THE CONNECTION CENTER

Connecting People to Hope, Help, and Purpose

A Community Outreach and Resource Hub of Connection Church

Stakeholder Vision and Renovation Proposal

Prepared for community partners, donors, civic leaders, churches, businesses, and stakeholders committed to strengthening Bainbridge and the surrounding region.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Connection Church is preparing to renovate and repurpose an approximately 7,500 square foot facility into The Connection Center, a regional community outreach and resource hub designed to serve families, strengthen neighborhoods, and build meaningful partnerships across Bainbridge and the surrounding region. The renovation plan also includes a commercial kitchen that will expand the center's capacity for meal outreach, hospitality, and food-related community partnerships.

The Connection Center will exist to connect people to practical resources, meaningful relationships, and life-giving opportunities that help individuals and families move from need to stability, from isolation to community, and from survival to purpose.

This project is more than a building renovation. It is a community investment.

Through The Connection Center, we envision a place where compassion becomes practical, partnerships become possible, and the needs of our community are met with dignity, excellence, and hope.

THE VISION

The vision of The Connection Center is to become a trusted regional hub where churches, nonprofits, businesses, civic leaders, schools, and community partners can work together to meet real needs and create lasting impact.

We believe healthy communities are built when people are seen, families are strengthened, and organizations work together instead of separately.

The Connection Center will provide a physical space where this kind of collaboration can happen. It will be a place where people can receive help, find encouragement, access practical resources, and connect with pathways toward a stronger future.

Our goal is to create a welcoming, accessible, and mission-driven environment that serves West Bainbridge, Bainbridge, Decatur County, and the surrounding region.

OUR MISSION

Encounter God. Connect with people. Empower people to live out their purpose.

Through The Connection Center, this mission will move beyond the walls of a Sunday worship gathering and into the everyday needs of our community.

- We want people to encounter the love of God in practical ways.
- We want to connect people with the support and relationships they need.
- We want to empower individuals and families to move forward with dignity, strength, and purpose.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Every community has families who are carrying more than they can manage alone. Some are facing food insecurity. Some need clothing, school supplies, or basic household resources. Some are navigating crisis, grief, job loss, financial hardship, relational strain, or the challenges of raising children without enough support.

At the same time, our community is filled with churches, businesses, leaders, organizations, and individuals who want to help, but often need a clear and trusted place to partner.

The Connection Center will help bridge that gap. It will serve as a place where needs and resources meet, where compassion can be organized, and where community partners can work together for the good of Bainbridge and the surrounding region.

WHAT THE CONNECTION CENTER WILL PROVIDE

The Connection Center is being designed as a flexible outreach and resource facility that can grow with the needs of the community. Potential uses may include:

FOOD AND CLOTHING SUPPORT

A space to provide food, clothing, and essential resources to individuals and families in need.

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND FOOD OUTREACH

A renovated commercial kitchen will support soup kitchen operations, after-school meal programs, community meals, church meals, volunteer teams, and future partnerships related to hunger relief and family support.

FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES

A place where families can receive practical support, encouragement, referrals, and connection to available community resources.

YOUTH AND AFTER-SCHOOL SUPPORT

A safe and structured environment for children and students through mentoring, tutoring, enrichment activities, and future after-school programming.

COMMUNITY CLASSES AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

Opportunities for financial literacy, parenting support, job readiness, marriage and family strengthening, leadership development, and other practical life skills.

PARTNER-LED SERVICES

A shared space where local organizations, nonprofits, agencies, churches, and community leaders can serve people more effectively together.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND COLLABORATION

A place for strategic conversations, volunteer training, ministry coordination, neighborhood support, and community-building events.

CARE, PRAYER, AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

A compassionate environment where people can receive spiritual encouragement, prayer, pastoral care, and connection to healthy relationships.

OUTDOOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

A safe and welcoming outdoor space where children, families, and community groups can gather for play, connection, and healthy activities.

WHY A 7,500 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY?

The size and layout of this facility create a unique opportunity to develop a multi-use center that can serve the community in several ways at once.

With approximately 7,500 square feet, The Connection Center can include dedicated areas for resource distribution, a commercial kitchen and meal-service operation, classrooms, meeting rooms, youth and family programming, partner services, storage, volunteer coordination, and community gatherings.

