenced, secure playground, tailored by age group.

#### **Axis Youth**

The Axis student space carries a clean, neo-industrial vibe—polished concrete, bold accents, and purposeful edges. The large worship zone is flanked by niche alcoves along the perimeter—perfect for small groups, prayer, and hangouts. It says to students: you belong, and your friends do too.

#### Admin & Dream Team

Behind the scenes, glass-partitioned offices and conference rooms empower staff to shepherd and strategize. A Dream Team staging area—with lounge seating, lockers, and well-organized supply storage—equips volunteers to serve with peace and excellence.

#### **Outdoor Spaces That Build Community**

- Family Playground (Left Side): Bright, clean, and secure—open during the week so young families can picnic while their kids play safely.
- Courtyard Lawn (Right Side): A string-lit green with cornhole boards, Adirondack chairs, and a fire pit. The perfect setting for next-steps conversations, small groups, and outreach nights.
- Side-Yard Café Window: Limited hours open to the public for meetings and co-working, becoming a gentle on-ramp for first-time connections.



#### **Beyond Sundays: Serving Our City**

- Nights of Worship & Prayer
- Community events (e.g., spring programs like CLC, school and civic gatherings that align with our values)
- Conferences, youth rallies, outreach events (through Deliver Hope and partner ministries)
- Weddings & receptions (a beautiful, functional venue)
- Farmers markets highlighting local craftsmen, artists, and growers
- All of this builds bridges to people who may not attend a service—yet.

#### **Growth & Legacy: Thinking in Decades**

This campus will exponentially increase our capacity to reach people with the gospel and to connect them in discipleship. It is not a finish line—it is a starting line for the next 10–20 years.

We are building for our children and their children: a foundation funded and raised by parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles—not for our comfort, but for their calling. We will hand them a living legacy and watch them take it further than we imagined.

Design & Atmosphere: The Feel of "Prepared for You" We want people to feel welcomed, seen, and called the moment they turn in. Excellence in landscaping and lighting, clear wayfinding, and a safe, secure environment communicate the heart of Jesus: "I go to prepare a place for you."

The exterior's dark metal + glass language is modern and bold; the interior's wood, stone, and leather tones ground it with warmth and story. The architecture itself preaches: creative, ordered, and ready—for you.

#### Stewardship & Funding

- Estimated Project Cost: Up to \$5.5 million
- Aim: Debt-free at completion, by God's grace
- How We'll Get There: A tapestry of faith pledges, generous giving, special events, and strategic partnerships—trusting God to open hearts and creativity inside and beyond our church family.
- Weekday Stewardship: Designed for daily use event rentals, café operations, conferences, and hosted gatherings—creating revenue streams that help offset overhead so we can channel more resources to church planting, missions, and local impact.

#### **Spiritual Why**

Isaiah 54 calls us to "enlarge the place of your tent... lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes." When we make room for God, God moves. This building is us making room—to steward growth, protect and pass down the Word, and create a place where the next generation thrives in faith, family, and community.

Because of Jesus, we are family—and this is our family's house of transformation.

#### **A Confirming Dream**

Before becoming pastor, God gave a dream: standing on the front porch of a church as a Greyhound-style bus pulled in, packed with people. The driver asked, "Is this the place where the Spirit of God is moving?" I answered, "Yes." As the bus rolled forward, there was a line of buses stretching as far as I could see—filled with people hungry for God. In July 2020, driving down Highway 16 for the first time, I saw the very church from that dream. I knew in my spirit: this is the place God is calling us to build.

#### Our Prayer for Every Person Who Walks In

That this would not be a place people attend, but a place people are transformed.

That men, women, and students would be saved, set free, healed, delivered, discipled, and equipped to do the work of ministry.

That legendary lives would begin here—ordinary people becoming living testimonies of Jesus.



#### **Project Snapshot (At-a-Glance)**

- Sanctuary: 400–500 seats; exposed wood + black ceiling; pendant LEDs; LED wall; glass with blackout shades; backstage + green room
- Bible Kids: Two-story grain-bin check-in; nursery/preschool wing; elementary wing; secure age-specific playground
- Axis Youth: Neo-industrial; large worship zone; perimeter niches for small groups/hangouts
- Café & Foyer: High ceilings; stone + wood accents; leather tones; roll-up doors to porch/courtyard; indoor/outdoor flow
- Admin & Dream Team: Glass-partitioned offices; conference rooms; volunteer lounge with lockers and supply
- Outdoors: Family playground (left); community courtyard (right) with lights, cornhole, Adirondacks, fire pit
- Weekday Mission: Side-yard café hours;
   co-working; civic gatherings; farmers market;
   events & weddings

#### How We Can All Run With This Vision

- 1. Pray Ask God to go before us, supply every need, and prepare hearts.
- 2. Serve Join a Dream Team now; help us launch strong in the new space.
- Give Bring your best over-and-above offering or pledge; invest in a legacy you'll one day hand to your kids.
- 4. Invite Share the story; bring friends and neighbors. Let them see what God is doing!



## WAYS TO GIVE

#### 1. One-Time Generous Gift

Give a single gift now toward the building project. This accelerates the timeline, reduces financing needs, and puts more of your gift directly into bricks, beams, and ministry spaces.

- How to give: Online, by check, or in person at the giving station.
- Why it matters: Every dollar today is one less dollar we have to borrow tomorrow.

#### 2. Faith Pledge (Over 12-24 Months)

Commit to a recurring gift above your regular giving over the next 1–2 years. This allows you to give more than you thought possible by spreading it out over time.

- How to give: Set up automated giving online or through the Church Center App.
- Why it matters: Your faithful consistency builds momentum and gives our team confidence to move forward with construction.

#### 3. Creative & Non-Cash Giving

Give in ways beyond your wallet—assets, skills, and unexpected resources can make a massive impact.

- Examples: Stock donations, property, business services, building materials, equipment, or estate gifts.
- Why it matters: God can multiply what you already have into something eternal.

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