

# OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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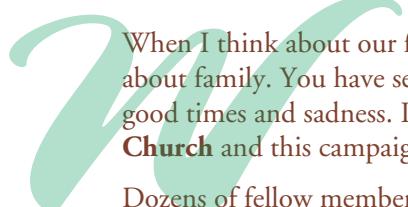
# Sowing Seeds *for the* Future



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# It's Time to do our Part

**Dear OPCC Family:**



When I think about our faith community, I think about relationships and about family. You have seen Jan's and my family as we have experienced both good times and sadness. I feel honored to be part of **Overland Park Christian Church** and this campaign.

Dozens of fellow members have put in many hours working on this campaign, and everything is coming together. People are excited. I want to thank everyone for their dedication and hard work.

Now our church family needs each of us. We have been blessed with a wonderful facility where we can pray, be challenged by the Gospel, share a cup of coffee, enjoy friendship, and a fulfilling worship. We are fortunate to have had visionaries before us who made an investment in this building and community. After 25-plus years, it is time for us to renovate our worship environment. (See the renderings and floor plan within this brochure.) We also want to better serve the young adults and young families in our community by supporting a designated associate pastor for them. I know this is very important to us and our future.

Just as those who have gone before us over the last 60-plus years, now it's time to do our part. Please review this colorful brochure, talk to your family, and pray for God's guidance. Then complete the enclosed commitment card and bring it to church on Commitment Sunday, May 6th. We need your involvement, so don't delay.

Thank you for the support and love you have freely shared with me and my family. Know that all of you hold a special place in our hearts.



LEE & HIS WIFE, JAN

*God's love and care,*

**Lee Sprinkle**  
Campaign Chair





## The Challenge, Opportunity, & Plan

### WE BEGAN OUR JOURNEY AS A FAITH

**COMMUNITY** with our first worship gathering in the Overland Park Theatre in July, 1950. Bill Fullenwider, a member at the time, wrote at the dedication of the current education wing in 1956, "The coming generations will add new life and determination to our own steadfast belief in God. Our own work and sacrifices, though only a temporary phase in the living church, will not have been wrought in vain." We can say the same thing about this time in our community's life. We are poised at a unique moment in our history where we are once again asked to make sacrifices to ensure our faith community lives beyond our own lives.

The facilities we enjoy today were made possible by those who went before us and made sacrifices to insure

adequate space for growth. We are blessed by their sacrifice and forethought with the facility that has been handed down to us. Because of them, we can hear the word of God and be inspired to live faithfully to make the world a better place.

Our current sanctuary was constructed more than 41 years ago. While small improvements have been completed over the years, our sanctuary is in desperate need of renovation and updating.

The demographics of our community are changing, and our ministries must change as well. We are now located in a much more diverse neighborhood with mixed races and family types, whose median age is 35 years old. The young singles and young families are the future of our congregation. God is calling us to do a better job of serving their needs.



# The Plan

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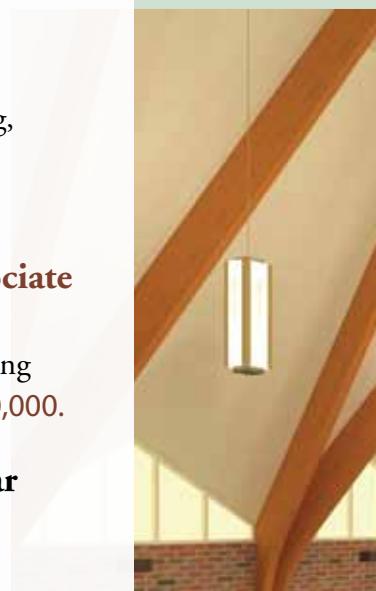
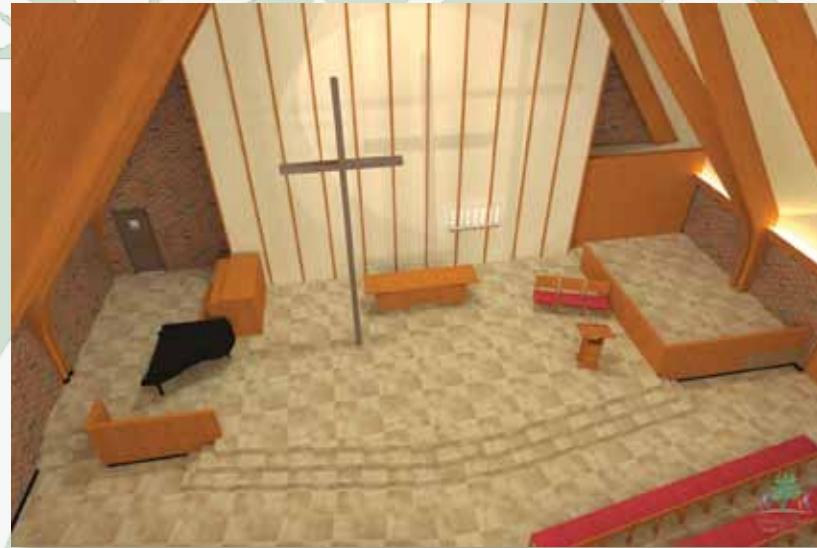
**Renovate and update our sanctuary by refreshing and enhancing its wonderful architecture.** This includes painting, seating, flooring, lighting, refinishing wood surfaces, and audio and visual upgrades. Approximate cost: \$350,000.

