

Grace Capital Church

a
greater
impact

imagine

those yet to come.....



beyond our imagination

**“Now
to HIM**

who is able to do
immeasurably more
than all we ask or
imagine, according
to HIS power that is
at work within us...”

- Ephesians 3:20

from the pastor's heart

Grace Capital Church has always been about making an impact. Our focus from the very beginning has been reaching those outside the church, helping them know the love of the Father. In the process, we have all been blessed by God as our lives and our community have been transformed.

Today we stand at yet another crossroad. We are faced with the challenge of a growing church with a need for more space. In 2004, we moved into a brand new building, grateful for our own place to Celebrate God, Serve Others and to be Sent out to do God's work. Many of us went through a Journey of Faith to make this happen financially and prayerfully. And now, only four years later, we are nearing capacity in every area of the facility and realizing the investment we need to make for generations to come. With that in mind we are preparing to expand, sensing that the Lord is saying that "the best is yet to come."

Though it would be easy to settle and be content with the many people who have come to know Christ and joined our church, instead we choose to respond to the Lord's call and create room for *those yet to come*. The Greater Impact campaign is an opportunity for every one of us at Grace Capital Church to pray, hear from God and cooperate with His leading in our lives. We will be called upon to give generously and sacrificially and we will become more faithful followers of Christ in the process.

Let's start this new journey together and ask the Lord to do more than we can ask or imagine~ to fulfill the vision He's given us to make an even Greater Impact in our region and in the world.

-Pastor Peter & Lisa Bonanno

fulfill the vision



We believe in the Great Commission of reaching those who are far from God.

We practice the Greatest Commandment which is loving others like God loves us.

So, before you even think about what your commitment to a "building fund" should be... start thinking about why a commitment should even be considered. GCC moved into our facility in 2004 and the growth has been explosive.

Consider these facts:

Year 2004 192 members
Year 2008 500 members

Year 2004 284 attendance
Year 2008 900 attendance

1997-2004 280 people made commitments to Christ, 92 baptized.

2004-today 783 commitments to Christ and 228 people baptized


This is what we've seen:

God has used our facility as a tool to reach many more people that we could ever imagine.

He has used people like you to attract others to a place where we Celebrate God together!



reinforced commitment Jose' Cambrils



"Since I've come to Grace Capital Church my life has been blessed. The teachings have reinforced my commitment to read the Bible for the first time, opening my eyes to the Truth (Jesus)." Member Since 2005

The Plan

A facility expansion that is practical not presumptuous - excellent not excessive - creative not unimaginative - tasteful not wasteful.

Phase one - the first thing you'll notice is that we're removing the barriers of limited parking. In this expansion we are adding 157 new spots; more than doubling our current paved parking to 309. Also, there will be a brand new driveway entrance creating a better flow of traffic, entering from below and exiting up top.

Phase two of our facility addition is the largest part of the project. *(Spring 2009)*

