

FAITH CONNECTS

Building a Place of Welcome

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Together, We Can Build Stronger Connections for Generations to Come

Joined in purpose.
Strengthened through community.
Connected by love.

As a downtown church with a campus that has grown over the decades, Calvary Baptist Church faces distinctive challenges with its facilities -- challenges that have been known for years, but obstacles made the price tag costly.

More than a year of prayer, planning, designing and redesigning have led us to the moment of embarking on a capital campaign to improve hospitality, safety and accessibility – all to create community while being good stewards of our resources.

> *So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*
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> **ROMANS 12:5**

With prayerful consideration, now is the time to give back a portion of what God has given us to advance the next chapter in Calvary's history. God's faithfulness to us has demonstrated that Faith Moves, Faith Endures and now, Faith Connects.

Through the Faith Connects Capital Campaign, Calvary will:

Reconfigure and renovate existing, underutilized space in Education Building 1 to create a communal gathering space.

Create an interior ramp that connects to the main floor of the church, which also provides access to restrooms, and accessible connection to sanctuary.

RENOVATED SPACE





NEW CONSTRUCTION

Build a defined, secure and easily identifiable entrance and Welcome Center, connecting the ROC, Education Building 1, the Sanctuary building, and Education Building 2.

Expand green space between the buildings, which also can serve as a play area.

Create a maintenance fund to address future needs such as a roof for the ROC and HVAC in the sanctuary and ROC.

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God we come to you in faith, asking you to...

Connect us with those who do not know You yet;

Connect us with those who we do not know yet;

Connect us with those who do not have a church home

During this season connect us more deeply to one another.

And give us hearts to give generously to the cause of this church.

May our worship and opportunities to serve You bring You glory and honor.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much will the project cost?
A: The estimate is $3.2 million.

Q: How will we pay for the project?
A: The goal is to raise the money through a capital campaign called Faith Connects. The main emphasis of the campaign will be November 1 – 22, culminating with Commitment Sunday on November 22. Pledges made during the campaign are intended to be completed over a 3-year period, but a longer time frame is acceptable if that works best for you.

Q: Will debt be used to finance this project – either while the pledges are coming in or on a longer-term basis?
A: We hope to use as little debt as possible but may need to borrow some funds to get the project underway as the pledged funds are given.

Q: Will we use any of our existing capital funds to support this project?
A: The goal is to raise new monies for the project, but the church could choose to allocate existing funds to the project if desired or necessary to complete the project on a short-term basis. The ultimate hope is to add funds to our capital reserves.

Q: Who will be asked to contribute?
A: Everyone in the church is offered the opportunity to contribute.

Q: Can I give my gift now?
A: Yes. You can make a donation at any time for the campaign by marking your contribution as Faith Connects Campaign.

Q: Will it be set up like e-giving?
A: You may use any method you normally give including e-giving options.

Q: Can I make a non-cash gift? If so, what is the process?
A: Gifts of securities should be coordinated with Marty Lautner, Business Administrator, to ensure the gift is processed efficiently and that the proceeds are properly credited.

Q: Can I make my gift in honor or memory of someone?
A: Yes. After the campaign is completed, the church will publish a list of those who had gifts given in their honor or memory as indicated on your pledge card and communicated by the business administrator.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Becky Wills, Co-Chair
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Q: If I want to talk to someone about making a pledge, who should I talk to?
A: If you need information about the process for making a pledge, anyone on the campaign team can address those questions. If you need to discuss a specific gift, those questions should be discussed with Marty Lautner, Business Administrator.

Q: Will my gift be confidential?
A: Yes. All of our current financial processes for managing financial gifts to the church will be used to manage confidentiality and individual communications regarding any campaign pledges or gifts. The church's business administrator will only provide summary information about the campaign to the church, similar to the church's current monthly financial reports.

Q: Can I make my pledge online?
A: Yes. Our campaign website will offer a portal through which you may pledge online.

Q: Will this campaign impact our normal budget?
A: The campaign is focused on raising monies beyond our regular tithes and offerings to avoid any negative impacts to the church's operating budget.

Q: Is my gift tax deductible?
A: Yes.

Q: When will construction begin, and how long will it take?
A: Although we have begun work with our design team, the exact timeline for construction is unknown at present. We hope to be underway in 2027.

Q: Will there be any disruption to parking or facilities during construction?
A: There will likely be some disruption to the entries impacted by the new connector. However, we will work with our construction managers to minimize the inconvenience.

Q: What if we don't raise all of the money?
A: The feasibility study was completed to provide confidence that we can raise the amount needed. However, we have prioritized the project in phases: maintenance and repairs, then the welcome center and lastly the covered walkway.



Rendering of newly constructed Welcome Center

Consider Questions You Might Have:

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