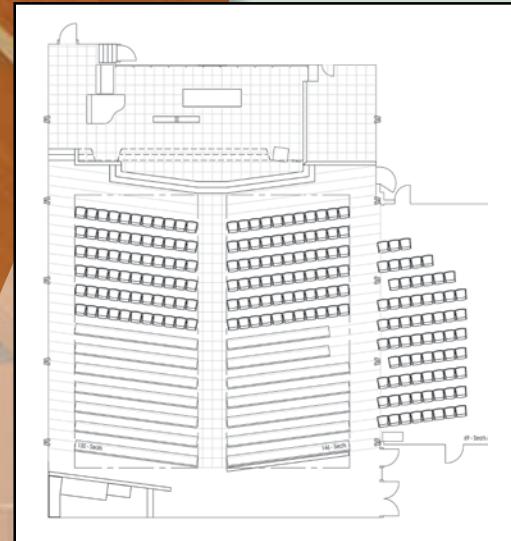
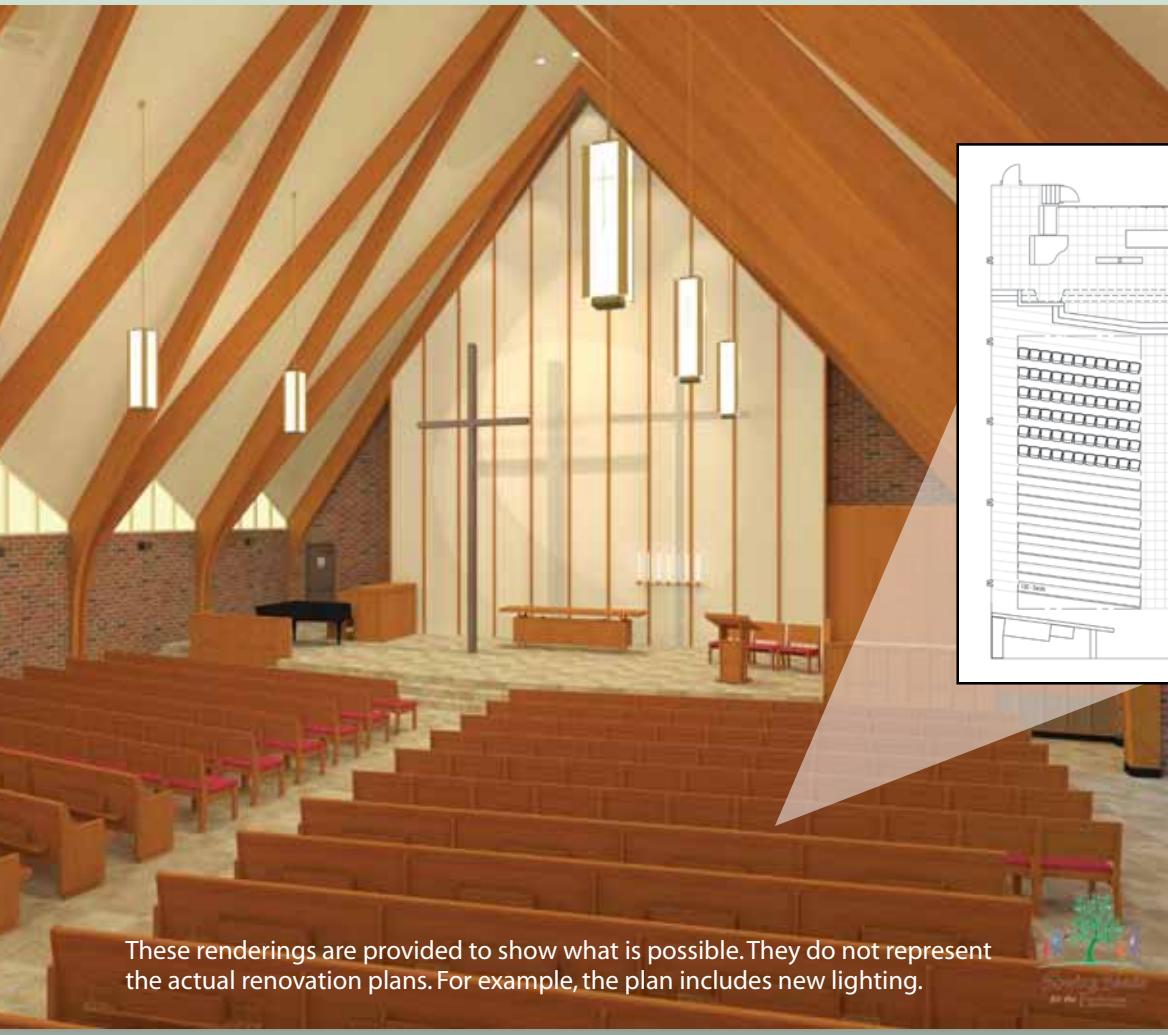
**Provide a five-year financial package for a full-time associate pastor to work with single adults and young families.**