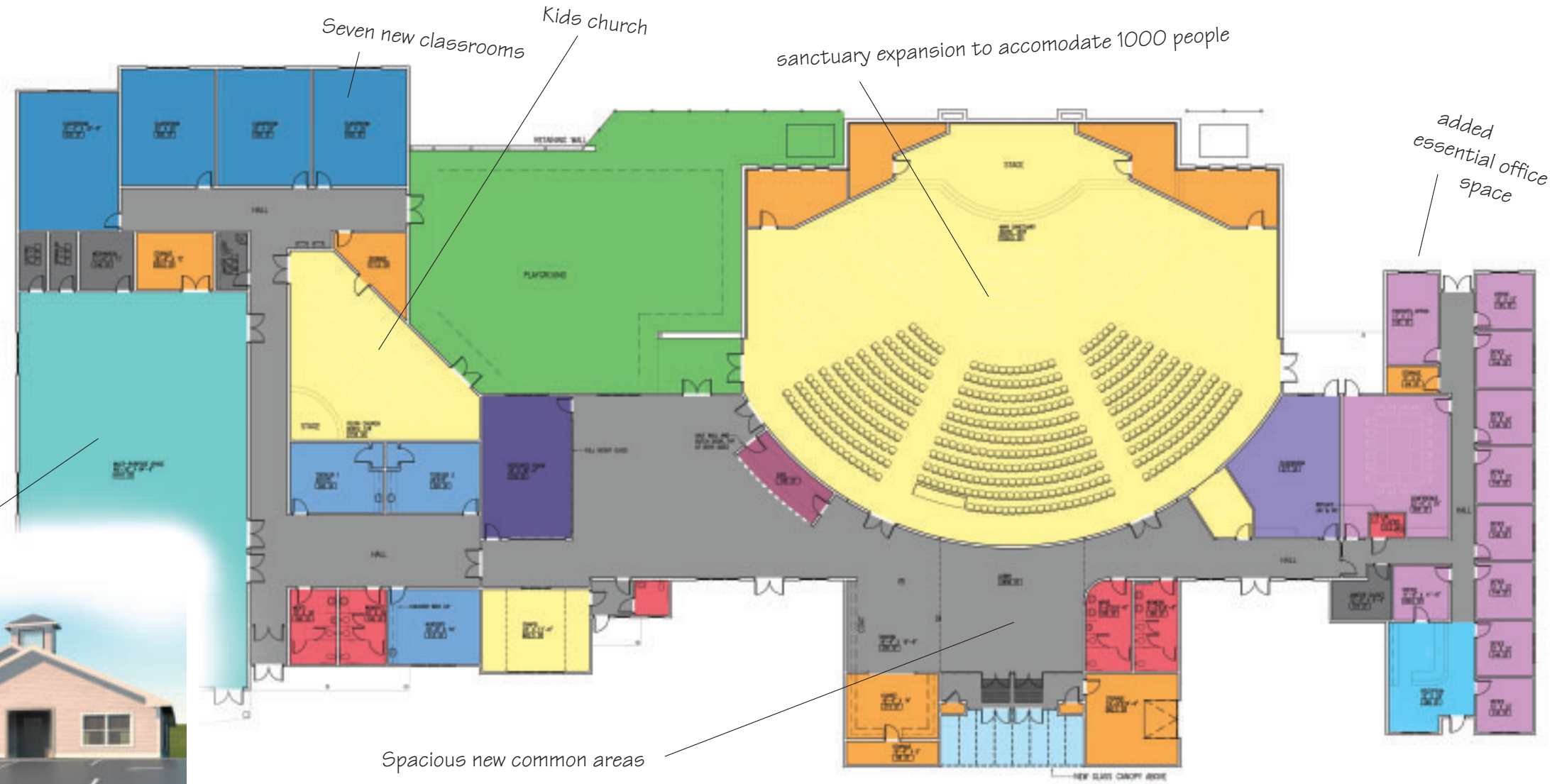
- Walking right through the main entrance doors, you will notice a much more roomy and practical common area. The addition of 1,000 square feet and the removal of some of our current partitions will open up the space for better circulation, fellowship and a newcomers area. This area will also feature our new Common Ground Café and the GCC Resource Center.
- The major section of our second phase expansion is the Andrew J. Allard Memorial Youth Center that

will be a great tool for reaching generations of youth, now and in the future. The centerpiece will be a 4,200 square foot multi-purpose recreational facility for Impact Youth Ministry, as well as church and community events.

- Connected to the Youth Center will be an addition of seven new classrooms, a Kid's church worship center and an outdoor playground for our children. This 4,000 square foot expansion will greatly provide for our current and future need for children's ministry as well as adult education, discipleship and mentoring.
- The offices and administrative areas will be expanded and relocated to the south side of the building. 2,500 square feet of newly designed space will accommodate 10 offices, a conference room and a reception area that will serve the church and the Foursquare District.

Phase three *(date TBA)* of our expansion opens up our sanctuary space in a creative way. As we add 3,000 square feet to our existing worship area we will accommodate over 1,000 people, nearly doubling our current seating capacity.

The addition of storage, restroom facilities and circulation will round out our total expansion to 18,000 square feet.





