



Making (More) Disciples

BUILDING PROJECT

Letter from Pastor Eric

We believe Christ's church is the ultimate earthly institution, and a lighthouse shining forth the only true source of hope to a lost, dying, and increasingly hostile world.

Yet, many churches have lost their focus and have fading lights. To our great distress, so many churches today have abandoned a faithful commitment to Scripture. Preaching has been replaced by politics, shepherding replaced by best business practices, counseling replaced by therapy, and gospel replaced with Jesus-flavored self-help. As a result, the vast majority of churches are making no significant advance. The churches that reach new people, train new leaders, start new works, and birth new churches are too few.

We are in a real spiritual battle, and so as Paul urged Timothy, we must "wage the good warfare," (1 Tim.) understanding that the "the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds" (1 Cor.)



By God's grace, Grace Rancho wants to be in the thick of the fight.

While this spiritual battle rages, we desire to be good soldiers for Jesus Christ

God has given Grace Rancho a unique mission. In one sense, it's the mission of every faithful church: to make disciples by proclaiming the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that people are transformed from rebellious sinners into worshippers of God. Our desire is to be faithful to that mission in all that we do, and with all that we've been given. As we try to understand our time, as well as our unique circumstances and opportunities, we believe it would be strategic to strengthen a significant beachhead for Christ's kingdom by expanding our current facilities and making them more useful for our mission.



Pastor Eric Durso



**PRAY: THAT GRACE RANCHO
WOULD CONTINUE TO PROCLAIM
JESUS CHRIST SO THAT PEOPLE
ARE TRANSFORMED AND GOD IS
EXALTED.**

GRACERANCHO TIMELINE



PRAY: FOR HOPE AND ENERGY AS OUR CONGREGATION CONTINUES TO LABOR IN THE LORD



Groundbreaking of current building

August 1979



Elders are appointed and Grace Rancho becomes a self-sustaining autonomous local church.

January 2020

August 1977

Grace Fellowship of Alta Loma meets for the first time in August 1977



January-June 2018

Revitalization process begins, Eric Durso and a team from Grace Simi and Grace Orange move out to Rancho Cucamonga.



June 11, 2023

Largest indoor service at Grace Rancho (285 people).



GRACE RANCHO BY THE Numbers

While faithfulness isn't always measurable, these are testaments to God's hand at work these last 5 years

