

The Nehemiah Project

FAQ Sheet

TIMELINE

1. WHEN WILL THE PHASES BEGIN? WHAT PHASE ARE WE IN RIGHT NOW?

The Nehemiah Project was birthed out of a congregational need to expand the current facility of the church. The vision was introduced to the Deacons and Trustees in Nov. 2014 and to the church congregation in Jan. 2015. Since then the following work has been completed: Initial meetings with the vision committee (Ministry presidents) to determine needs, organizing of a building committee (to guide the project and to communicate the progress to congregation, and the selecting of architecture to design a concept of the facility expansion.) The congregation is currently working to building capital (increasing our cash on hand). This is a very important step in the process.

FUNDING

2. HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE NEED TO START BUILDING? HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR IT? WHAT IS THE TRUE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT?

We anticipate this to be a 3 million dollar building initiative. The church needs to have at least 10% of the total cost (\$300,000) on hand before we approach lending intuitions. Currently the church has an estimated \$175,000 in our building fund account. Once we reach the \$300,000.00 we will proceed to engage lending intuitions about the best possible path forward as it relates to financing this project. In the meantime, a business strategy firm has been hired to assist in building the financial package and business plan which we will present to potential lenders.

3. WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE ASKING FOR MONEY?

The target goal of raising \$200,000.00 helps us in reaching our goal of having \$300,000 in the bank by Feb. 2017. A number of ministries are sponsoring fund raisers to support The Nehemiah Project. As we continue with fund raising efforts, we hope to consolidate the giving opportunities so that they do not overlap.

4. ARE WE PURSUING GRANTS TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE PROJECT?

We are exploring grants to support programming and ministry efforts, which in turn will offset the expenses of the church and thereby aid in our financial growth.

EDUCATION

5. HOW CAN WE PRAY SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PROJECT?

Pray that our congregation remains diligent, effective and fruitful laborers in this building campaign. Pray that God would open the eyes of believers and give them hearts of support regarding The Nehemiah Project. In your daily prayers ask God to provide the wisdom and the resources needed to accomplish the task.

6. WHY ARE WE GOING BACK INTO DEBT WHEN WE JUST GOT OUT OF DEBT?

We are grateful for the blessings of God and the work of the people in retiring the debt of our church. Paying off our previous debt did not solve our current or future growth needs. The church still has inadequate space for Christian education, storage and ministry. Currently, the church does not have sufficient access for the disabled to enter the sanctuary from the Christian education wing. Our summer camp and Mt. Movers ministry do not have proper recreation space. We have exhausted all storage. Our administrative wing has office space that is insufficient. At least one staff member does not have a heating or air unit in their office. Other staff members are sharing office space with other ministries. Currently there exists no space for true fellowship. Our current fellowship hall is now functioning like a multipurpose room. Parking is still an issue. Our building is not outfitted with technology sufficient for the 21st century. With a membership over 1,400 we do not have a space large enough to feed more than 175 people comfortably. We need additional space for receptions and dinners which involve the full congregation as well as for Ambassadors for Christ and after school programs. Baptism prep areas are too small and do not provide the privacy needed.

7. WHEN WILL THERE BE ANOTHER PRESENTATION TO THE CONGREGATION?

We will provide updates quarterly during church meetings. In addition, please check your bulletin for current information regarding the effort.

PROGRAMMING

8. HOW WILL THE PROJECT BENEFIT INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES?

The Nehemiah Project seeks to build the church's capacity for effective ministry toward families and the larger community. The following information describes ways this building expansion could benefit your family:

1. Easier accessibility for disabled individuals to enter the sanctuary
2. Adequate recreation space for Mt. Movers ministry (our health ministry which focuses on exercise and health living tips)
3. Christian education and worship space equipped with technology for 21st Century application

4. Sufficient space for Children's Church
5. Sufficient space for youth fellowship
6. A ladies lounge for mothers who are nursing children
7. Additional parking
8. Designated space for private prayer
9. More privacy for Baptismal preparation
10. Gym for recreation, fellowship and feedings
11. The opportunity to grow child care services to include summer camp and after school programming
12. With additional programming the opportunity to increase staff positions becomes more likely
13. Possible job creation. As the ministry increases so will the need for capable staff

9. WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Please continue to do the following:

1. Support the project in word and deed
2. Pray often for God's will to be accomplished through the ministry of this church
3. Financially contribute regularly to the Nehemiah Project