Rather than building a single-purpose space, this facility can become a flexible platform for multiple forms of outreach, service, and partnership.

This allows the center to meet immediate needs while also growing into future opportunities as the mission expands.

Renovation Investment

To make The Connection Center safe, functional, welcoming, and ready for community impact, several key renovation areas must be addressed. Based on the current facility scope and the newly developed commercial kitchen estimate, the project planning budget is:

Renovation Area	Estimated Cost
HVAC	$75,000
Lighting and Electrical	$10,000
Playground and Outdoor Activities	$20,000
Plumbing	$10,000
Painting — Interior and Exterior	$45,000
Siding/Cladding Repair	$45,000
Window Repair	$10,000
Roof Repair	$10,000
Audio, Visual, and Lighting	$15,000
Flooring Repair	$5,000
Security, Network, and Safety	$5,000

Commercial Kitchen Renovation	**$150,000**
Total Estimated Renovation Investment	**$400,000**

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN RENOVATION INVESTMENT

The commercial kitchen is a key component of the center's food outreach and hospitality strategy. The current planning estimate is $150,000 and includes equipment, professional design, building systems, trade labor, and finish work needed to create a safe, functional, high-capacity kitchen environment.

Commercial Kitchen Scope	Estimated Cost
Commercial Kitchen Equipment	$40,000
Gas, Electrical, and Plumbing Labor	$35,000
Electrical Upgrades, Including Two New Panels	$30,000
Architectural and Engineering Plans	$15,000
Miscellaneous Finish and Repair Work	$15,000
Kitchen Lighting	$5,000
Restroom Updates	$5,000
Storage Room Rebuild	$5,000
Total Estimated Kitchen Renovation	**$150,000**

Planning note: These figures are current working estimates and will be refined as final equipment, contractor, and trade quotes are received. Kitchen-specific electrical, gas, and plumbing costs are shown separately from the general facility renovation categories above.

RENOVATION PRIORITIES EXPLAINED

HVAC — $75,000

A reliable HVAC system is essential for creating a comfortable, safe, and usable environment throughout the year. This investment will help ensure that The Connection Center can serve children, families, volunteers, and community partners in every season.

LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL — $10,000

Facility-wide lighting and electrical updates will support safety, functionality, and flexibility throughout the center. This includes preparing rooms for classes, meetings, resource distribution, technology, and future programming. Kitchen-specific electrical upgrades are included separately in the commercial kitchen budget.

PLAYGROUND AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES — $20,000

Outdoor spaces will allow The Connection Center to serve children and families in a more complete way. A safe outdoor activity area creates opportunities for family engagement, after-school programming, community events, and healthy recreation.

PLUMBING — $10,000

General plumbing updates are necessary to support restrooms, resource services, family programming, and the daily use of the facility. Kitchen-specific trade work is included separately in the commercial kitchen renovation budget.

PAINTING — INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR — $45,000

Interior and exterior painting will help transform the building into a welcoming, clean, and hope-filled environment. This investment communicates dignity, care, excellence, and community pride.

SIDING REPAIR — $45,000

Siding repairs will help preserve the structure, improve the exterior appearance, and protect the long-term investment in the facility.

WINDOW REPAIR — $10,000

Window repairs will improve the building's appearance, energy efficiency, safety, and usability.

ROOF REPAIR — $10,000

Roof repairs are necessary to protect the facility, prevent future damage, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the building.

AUDIO, VISUAL, AND LIGHTING — $15,000

Audio, visual, and lighting upgrades will allow The Connection Center to host trainings, community meetings, classes, worship gatherings, partner events, youth programming, and presentations with excellence.

FLOORING REPAIR — $5,000

Flooring repairs will improve safety, appearance, cleanliness, and functionality throughout the building.

SECURITY, NETWORK, AND SAFETY — $5,000

Security, network, and safety improvements will help protect children, families, volunteers, staff, and community partners while also supporting communication and daily operations.

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN RENOVATION — $150,000

The kitchen renovation will create a modern, sanitary, high-functioning environment for meal preparation and service. The current estimate includes commercial equipment, architectural and engineering plans, two new electrical panels, gas/electrical/plumbing trade labor, lighting, restroom updates, storage-room reconstruction, and miscellaneous finish repairs.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Connection Center is not just a Connection Church project. It is an invitation for community partnership.

