

BUILD ING UP *Living it out*

“UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE,
THE BUILDERS LABOR IN VAIN.”

PSALM 127:1



HISTORY

In the Summer of 1990, a small group of faithful believers responded to an invitation to form the core group of a new congregation. They held their first public worship service at Lincoln Elementary School on Palm Sunday, March 24, 1991. In the years that followed, they continued to meet each Sunday morning in the school's cafeteria until June 1995 when the Lord provided the opportunity to acquire our current 22-acre property on Willow Avenue. The home on the property was remodeled and the first worship service took place in the remodeled home in May 1996. A little over a year later, in the Summer of 1997, the congregation of fifty people called a new pastor to come lead and shepherd "the church on the hill."

In April 2000, God gave the growing congregation their "Building for New Life" miracle, with \$1.6 million committed and given over the ensuing three years toward the construction of our current 16,000 square foot Worship and Children's Ministry Center. In April 2001, while waiting for completion of the construction of the new Worship Center, the existing worship space — now called The Upper Room — was expanded to accommodate the growing worship attendance at three Sunday services. In addition, portable classrooms for children's Sunday School were moved onto the property and a paved parking lot with 50 parking spaces was constructed in the dirt lot where cars had previously parked between the west side of the house and Willow Avenue. Construction on the new Worship Center was completed and the building was dedicated to the glory of God on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2003. In the years that followed, God provided for pay-off of the \$850,000 debt on the property, and several years after that, a final payment was made on the Worship and Children's Ministry Center.

Fast forward to the Fall of 2017, when following several years of consistent growth, our Elders introduced our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision to provide for the growing space needs of our thriving congregation. In response to that vision, through the generous giving of the congregation, the Lord graciously provided nearly \$5 million in gifts and pledges for the building of a new 12,000 square foot Discipleship Ministries Center. This building included space for our growing Jr. High and High School ministries, as well as for our Sunday morning adult EquipU classes and a variety of other midweek discipleship and fellowship gatherings. Construction was completed on the Discipleship Center in November 2019 and the final payment for construction was made in February 2020.

"...Till now the LORD has helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12



Fall 1997

*"And the people of God celebrated the
dedication of the house of God with great joy!"
Ezra 6:16*



Spring 2003



Fall 2019

Declaring Jesus Christ, Caring for People

GROWTH

By God's grace, we continue to see both spiritual and numerical growth in the life and ministries of our congregation. This past year, for example, we've grown to an average of nearly 1,100 people attending our three Sunday morning worship celebrations. In addition, an average of 350 children and students — infants through high school — are joining us each Sunday morning. Another 350-400 people are worshipping with us online each week.

In 2020, a third worship celebration was added, and our Discipleship Ministries Center Multi-Purpose Room, originally designed for Sunday morning EquipU classes, was "repurposed" (temporarily) as an additional worship space. Every week, we are seeing new faces and families join us for Sunday worship, as well as more than 1,200 people of all ages who are coming to be part of our growing midweek ministries.

All of this, of course, has not gone unnoticed by our Elders, or by many of you, who have continued to ask us, "So, what's next? Do we have plans for a new Worship Center to make room for our growth?" Three services every Sunday morning in our Worship Center, with literally hundreds of others meeting in the Discipleship Center and in other rooms on our campus each hour, is a reminder of what God's people experienced in II Kings 6:1...

"Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, 'Look! The place where we meet with you is too small for us!'" 😊

For several years now, our Elders have explored and discussed a variety of options for accommodating our congregation's current and future needs for additional worship space. In April 2021, after months of discussion and prayer, the Elders asked our Building Committee to begin researching the possibility of building a new and larger Worship Center.