270 Sunday Attendance

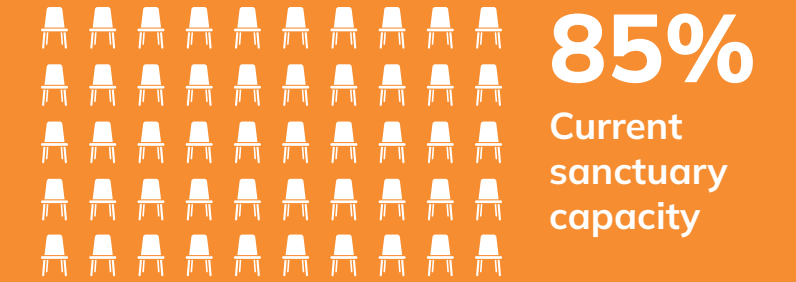
155 Members

104 Children of Members
under the age of 18

35 Baptisms
in the last four years

Obstacles to *Future Growth*

CAPACITY



USABILITY

Children and adult education space

Office space

HOSPITALITY

Parking capacity

Little green space

Limited welcome and fellowship space

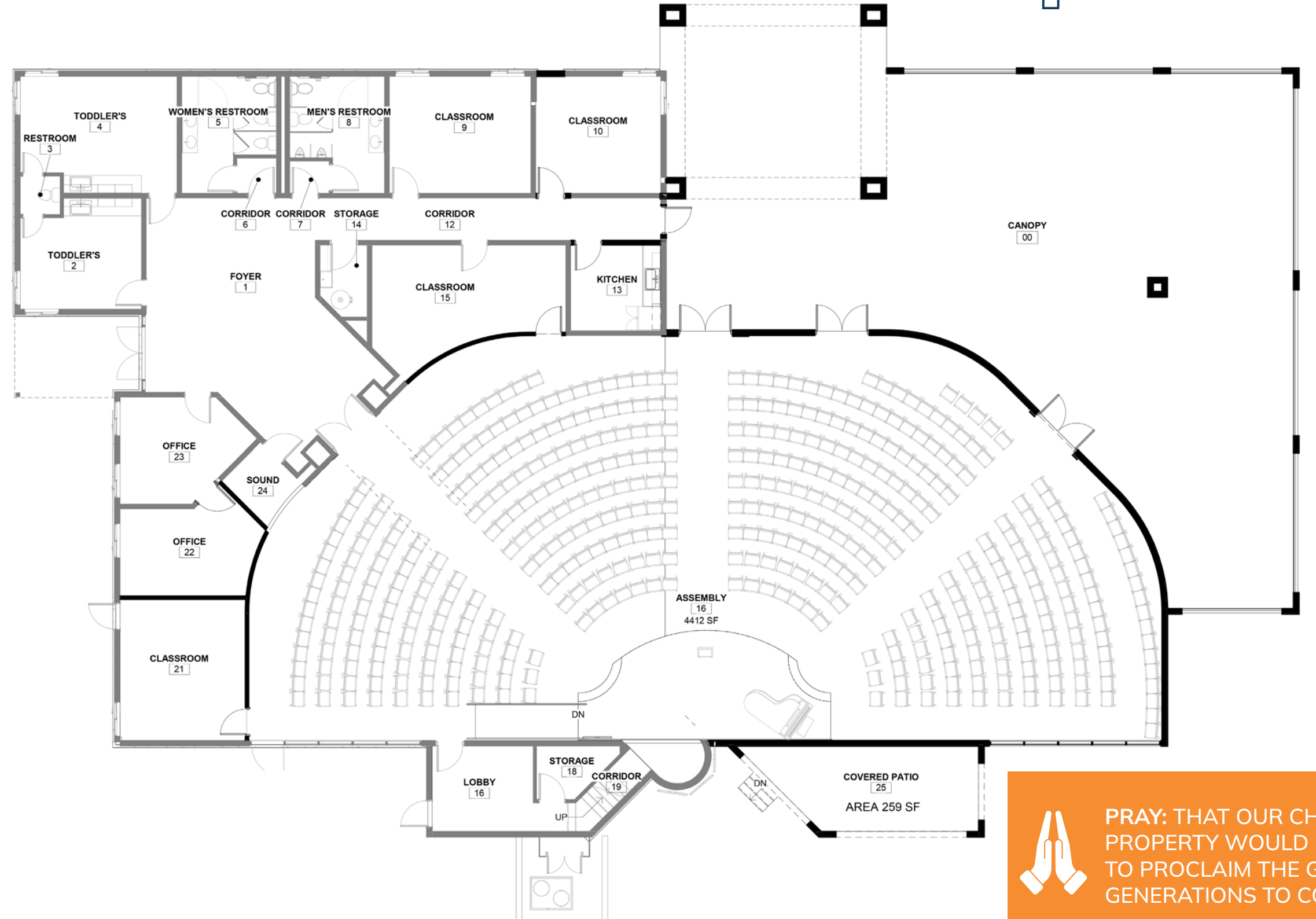
Building on the Past, Looking to the Future

Seeing a growing community in need of a church, Ken Shively and Kenneth Churchill sought to plant a church in Alta Loma, CA. In 1977, this became reality as Grace Fellowship of Alta Loma was birthed. The new church held its first service in the home of Sandy and Phyllis Fairchild. After some time, church needed room and worked together to purchase land in Alta Loma, where by 1980 they had finishing a building on the north side of the plot. This is where we meet today.

Our church exists because those Christians acted on faith and took a risk. 43 years later, we are here reaching a new generation of people in our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ because of their work. Sunday gatherings are packed and every Sunday new visitors are coming. Our Membership Matters classes are full. Our children's classes are bursting and we seem to be welcoming new babies into our church family every month. It's been remarkable. Indeed, Jesus is building his church.

