

Dear Crossridge Family,

During the All-Church meeting on Sunday, March 14, Crossridge Leadership presented a proposed building plan called Future Foundations. The proposal is detailed below.

### Why?

In 2019, Crossridge leadership began discussing the need for either a third service or building improvements/additions to accommodate the steady growth of our church body. Although we had more room for additional people in the sanctuary, we were bursting at the seams in our classrooms. Many of you may have noticed that we use a tarp to section off the covered patio to make more classroom space. We found that this short-term fix was not functional when there was wind or extreme cold. We realized that additional growth within our church body was becoming limited by the building in its current state.

### What?

In late 2019/early 2020, Crossridge leadership met with two architects to get a preliminary master plan of what could be done with our current building and property. Part of our request was that we needed to be able to continue meeting throughout any building project. We chose to work with Guggenheim Architects whose plan included three phases:

- Phase 1 would include enclosing the covered porch area and combining with the current offices to create a family entrance on Sundays and a larger, more functional classroom. Dividing the classroom adjacent to the Connection center into two offices for Joel and Admin, relocating the women's bathroom door, replacing the ceiling tile in the entry/foyer and replacing the chairs in the sanctuary. For a more detailed list please see the plans in the foyer or posted on the website.



- Phase 2 would include a new building on what is currently the front lawn that would include a larger sanctuary, offices and potentially a café. The two buildings would be connected by a covered walkway and there would be a greenspace/meeting area between the current building and the street. Construction of a new building would trigger significant improvements to the property including, but not limited to, paved parking lot and stormwater runoff. With Phase 2, all of the current building would be available for kids and student classrooms.
- Phase 3 would include any last renovations of the current building that need to be brought to code.

**Our timeframe for Phase 1 is Summer 2021.** Future phases would be re-evaluated for need after each phase is completed, both physically and financially.

## **How?**

Crossridge Church has been immensely blessed to not have a mortgage. We have a rough working budget of approximately \$300,000/year to cover staff salaries, utilities and building maintenance, operating costs for CRkids, CRstudents and other ministries, missionary support and benevolence support for those in our community. We could not operate without the generous donations of those who call Crossridge home. We have also slowly built up our savings to cover approximately 5 months of our normal expenses as a “rainy day” fund.



The proposed Phase 1 is estimated to cost \$250,000. We would like to begin a pledge campaign to raise the full amount of money needed. Pledges to this campaign would be donations in addition to the donations people give for our general offering that goes to pay our annual operating costs. If there are enough pledges committed to the campaign, Crossridge leadership are comfortable moving forward with the project this summer through financing and our savings, knowing that the financing loan would be paid off and savings replenished as pledges to the campaign are fulfilled.

## **What We Need From You?**

We need you to pray and ask God for direction on how he would like you participate in this campaign. We want each person/family to give as God leads them, big or small. Campaign commitments can be made as a one-time gift or as on-going monthly commitments for one-year. Please remember that this is in addition to normal giving.



- March 14 – begin praying for God’s direction on how you can partner with us and what He would like you to pledge to the Future Foundations Phase 1.
- April 11 – Please indicate your commitment to the Future Foundations no later than April 11 by filling out the [Online Pledge Commitment Form](#) or a paper pledge card at the church.

Once you have pledged to the campaign, you will have a tab on your profile in the church center app that provides a temperature bar showing both where you are in your commitment and where the project as a whole is in relation to the goal.

## **Giving**

Like our normal offering, pledge donations can be made either online or by check. Online donations can be made from our website or through the App by choosing the drop down for Crossridge Future Foundations Fund. Checks written to the church should specify Future Foundations or Pledge Donation in the memo line, otherwise they will be deposited to the General Offering.



We believe that these building plans will enable us to better fulfill our key values of Truth, Authenticity, Community, Hope and Prayer; and to achieve our vision to reach the lost for Jesus and grow the faith of those who call Crossridge their church home. Thank you for partnering with us. If you have questions, please contact us.

In Christ,

Crossridge Church