We are seeking stakeholders, donors, businesses, organizations, churches, and community leaders who believe in strengthening families, serving neighborhoods, and building a better future for Bainbridge and the surrounding region.

Partnership may include:

• Financial investment	• Program partnerships
• Construction support	• Resource donations
• Donated materials	• Long-term operational support
• Professional services	• Business and civic collaboration
• Volunteer teams	• Prayer and advocacy

Together, we can renovate more than a building. We can help restore hope, strengthen families, and create a lasting resource for our region.

GIVING AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The current planning estimate for The Connection Center renovation is $400,000, including an estimated $150,000 commercial kitchen renovation. Stakeholders and partners may support the overall project, sponsor a major renovation area, or underwrite a specific kitchen component.

Sponsorship Opportunity	Amount
Full Renovation Partner	$400,000
Commercial Kitchen Renovation Partner	$150,000
HVAC Partner	$75,000
Interior and Exterior Transformation Partner	$45,000
Exterior Restoration Partner	$45,000
Family Outdoor Space Partner	$20,000
Electrical and Lighting Partner	$10,000
Community Gathering Technology Partner	$15,000
Plumbing Partner	$10,000
Roof Repair Partner	$10,000
Window Repair Partner	$10,000
Safety and Network Partner	$5,000
Flooring Repair Partner	$5,000

Kitchen partners may also sponsor individual components of the $150,000 kitchen scope, including equipment, architectural and engineering plans, electrical upgrades, trade labor, lighting, restroom improvements, storage reconstruction, and finish work.

Every gift matters. Every partnership helps move the facility closer to becoming a place where people can receive help, experience hope, and connect with meaningful support.

THE IMPACT WE ENVISION

Through The Connection Center, we envision a regional hub of:

- Families receiving food, prepared meals, clothing, and practical resources during difficult seasons.
- Children and students find safe environments for growth, mentoring, and encouragement.
- Parents being equipped and supported.
- Community partners working together instead of operating in isolation.
- Volunteers using their gifts to serve others.
- Churches, businesses, and civic leaders collaborating for the good of the city.
- People encountering the love of God through both word and action.

The Connection Center will be a place where the community is served, partnerships are strengthened, and purpose is awakened.

WHY PARTNER NOW?

- The building already exists.
- The need in the community is real.
- The vision is clear.
- The partnerships are possible.
- The impact can begin as soon as the facility is prepared.

By investing now, partners help turn a 7,500 square foot building into a life-giving center of hope, help, and purpose. This is an opportunity to be part of something that will serve people for years to come.

INVITATION TO PARTNER

We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with Connection Church in the development of The Connection Center.

Your support can help transform an existing 7,500 square foot facility into a regional hub of outreach, resources, and community partnership.

Together, we can create a place that serves the needs of today while building toward the future of our community.

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FROM EXISTING FACILITY TO COMMUNITY HUB

TRANSFORMATION OVERVIEW

The visual transformation helps stakeholders see the mission in practical form. The project updates the existing structure while preserving its usefulness and expanding its community impact.



Exterior transformation concept: from existing facility to The Connection Center with updated exterior, signage, landscaping, playground, lighting, and gathering potential.

TRANSFORMATION PRIORITIES

- A modern black-and-white exterior aligned with Connection Church branding.

- Clear signage and landscaping to create visibility and community pride.
- Updated lighting and safety improvements.
- A commercial playground and outdoor activity area for family engagement.
- Interior improvements that support meals, events, outreach, and ministry operations.

EXTERIOR IMPACT

EXTERIOR TRANSFORMATION

The exterior renovation establishes The Connection Center as a visible, welcoming, and trustworthy community destination. The renderings show a cleaner exterior, modern finishes, outdoor lighting, improved landscaping, dedicated signage, and a family-friendly activity space.