In an effort to continue on the work of those who came before us, **we want to increase the capacity, usability, and hospitality of our property.**

We believe increased capacity will allow more people to join us in our mission of making disciples. Our prayer is that increased usability will help us more effectively care for and train up the members of our church. We hope increased hospitality will help our church to be accessible and welcoming.



PRAY: THAT OUR CHURCH PROPERTY WOULD BE USED TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.



PRAY: THAT THE
LORD WOULD
GUIDE OUR
WORK AND
PRODUCE MUCH
SPIRITUAL
FRUIT
THROUGH
OUR EFFORTS.



1

Effectively Equip

the members of our church.

2

Strategically Reach

our community around us.

3

Intentionally Raise

up future leaders.

We believe now is the time to start developing our property so that we might effectively, strategically, and intentionally utilize the property the Lord has given us for the great commission and future generations.



PRAY: THAT EVERYONE WHO ENTERS INTO OUR CHURCH WOULD EXIT WITH RENEWED HOPE IN THE LORD AND DESIRE TO DO HIS WILL.

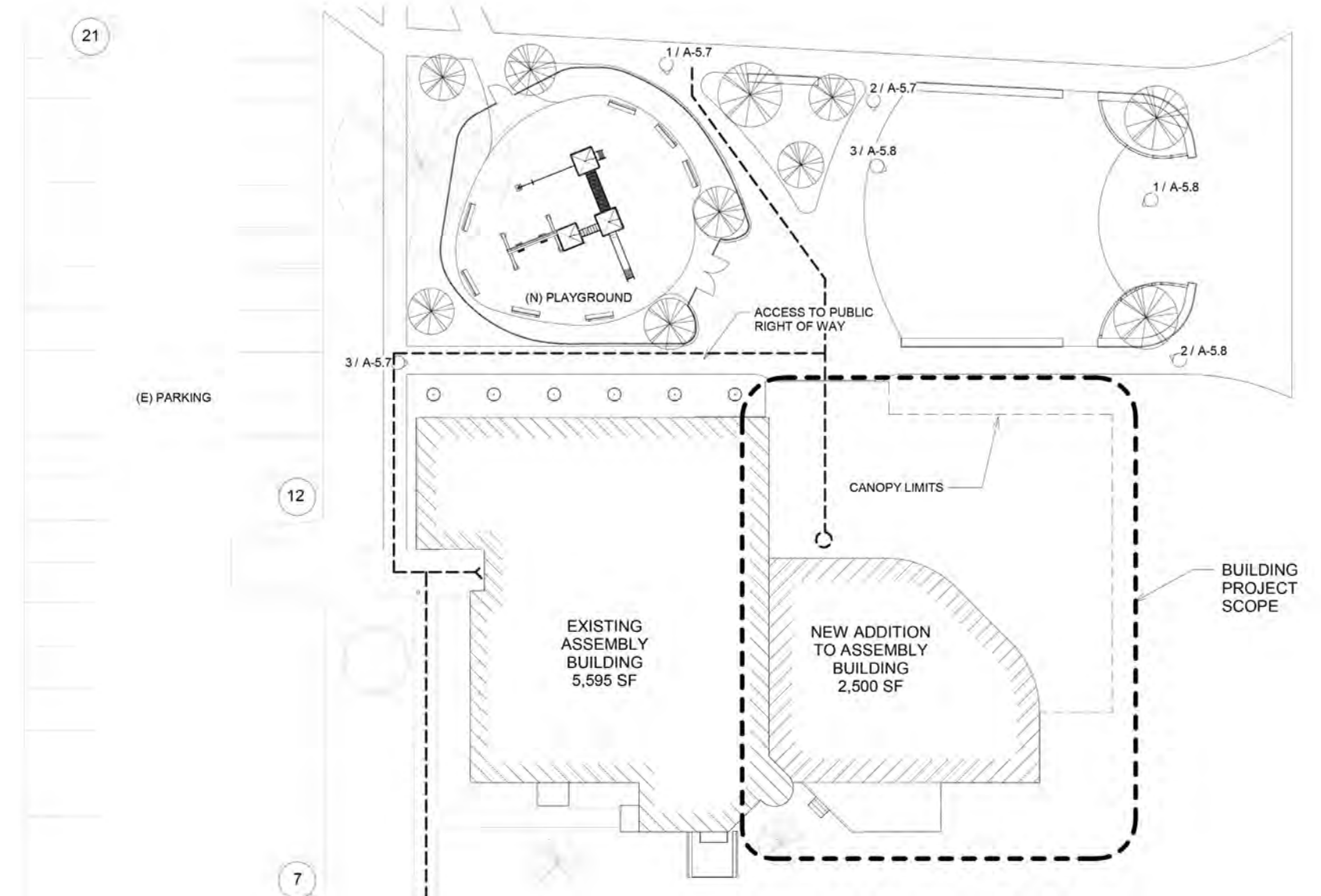
Effectively Equip The Members of Our Church