This pastor will pick up where our youth ministry concludes, nurturing the young single adults and young families. Approximate cost: \$250,000.

**We cannot address the above challenges with our regular operating budget.**

**The Campaign Steering Committee has set \$600,000 as its goal for this campaign.**





These renderings are provided to show what is possible. They do not represent the actual renovation plans. For example, the plan includes new lighting.



## Frequently Asked Questions PART I

### *What is included in the sanctuary renovations and updating? What are the costs?*

The latest cost estimates for the different sanctuary updates are listed here. Currently, more accurate estimates are being acquired and will be made available as we know them.

Painting the sanctuary .....	\$38,000
Updating the seating .....	\$50,000
Replacing the flooring .....	\$48,000
Replacing and improving the lighting .....	\$94,000
Renovating the chancel area .....	\$50,000
Upgrading the audio/visual in the sanctuary.....	\$70,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>

### *How will the different parts of the plan be prioritized?*

Once we determine the amount of money that will be generated by this campaign, we will prioritize and schedule projects. Our campaign steering committee will work with the general board to propose a timeline for undertaking the projects included in the campaign, and bring that proposal to a town hall meeting to receive guidance and insight from the congregation. At the conclusion of this process, the board will make a final determination of scope and timing.



# Frequently Asked Questions PART II

## **How much should I give?**

Each person or family is asked to make an equal sacrifice — not an equal pledge. While there is no set amount, we suggest that each household prayerfully consider committing 5 percent of total annual family income each year for the three years of the campaign.

For those on limited or fixed incomes, we suggest that you prayerfully consider a 5 percent gift from household assets (e.g. investments, savings, real property, etc.), rather than from annual income, offered either in a lump-sum gift or spread over the three years of the campaign.

Please remember that your commitment to this campaign is in addition to what you are currently giving the church through your offering. This donation is usually tax deductible.

To help you determine your commitment, we provide the following chart:

## 5% Sacrificial Giving Chart

MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY PLEDGE	MONTHLY PLEDGE	ANNUAL PLEDGE	TOTAL 3-YEAR PLEDGE
\$500	\$6	\$25	\$300	\$900
\$1,000	\$12	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$2,000	\$23	\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$3,000	\$35	\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$5,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$7,000	\$81	\$350	\$4,200	\$12,600
\$10,000	\$115	\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$15,000	\$173	\$750	\$9,000	\$27,000

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## **May I give something other than cash?**

Donating appreciated stock or property is an optional way to give. Such things as real estate, mutual funds, bonds and personal property are a few alternative ways to support our campaign. Another option is retirement funds and IRAs. You can possibly save paying capital gains and get a tax deduction. If you have questions about any of the alternative ways of giving to the church, please call Emerson Hartzler (913-302-7612) for more information.

