

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is this a good time to do a campaign when the economy is questionable?**

We believe that God has blessed us with an opportunity in His mission field. God, not the economy determines our path forward. If the dollars are not there, we have a safety net built in to the campaign. The Mission Council will monitor the campaign carefully and recommend adjustments as needed.

**Will there be a drive-up entry way?** We are still working through the site design but we will incorporate a drive-up feature.

**Will the kitchen be remodeled?** It is highly probable. We are in the process of looking into this and procuring estimates.

**Can there be a second entrance on the north side of the church?** This will be tricky but we will look into it.

**Is this an "all or nothing" project?** We see all of the items on the list as "necessary." We believe there is something in this project for everyone to get excited about and bring us together as a church and school family and build His kingdom. Therefore, we do see this as one project, not multiple phases. That being said, the Mission Council will monitor the campaign and recommend adjustments as needed.

**Will there be room for a starter, online high school?** There is a lot of interest in the community and we are exploring options.

**Are the screens big enough to be seen throughout the sanctuary?** We will be working with audio-visual professionals to ensure that everyone can properly view a screen. Also, there will be bulletins available for those who prefer a printed order of service.

**Will we create space under the new preschool area for storage?** While this would increase the cost of the project we will procure estimates.

**What will be done about the screens in front of the vents in the sanctuary?** We will work with professionals to solve this issue.

**How will we handle asbestos?** We have identified the areas that need abatement. It is the sanctuary which will need to be abated. New floor in basement will be laid over existing floor.

### **Why not build a temporary building?**

After consideration and research, we do not believe that a temporary building is a cost effective or permanent solution to meet the various needs of the ministry of Zion. Also, with the hunger in the community for Christian education (1.5 million kids left the public school system in America in 2021), we firmly believe that the time to truly build is now. As a temporary fix for the next few years, a small area of the Fellowship Hall, including the stage, will become a temporary Pre-Kindergarten room.

### **Will the building remain secure?**

Yes, we want to maintain a secure, yet welcoming building, and will remain a priority at Zion.

### **When would construction begin?**

A Capital Campaign culminates with a Sunday where we make a pledge to the project. Your pledge is for the total amount you will give over a three year span. As an example, you may pledge to give \$15,000 to the project. You may give that money in one lump sum or \$5,000 each year for three years. No matter how you decide to give, your **pledge** would be \$15,000.

Once **the pledges** from the church are totaled, contractors will be hired when they reach within two Million dollars of the total cost of the project. As an example, the congregation may pledge \$1,000,000. The project costs approximately \$4,000,000. In this scenario, we would NOT hire a contractor or move forward with the project. Doing so would require a \$3,000,000 loan which would cripple current ministry and perhaps cause current staff to lose their job due to not being able to pay them.

Thus, the Mission Council voted to move forward with the project, once our pledges reach to within \$2,000,000 of the total cost of the project. Once that happens, we will begin as soon as possible.

### **I have heard that there is a new K-12 Christian School opening in Alexandria. Will this be a problem?**

Yes, there is a new school that is trying to build in our community. From what we understand they will have a largely online curriculum and will be working with the homeschool community to start. That being said, having other Christian schools in our community is not new. We are not going to be the perfect fit for all families. We do hope that they find a Christian school that fits their needs.

### **Who is doing the architectural work and construction and how were they chosen?**

- Studio E (Architects) out of Glenwood was chosen by bid and because of their experience doing projects for churches in our community.
- Church Interiors was chosen based on their work on Sanctuaries similar to ours.
- We are currently working on identifying contractors for this project.