The church is a people. The church's mission is about reaching and teaching people. In one sense, we don't need a building to be a church. Our work is spiritual, in the hearts of men and women, not physical, in bricks and mortar. And yet, buildings have always been strategic (Paul's use of the Hall of Tyrannus in Acts 19) to help us do the "people work" we're here to do. Buildings can aid in our work to preach the Word, make disciples, equip the saints, and train leaders. This is the fundamental reason why we want to build: we think expanding our building will aid our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ from every tongue, tribe, and nation (Matt. 28:18-20)

If you've been here on Sunday morning, you know we could use some space. If you arrive even five minutes late, you might not have a parking space. The ushers have to work hard to find available seats. The welcomeers constantly remind people to use up all the seats around them. The children's classes are busting. The mother's room is full. We only have one designated space for our core seminars and we have to use the back of the sanctuary for Membership Matters. Not to mention, we don't have any more space to put interns or staff, and can hardly provide private meeting spaces for counseling. With all the ministry that's happening around here, extra space will help us care for people and disciple well.

Strategically Reach Our Community Around Us


One of our long-term hopes is to develop a biblical counseling ministry that is freely available to the community. Expanding the building would open up several spaces that could be used for counseling. We pray that as we establish a counseling ministry, we are able to hold forth the power of Christ to those seeking help with their sin, suffering, and struggle.