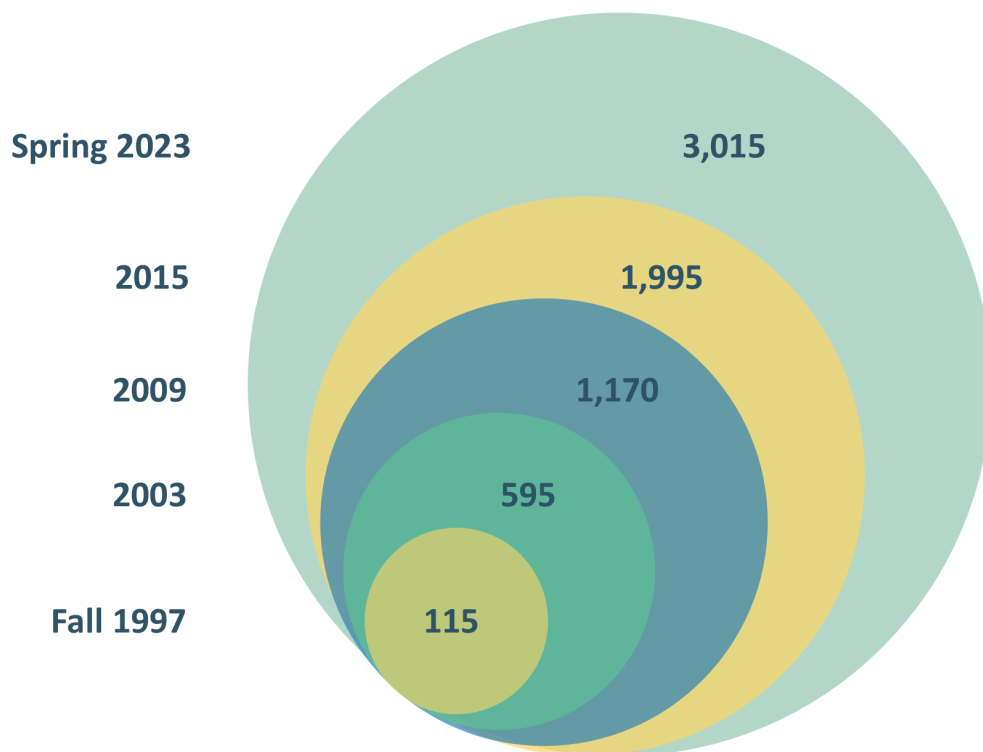
On the following pages, you will see what the Elders have prayerfully decided should be the next phase of the "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision for our church. Our prayer is that the information provided on these pages will encourage you to continue to pray with us, as well as to expectantly and joyfully embrace our church's vision "to build each other up, so that we can faithfully live out the Gospel in every facet of our lives" — to the praise and glory of God!

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything; it is only God who gives the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:7

GROWTH AND THE GIFT OF FAITHFUL LEADERS

In recent years, God has graciously blessed our church with two gifted young pastors whose shared devotion to faithfully preach and teach God's Word has been used by God to draw others to Christ and to grow our church. The Bible says, "It is only God who gives the growth," but one of the ways Scripture reveals He does that in a local church body is through the ministry of faithful and praying servant-leaders. It is clear that God has graciously given that wonderful blessing to our Trinity church family, not only in the Elders and Deacons who so faithfully serve our Lord and each of us, but also through our gifted and hard-working team of Pastors and Ministry Leadership Staff — servant-leaders whose lives and ministries are marked by their deep devotion to loving and serving Christ. It is God's grace and gifting in their leadership of our church's ministries that have helped make possible the growth that we are seeing in our congregation — growth that only God can give. For the gift and blessing of all our faithful staff's leadership and service — we are very grateful!

Average Weekly On-Campus Attendance



"...And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

VISION

Since the day Trinity Community Church began, it has been built on prayer and the purposes of God as set forth in His Word. Our desire as a church has always been to glorify God through Christ-exalting worship — and through discipling people of all ages to become fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

By grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, our Trinity church family continues to experience the blessing and joy of seeing the fulfillment of the purposes of God given to us in Ephesians 4:12-13 — making and building up faithful disciples who will live out the Gospel in every facet of their lives — for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ.

Visitors and guests tell us they feel like they've "come home" when they worship with us for the first time. We have never sought to be a big church, but we are committed to being a biblically faithful church. If we continue to focus on the quality — building a biblically faithful, Gospel-centered church — then God will take care of the quantity. For that reason, God's Word will always be the foundation and focus of all we say and do at Trinity. If God's people are well-taught, encouraged, and equipped properly, then they will want to reach out to others as well. Well-fed sheep reproduce themselves!