## **What are the benefits of participating in the campaign?**

The campaign provides an opportunity to ask ourselves: *“How does God want to use me and my resources to help build God’s kingdom in concert with Overland Park Christian Church?”*

Participation in the campaign gives us an opportunity to be part of a total congregation effort that gives us a better connection to the faith community.

You will feel a great sense of accomplishment when you begin to see the fruits of our efforts with the completion of each of the projects around the church.

## **When do I start fulfilling my commitment to the campaign?**

You are welcome to start contributing at any time or you can start on Commitment Sunday, May 6th, or soon afterwards.



## **IN APPRECIATION**

Because this effort is a total church effort, OPCC will be providing all congregational households with a 8x6-inch framed quote as a sign of our appreciation recognizing the support provided for the ministries done in God’s name.

Christ is the head of this house; the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener to every conversation.



## Your Decision to Give

For many of us, participation in the *Sowing Seeds for the Future* Campaign will be the largest charitable gift of our lives. Please take time to consider the following as you prayerfully discern the amount of your contribution:

- Consider how God has blessed you and how we are each called to use our gifts to build God's Kingdom on earth.
- Ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- Our faith community needs each of us to make a sacrificial gift. We are all aware of the need to provide for our current members, as well as the ones who will follow us.
- Every gift, regardless of the size, will be an important contribution to the campaign.
- Discuss your family's participation with all members of your family and what it will mean to the family.
- Remember in your prayers all who have served in this campaign and those who have contributed to building and maintaining this church in the past.

**COMMITMENT  
SUNDAY IS  
MAY 6, 2012**

# OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## OUR VISION

**Sharing Christ's love  
By serving our neighbors  
While growing as Jesus' disciples.**

## OUR CORE VALUES

**We have no creed but Christ...  
No gospel but love...  
And no purpose but to serve.**

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**These members made up the teams who spent  
the last three months working on the campaign.  
We want to thank them for sharing their time  
and talent with the congregation.**

### Campaign Teams

\* Denotes team leader

#### Ambassador

Ed Eilert\*  
Bill Anthony  
Julie Bilyea  
Harvey Cooke  
Evelyn Eastwood  
Alan Felton  
Katherine Ann Haggard  
Don Hamner  
Emerson Hartzler  
David Hobbs  
Terry Zahner

#### Children & Youth

Wayne Moore\*  
Barb Collins  
Chris Crowe  
Jamie Crowe  
Katherine Ann Haggard  
Alice Hall  
Dan Horton  
Graham Lee  
Jennifer Lee  
Peter Lee  
Timothy Lister  
Michelle Sabal  
Olivia Sabal  
Cameron Setty  
Kent Setty  
Kira Setty  
Lisa Setty  
Cory Standridge  
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Greg Wienberg  
Meg Wienberg  
Molly Zahner  
Doreen Zahner  
Terry Zahner

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Julie Bilyea  
Terri Bookless  
Jan Eilert  
Cal McBride  
Jean Sink  
Billie Warden  
Pidge Warden  
Chuck Warner  
Alan Wimpey

#### Events

Judy Nickum\*  
Linda Anthony\*  
Jody Cash  
Toni Cattelino  
Mary Alice Geise  
Lloyd Lavelly  
Peggy Moore  
Wilma Nickum  
Jan Sprinkle  
Bernice Stouse  
Larry Stouse  
Arlene Wiler

#### Prayer

Sharon McBride\*  
Mary Aelmore  
Nancy Corbin  
Jane Hitzelberger  
Ina Fern McBride  
Millie Mitchell  
Lois Wimpey

**Thanks**

Bruce McNaghten\*  
Marjory McNaghten\*  
Bill Barrett  
Beverly Barrett  
Marian Bilyea  
Joyce Brooker  
Frances Bruning  
Virgil Bruning

Diana Carlburg  
Jody Cash  
Phyllis Cooke  
Rick Everist  
Mary Alice Geise  
Nancy Phipps



### Campaign prayer

God,

*We praise You for Your creative spirit  
moving in our church, stirring us, calling us  
forward as a community of believers.*

*We focus on You.  
Come strengthen our spirits,  
for Your Love has chosen to lead  
our path to a new place.*

*Open our hearts,  
so our giving of time and resources  
will reflect our love for You.*

*With Your wisdom and guidance,  
we accept the challenge to grow  
and extend Your ministry.*

*May we run the course with joy,  
faith, and a deeper understanding  
of the vision You have set before us.*

*Amen*