Intentionally Raise Up Future Leaders

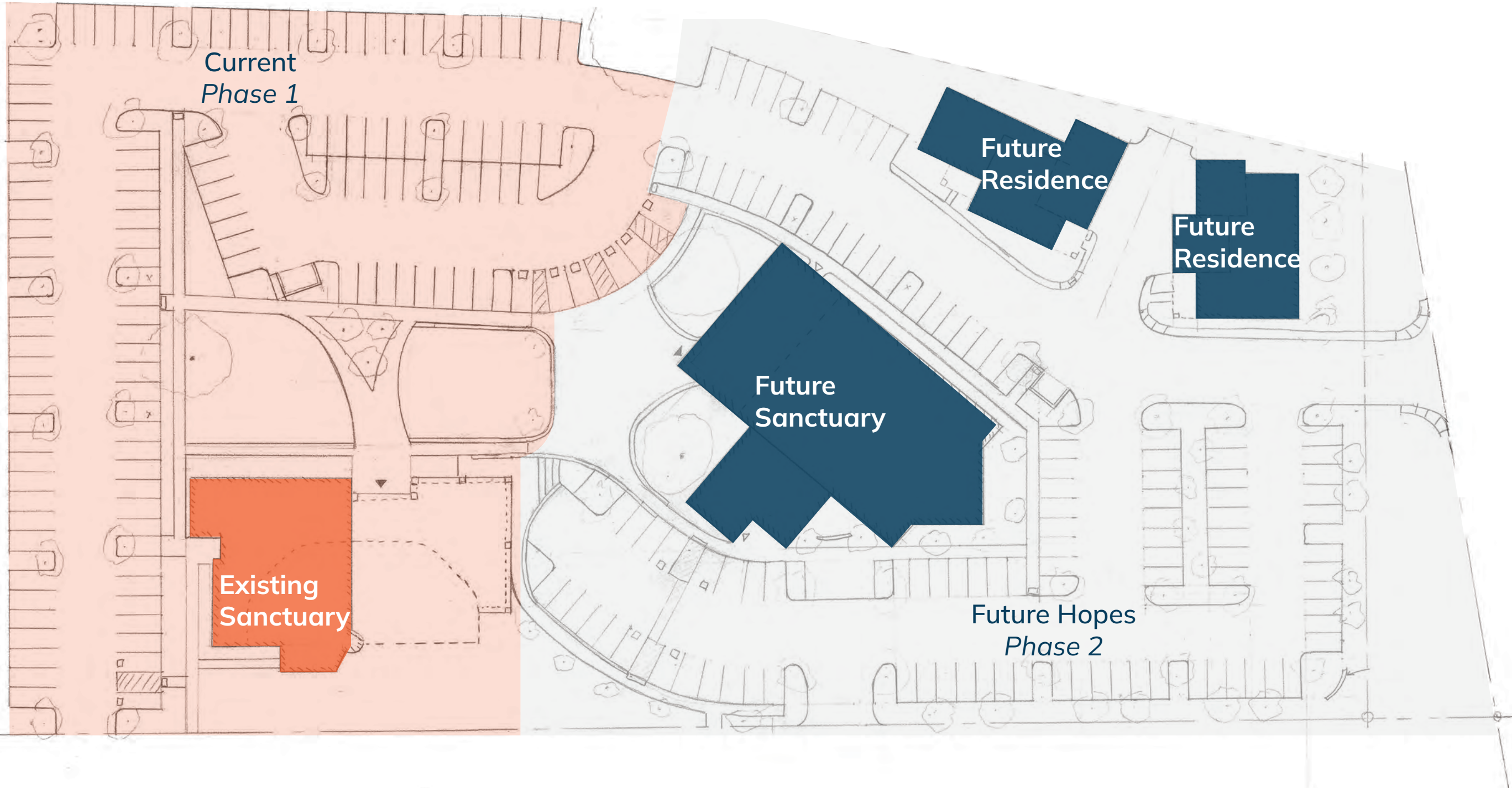
We are the beneficiaries of the faithfulness of a small group of Christians four decades ago. If they had not given of themselves to buy this property and build this building, Grace Rancho wouldn't exist today. In part, one of the reasons why we're eager to start a building project is because we want to invest in our future. The decisions we make (or don't make) now will have generational ripple effects. We want to make a decision generations after us will be thankful for.

As we look to the future, we desire to train future leaders for the church, investing in the next generation of faithful pastors, missionaries, and ministry leaders. We envision an expanded residential internship program fully housed on our campus; a residence for missionaries to take furlough and be strengthened by the church; and more spaces on our campus for intentional training and discipleship.



PRAY: THAT THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL WOULD BE BUILT THROUGH THE TRAINING AND SENDING OF FUTURE PASTORS AND MISSIONARIES.

Potential Grace Rancho Master Plan





1. Expanded Sanctuary
2. New Entryway
3. New Outdoor Lobby
4. Additional Classrooms

What We Hope For



5. More Office Space
6. Expanded Parking
7. Usable Green Space



PRAY: THAT THESE SPACES WOULD ALWAYS HOUSE TEACHING FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES AND RELEVANT TO THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HEAR IT.



What Will It Take to Make It Happen?

As we move into the specifics of the project, we want to be clear: We want the Lord to guide you. God is the ultimate Giver, and we are merely receivers and stewards of his gifts. Let that basic truth comfort and inspire you. Your job is not to out-give God.

Rather, as a steward of God's resources, we pray you seek his guidance. If this expansion is what allows Grace Rancho to carry out the church's mission from this location, then we are confident the Lord will work in us and through us.