We are now standing at the threshold of incredible opportunities to share our Lord's life-saving Gospel with people all around us — people whom God loves and for whom Jesus gave His life on the cross. In order to realize and lay hold of these opportunities, we need space to grow. The next phase of our "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision includes a new and larger Worship Center that will provide much-needed space for the significant growth we are seeing in our Sunday morning worship attendance, as well as in our growing midweek ministries, including Brother-to-Brother, Sister-to-Sister, Children, Students, College & Young Adults, and numerous fellowship groups.

These are exciting times in the life and ministry of our church. God continues to pour out His favor and blessing on us by bringing new people who are hungry to hear and respond to His Word. This includes both mature believers as well as those who have been invited to worship with us and are hearing the Gospel for the very first time. By God's grace, we are seeing a growing passion for evangelism and outreach by many in our congregation, and we are praising God for that wonderful evidence of His heart and love for those who have yet to come to know and respond to the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"...So that the body of Christ may be built up...to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

BUILDING ON THE PURPOSES OF GOD

*"To equip God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ
may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith
and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
Ephesians 4:12-13*

GOSPEL-CENTERED...

—— **WORSHIP**

———— **DISCIPLESHIP**

———— **MEMBERSHIP**

———— **FELLOWSHIP**

———— **MINISTRY**

———— **EVANGELISM**

———— **MISSIONS**

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*"For no one can lay any other foundation than the one
already laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11*

SITE

The overall site plan includes our existing Worship & Children's Ministry Center, the Discipleship Ministries Center, and the proposed new Worship Center — all connected by our beautiful Plaza and lawn area. The new Worship Center will be the new "home" for our Sunday morning worship celebrations, and will include large rooms for our growing number of nursery through preschool children. In addition, the interior of the building will include small rooms for live translation of sermons for our Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, and Indonesian brothers and sisters in Christ who are already worshipping with us each Sunday. The new building will also include a modest bookstore and coffee area, as well as an office and prayer room for our pastors and worship leadership staff. In addition, this new building



will serve as the gathering place for our growing midweek Brother-to-Brother and Sister-to-Sister Bible studies, as well as for other large gatherings (conferences and special events) throughout the year. The Discipleship Ministries Center will continue to serve as the primary meeting space for our Thrive and Jr. High students (5th-8th grade), as well as for our Sunday morning EquipU classes and other Sunday and midweek discipleship and fellowship gatherings. Our current Worship Center classrooms will continue to be used for children Kindergarten-4th grade, and the existing Worship Center space will become the new meeting room for our High School and College & Young Adult ministries. It will also continue to be used for weddings and memorial services. All together, each of these buildings will provide much-needed space for years to come for the growing number of children, students, adults, and families who gather on our campus seven days a week for Bible study, discipleship, fellowship, and ministry.