Because of Grace Capital, I have a place to fellowship with other followers as well as a place to talk about my struggles and to be encouraged in Christ. *Kayla Harriman, Impact Youth*

Questions:

Why are we doing this?

Our plans are two-fold; first to meet our existing needs for those who are currently a part of Grace Capital Church, and secondly for those yet to come. Unlike in our initial campaign- "The Journey of Faith" when we were

building our first facility, this time our focus is much more outward.

We are looking ahead and realizing that our growing church is the result of God's blessing, and that we don't want to stand in the way of what He wants to do through us.

Who should be involved?

Every person who considers Grace Capital Church their church home should have a part in the Greater Impact. This includes children, teens and adults. The Bible says that we should give as we are able, in proportion to our income.

Additionally, we are all called to step out in faith and believe God for more than we can do on our own strength. Most importantly, we need to all seek the Lord, hear His voice and obey what it is that He sets out for us to do.

When will the process begin?

Right now! In fact, this is much more than a "building project," but a time for all of us to grow together. Over the next few weeks we will talk about the process of asking God what we should do personally. In the meantime, plans are being made for the expansion of the facility. The second phase, which includes the major addition to the building should start in the Spring of 2009.



GCC and IMPACT helped me see that worshipping God in my everyday life isn't just a set of rules to live by, but a way of life with meaning. *Everett Locker, Impact Youth*

Paul Modzeleski a great community of believers

"I know that the Lord has forgiven my sins and I am challenged daily to grow in Him through journaling in the Bible. Thanks to Grace Capital Church, I know God in a real and personal way and I am part of a great community of believers."

Member Since 2008



Why Should I be part of A Greater Impact?

Think about the way that your life has been blessed by God. Was Grace Capital Church instrumental in your coming to know the Lord? In growing in your faith? In helping you develop godly relationships or reach out to others? As you reflect on how your life has been impacted, think about the impact that a project like this will continue to have on you and others. Just as we have all been blessed by those who came before us, we can now make a way for others. By investing your resources, you will be contributing to the long-term work of Christ. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need." (1 Cor 9:10)

How much should I give?

Your giving is between you and God and each of us will hear something different in our time of prayer. God does encourage us to give sacrificially - meaning that it won't be easy. And, we are to give cheerfully, knowing the vastness of the reward. We believe that there are many people with considerable resources that will be enabled by God to do something they never expected. Yet, every gift is important- no gift will be too small to help. Consider giving something up of importance to you in order to give to something of greater importance. Your commitment will be over a three year time period, a season that God will provide "over and above" all that you can imagine.

What happens now?

It was an amazing event the first time we met together at 542 Pembroke Street to worship the Lord together. That was four years ago. What happens next will lead us into God's greater plans for us. It will start with challenge and prayer beginning on October 19th as we launch a brand new series called, "A Greater Impact." Then one month later we'll gather for an All Church Celebration Event (November 16th) and together present our faith pledges. We are expecting "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!"



Zitoni Murenzi

"Grace Capital Church has changed my life in a positive way by helping me put God's word into practice."

Member Since 2004

changed life





Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

Sacrifice is a frightening word for many of us. It indicates that things may “hurt” a little bit because faithful giving always involves replacing what we want with what God wants. Together we will prayerfully consider our level of sacrificial giving over and above our regular giving. Although our gift levels will be different, each one of us will give generously and joyfully as unto the Lord.

Our plan is to raise enough money through the Greater Impact campaign to fund the first two phases of the project, and possibly the third phase. Our goal is \$3.5 million over a three-year commitment phase, with every person doing their part and being involved.



Laura Burns

“I’ve learned how to truly have a relationship with Jesus, finding and feeling His love and wanting to be more like Him.”
Member since 2006

finding His love



GCC has led me closer to Jesus by giving me the opportunities to reach out to many others. *Danielle Juza, Impact Youth*

positive relationships

Neil Burt

“GCC has helped me to be more real and down-to-earth. Before coming here I found it difficult to be transparent and relate to those in the world. The atmosphere of the church encourages building relationships with God and with others.”
Member since 2006.



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