*If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine*

PSALM 50:12

PROJECT COST

\$5 Million

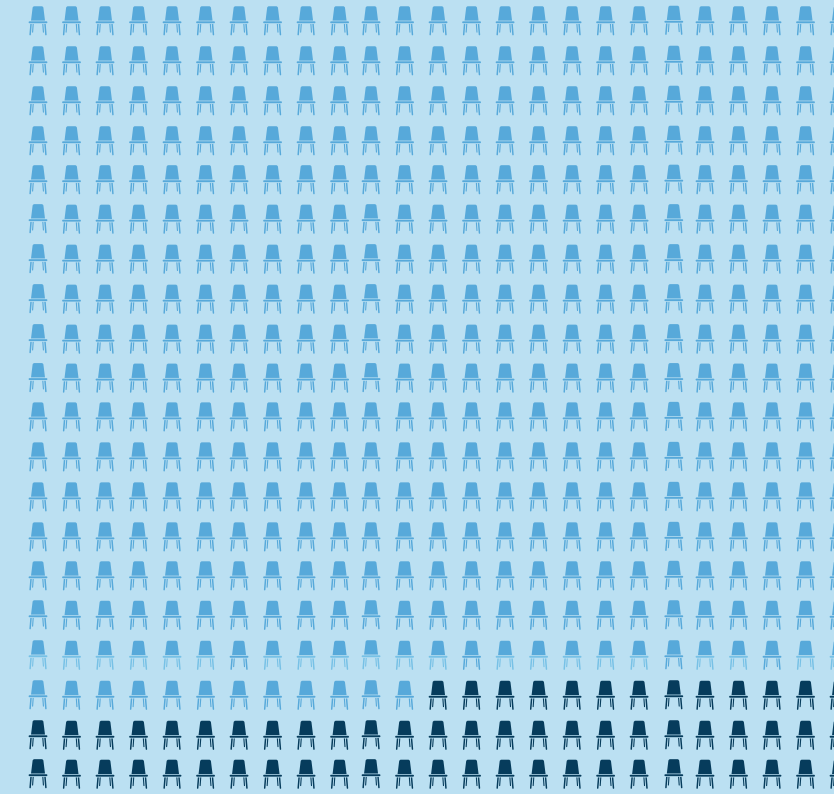
Total project cost

\$3 Million
Bank loan

\$2 Million
Grace Rancho
cash needed

**GIVING
NEED**

VISUALIZING THE NEED



**500 chairs x \$4,000/chair
=\$2 Million**

- Due to the generous giving of our church, Grace Rancho is able to fund the initial 63 chairs (\$252,000) with surplus from the last few years.
- Each member and family will vary in their ability to give - maybe you can fund half a chair, one chair, five chairs, or even more. This is simply a creative way to visualize the need and track progress throughout the campaign.



PRAY: FOR THE LORD'S WILL TO BE DONE IN ALL OUR PLANNING AND GIVING, AND IN HOW WE USE WHAT HE PROVIDES FOR OUR MINISTRY AS A CONGREGATION.

ACCESS TO RESOURCES

As you consider this project, you may have access to other people, organizations, or groups who share the values of Grace Rancho's mission. We would encourage you to provide this material to them and ask them to consider supporting the work. We are happy to provide any support you need – whether further information or direct conversation.

When Will It Happen?

Aug 27

- Sunday Evening
Project Launch

Sept 10

- Core Seminar
All Church Gathering for Prayer & Info

Sept 17

- Core Seminar
All Church Gathering for Prayer & Info

Sept 24

- Core Seminar
All Church Gathering for Prayer & Info

Oct 1

- Core Seminar
All Church Gathering for Prayer & Info

Oct 15

- Sunday Evening
Project Prayer Night

Nov 5

- Pledge Sunday

A Pledge to Give

Pledge Sunday is November 5, 2023. A pledge is simply your commitment to give a specific amount to the renovation over the next two years. We will have pledge cards available a few weeks prior to Pledge Sunday. On Pledge Sunday, we will gather together as a church to collect pledges as we commit our plans to the Lord.