Proposed New Worship Center

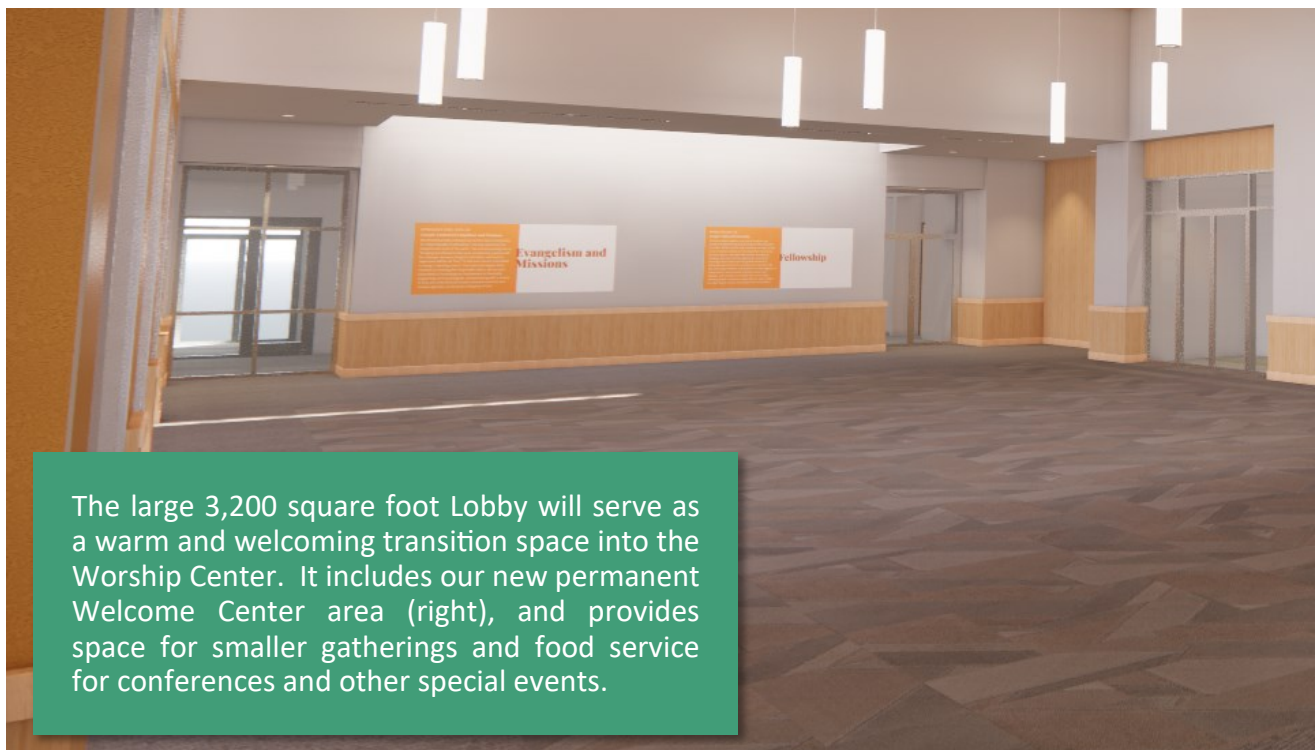
The new 27,000 square foot Worship Center building will be located on the campus so that our much-loved Plaza and lawn area are preserved, allowing us to continue gathering outside as a church family following worship each Sunday as well as during the week.



“...You also are being built into a spiritual house... offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” I Peter 2:5



*"For we are co-workers in God's service,
and you are God's field, God's building." I Corinthians 3:9*



The large 3,200 square foot Lobby will serve as a warm and welcoming transition space into the Worship Center. It includes our new permanent Welcome Center area (right), and provides space for smaller gatherings and food service for conferences and other special events.

“By wisdom a house is built, and...through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.” Proverbs 24:3-4



*Buildings don't change lives,
but what happens inside them does!*

COST

From One of Our Trinity Elders

"We recognize that to some the cost for this new project may seem overwhelming. But, by God's grace, Trinity has been given a history of seeing God accomplish the impossible by faith. We believe God is now calling each of us to make a sacrificial commitment so that the 'Building Up, Living It Out' Vision for a new Worship Center can be fulfilled for the continuing growth of our church and for the glory of God!"

From One of Our Trinity Staff

"When I think about the vision for a new Worship Center for our growing church family, I can't help but think of Psalm 115:1 which says, 'Not to us, O Lord... but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.' There can be no question that God has been abundantly faithful to grow, protect, nurture, and sustain this loving congregation — for His glory and for the display of His steadfast love and faithfulness! For that reason alone, *the cause is worth the cost*. It is exciting and humbling for each of us to be tasked and entrusted with the calling to be good and faithful stewards of God's blessings in our lives and on this church, including the vision for a new Worship Center that will bring glory to His name."

"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, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Ephesians 3:20-21

What Is My Part?

While we cannot all give the same amount, we can all sacrifice in some way. For some, a sacrificial gift given over three years may be \$1,000. For others, a sacrifice may be \$50,000, \$100,000, or more. We are praying and trusting that God will impress the specific amount on each of our hearts as we sincerely ask Him to speak to us. It is our hope and prayer that each of our individual and family commitments will be above and beyond our regular gifts and offerings during the next 36 months.

