

OUR VISION

To be an Open Door to a Life Changing Grace

We believe God has called us to **Encounter** God's life changing grace, to **Exchange** this grace within community and to **Extend** this grace to a world starving of it.

HOW WE GET THERE

Our vision statement has been hanging on a banner in front of the sanctuary for over three years. In that time, we have grown significantly in size, from 150 attendees to our current 450. God has been faithful.

But here is the question I ask: how much have we really grown in our vision? Are we a place of grace? What would that even look like? Here is what I have realized:

If we desire to truly be *An Open Door to a Life Changing Grace*
we must first become *An Open Door to a Life Changing Gospel*

We are not called to open our doors to 'niceness' or bland acceptance. We are opening our doors to divine grace. And for us to have any hope of understanding what that means, we must deeply engage the gospel. For the gospel is the form, the content, and the ministry of grace. There is no grace apart from our embrace of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grace without gospel is mere sentiment.

OUR CLAIRON CALL

So here is our clarion call. **BE A GOSPEL CHURCH.** And in that way we become a **GRACE FILLED CHURCH.** *Encounter, Exchange and Extend* the gospel, and we will by our very nature emanate the fragrance of grace to a grace-starved world.

A MENTAL PICTURE

Imagine it's *Baptism Sunday*. All the candidates for baptism are brought the front, and who do we see? Our co-workers. Our neighbors. Our friends. We hear their testimonies, and they share about a powerful gospel that they heard from our pulpit, and saw lived out in our community.

Is this something you would like to see—a place where people your friends, your neighbors, and your colleagues are welcomed into a place of genuine grace? Wouldn't you like to see our doors open to any broken and lost sinner regardless of socio-economic class, ethnicity, or education level?

This is the kind of church our staff and our leadership are praying we would one day become.

THE NEED FOR A NEW HOME

If we want this picture to be a reality, we have to ask a critical question. Does our current facility help us accomplish our vision? Here is what we now face:

- a facility that is overwhelmingly Korean
- no space for genuine EC fellowship [2nd service in particular]
- no dedicated room to welcome our newcomers
- our infants and toddlers are crammed into already overflowing rooms
- our sanctuaries are either too large or too small for our size.

With nearly 1500 KC, 450 EC, and 800 CE, this facility is already overextended. Purely based on our own needs as a growing congregation, we need more space. But especially as we consider our vision to be a Grace-filled, Gospel centered church, we need a home that welcomes the broken and the lost. For this reason, we are planning to build a multi-purpose worship center on our campus that would be the future

home for the EC.

WHAT OUR NEW HOME LOOKS LIKE

- A sanctuary with adjustable seating up to 500 people
- A large multi-use fellowship hall/gymnasium
- An entire floor of classrooms for our EC Pre-K and CE
- Spacious rooms for EC childcare [infants and toddlers]
- Dedicated rooms for EC ministry meetings such as welcoming, small group leaders training seminars, etc
- 26,000 total square feet

BENEFITS OF HAVING OUR NEW HOME

- A home we can fully design and decorate so that it welcomes people of any ethnicity or socio-economic background.
- A state of the art sanctuary that actually fits our size and can accommodate future growth
- People can actually fellowship after both services and not just rush out.
- We can properly welcome our newcomers in a dedicated area
- We can extend our services and have more time to worship and respond because we no longer have to take turns with the KC in the main auditorium
- EC Pre-K and EC childcare will have far more space in this facility than in the current
- A gym we can use for recreation, ministry, or outreach.

THE NEW FRONTIER IN INTERDEPENDENCY

As we move towards building a new home for the EC, we must make clear that we are not moving towards *independency* from the KC. We remain committed to our strategic *interdependent* partnership. We remain one church, tied to one vision, but commissioned to reach two very distinct contexts.

Interdependency, in practice, is where the EC and KC come together to collaborate on areas of ministry where partnership is to our mutual benefit. Christian Education, Youth Group, Missions, Klema, and Manna are clear examples of this. But being all under one roof, the benefits of interdependency were frequently overtaken by the shortage of space and resources, and the chafing that ensued between KC and EC ministries. The leadership realized that with the current growth patterns across all our ministries, remaining in one facility will in the end damage our interdependent relationship and not promote it.

Having a separate, EC dedicated, facility on the same campus will allow us to collaborate strategically while also giving us the room and space to effectively minister to our context, in the fullness of our vision.

THE COST AND FUNDRAISING

- The projected budget for our multi-purpose worship center is 4 million dollars.
- We are committed to raising in the vicinity of 2 million dollars over a 3 year period. This amount will be over and above our regular tithing income.
- The balance will be financed through several banks that our church currently has relationship with from our previous building projects. We have already received strong confirmation that the necessary loans will be available.
- The KC will simultaneously raise 2-3 million dollars to build out the parking on our campus. Parking spaces will increase from our current 300 spots, to nearly 1000.
- We have hired *The Charis Group*, a stewardship consulting agency to help us strategically execute our campaign. We will be working with Mark Brooks, the CEO, and a 10 year veteran in church consulting.