Pledges are helpful in helping determine what resources will be available and how fundraising might pan out over the timeline of the campaign. One time gifts are also welcome. Our prayer is that your pledge and any gifts given come from a place of trust in God's unique guidance and provision for you.

Giving Options

Visit gracerancho.com/building for more information, including links to giving resources.

Cash or Check in Sunday Morning Worship:

These can be given in the offering plate or offering box. Please indicate in writing "Making (More) Disciples Building Project" or simply "Building Project" on the memo line and envelope, if you use one.

Cash or Check by Mail: Checks can be mailed to the church office at the following address.

Please indicate in writing "Making (More) Disciples Building Project" or simply "Building Project" in the memo.

Grace Rancho
5719 Beryl Street
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737

Online Direct Deposit: Most banks offer a free way to send one-time or recurring gifts electronically through their online bill pay services. This option is best for online giving since no percentage of the gift is taken out as a fee.

To use Zelle, simply login to your online banking system and designate Grace Church of Rancho Cucamonga as the payee, using our email address: info@gracerancho.com. In the transaction memo, type "Making (More) Disciples Building Project" or simply "Building Project."

Online Giving: Anyone can give a gift through our online giving platform. See gracerancho.com/building for links. Please note that this option charges fees. If you do utilize our online giving platform, fees are reduced significantly if you select your bank account/ACH rather than a Credit/Debit transaction.

Gifts of Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Real Property, & Tangible Personal Property:

These can be given directly to the church for resale. You will be credited with a non-taxable gift equal to the full current market value of the gift. At the same time, you will avoid most, if not all, appreciation taxes. If you would like to make use of this option, please contact the church office at (909) 870-9013 or info@gracerancho.com.

Gifts Through Your Corporation: Some persons may discover that they can give much more when they give, in part or entirely, through their corporation rather than from their personal income.



PRAY: THAT THE LORD WOULD GRANT OUR CHURCH SUPERNATURAL UNITY, ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL, THROUGHOUT THIS PROJECT.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the Making (More) Disciples Project expected to cost?

Based on our conversation with our architect, Baranov Building Design, we are anticipating the price of the project to be in the ballpark of \$5 million. Because we'd like to take on as little debt as possible, we are trying to fundraise a large portion of the cost.

How long will the Making (More) Disciples Project take?

There are many variables at play with finances and city requirements, but from start to finish, it is possible that the project be started in 2026 and completed in 2027. Of course, only God knows how long everything will take, and we will trust him with the timing.

Why not just add a second service?

Some wonder why we don't simply add another service to our Sunday schedule. That way we could continue adding to our gathering without having to invest in such an expensive project. While we agree that this could lead to some short-term relief, we believe that it would fundamentally change our church and potentially hinder us in the long-term. For more on our one-service emphasis, see the Incremental Revival Podcast episode 47: "Why One Service?" and episode 102: "Unity in the Church."

What will we do with the growing congregation in the interim before the project is complete?

When you look around on Sunday mornings, it's clear we are nearing max capacity. It's not a far-off reality that our church may outgrow our current facility before we can begin or complete the Making (More) Disciples Project. With this in mind, we have a team of members and leaders investigating various Sunday morning gathering spaces we might utilize in the future.

Are members required to give a certain amount?

Our desire is for each of our members or regular attenders who consider Grace Rancho their church home to prayerfully consider and evaluate how they might give to the project. But, no member is required or expected to give a certain amount in any way. Rather, we pray for our members to give faithfully and joyfully as worship to the Lord.

How much space will we gain with the project?

Current sanctuary capacity is 300 chairs, and the proposed expansion will increase that to 500 chairs. 3,000 square feet of outdoor canopy/lobby space will also be added. Additionally, we will gain back necessary classroom and office space from the sanctuary "wings" we have now."





Visit:
gracerancho.com/building

*Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*Our generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.*

PSALM 145:2-4