"Jesus said, 'With men this is impossible, but not with God; for nothing is impossible with God.'" Mark 10:27

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DESIGN

SITE PREPARATION

INFRASTRUCTURE

CONSTRUCTION

EQUIPMENT & FURNISHINGS

\$17,500,000

PROJECT ESTIMATE

*When we invest in God's work,
we're investing for eternity.*

GIVING

Giving By Faith Is Giving That Pleases God

Giving by faith happens when you decide to give an amount that you know will require God's provision and help to fulfill. Instead of asking, "How can we afford this?", faith says, "We are asking God — and trusting Him — to provide what we are committing to give in faith." It is our hope and prayer that each of our children, students, adults, and families will all be engaged in this process and will experience the joy that comes through giving by faith. Our giving theme is "Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts." Sacrificial giving means stepping out in faith, giving generously and joyfully in a manner pleasing to God.

Three Ways You Can Give

Give a Cash Gift

Ask God for creative ways to increase your cash giving above and beyond your current giving to the church. Consider income from savings, tax refunds, garage sales, reducing expenses, selling property, or deferring a major purchase. Take this opportunity to involve your whole family in the blessing of giving in faith.

36-Month Commitment

We can sometimes give far more when it's spread out over time. The chart at the right shows how this option can increase and even multiply your gift.

Give a Gift of Assets

You can also donate real estate, retirement plan contributions, stocks, bonds, etc. For more information regarding these kinds of donations and gifts, as well as legacy and estate giving, contact Nathan Belknap, Business Administrator.

*"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give...
for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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**36 MONTH
COMMITMENT**

Weekly	Monthly	3-Year-Total
\$10	\$44	\$1,560
\$20	\$87	\$3,120
\$30	\$130	\$4,680
\$40	\$174	\$6,240
\$50	\$217	\$7,800
\$60	\$260	\$9,360
\$80	\$347	\$12,480
\$100	\$434	\$15,600
\$200	\$867	\$31,200
\$300	\$1,300	\$46,800
\$400	\$1,734	\$62,400
\$500	\$2,167	\$78,000
\$1,000	\$4,334	\$156,000
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$312,000
\$3,000	\$13,000	\$468,000

Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

RESPONSE

Pray

This is the most important step in preparing your heart to respond to God's call to act in faith. Ask Him what He would have you give to make this vision a reality for His Church. We encourage you to involve your children and students in this process, beginning with prayer!

Father, You have blessed us so much. We now want to give back to You in thanksgiving and praise for who You are and for Your overflowing goodness to us. We also want to grow in our faith by trusting You for our future needs. Please impress upon our hearts the amount that You desire to give through each of us. Show us how we can give sacrificially and joyfully for the glory of Jesus Christ. We ask this in His name, Amen.

Commitment

Nowhere does the Bible teach equal giving, but God does honor sacrifice. There is no limit to what God will do in and through those who commit themselves to sacrificial giving. David said, *"I will not give to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing."* 1 Samuel 24:24

Leave Room for Faith

Trust God to provide what He impresses upon you to give, even if the amount is greater than the resources you can readily identify. Trust *"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

How to Make Your Commitment

Included with this brochure, you will find your personal commitment card and offering envelope. After praying about your part...

- Enclose your cash or check (or give a gift online) for as much as you believe God is calling you to give as an initial gift.
- Using the 36-Month Commitment chart on the previous page, write on your card the additional amount you believe God is calling you to commit to give in faith during the next 36 months, beginning June 2023.
- Return your commitment card on or before Commitment Sunday, April 30. Digital commitment cards can also be submitted at trinitycc.com/buildingup.

"O Lord, our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand and is all Your own... And now I have seen Your people... offering freely and joyously to You."

1 Chronicles 29:17

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

April 30, 2023

During each of our three worship celebrations on Sunday, April 30, we'll dedicate our special offerings and our "Building Up, Living It Out" Commitment Cards to God for His glory and the building of His Church.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

May 7, 2023

On Sunday, May 7, we'll celebrate together what the Lord has provided for the fulfillment of the "Building Up, Living It Out" Vision for a new Worship Center!

David's Prayer of Praise

"Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: 'Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our father Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours! Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name! But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given to You... O Lord, our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand and is all Your own. I know, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen Your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to You.'"

I Chronicles 29:10-17

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“JESUS SAID, ‘I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.’”

MATTHEW 16:18