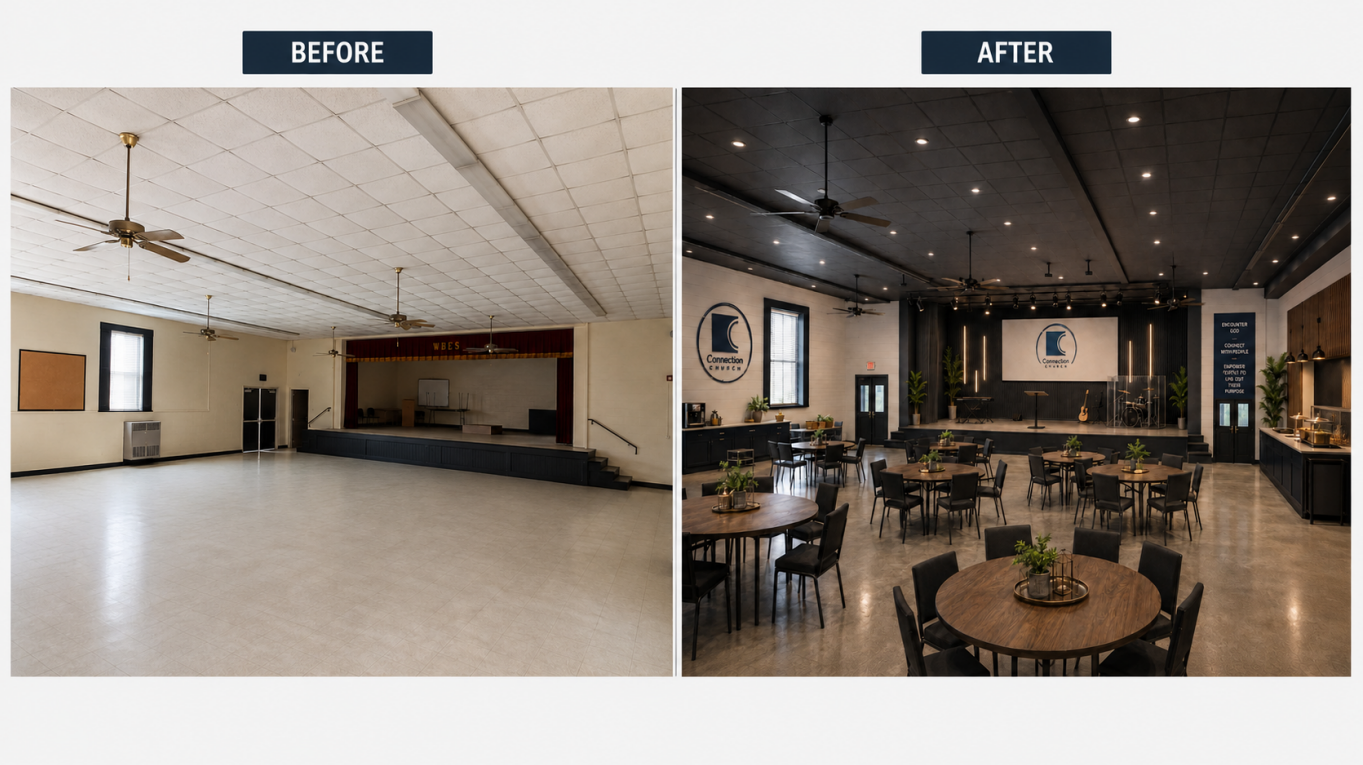


Proposed exterior view of The Connection Center with updated facade, landscaping, signage, lighting, and commercial playground area.

MULTIPURPOSE COMMUNITY SPACE

MULTIPURPOSE GATHERING SPACE

The current gathering room can become a flexible multipurpose space for meals, events, volunteer training, community meetings, worship gatherings, partner services, and family support. The renovation concept preserves the general structure while creating a warm, modern, branded environment.



Before-and-after concept for the main multipurpose room, showing the transformation from an underutilized cafeteria-style room into a modern gathering and ministry space.

A PLACE TO GATHER, SERVE, AND BELONG

MULTIPURPOSE GATHERING SPACE: FUTURE USE



Rendering of the renovated main gathering space with round-table seating, stage, lighting, Connection Church branding, and serving area.

THIS SPACE SUPPORTS:

- Community meals and outreach events.
- After school meal programs for children and families in need.
- Partner meetings, classes, and trainings.
- Youth and family ministry environments.
- Volunteer coordination and ministry equipping.
- Flexible gatherings that serve both church and community needs.

FOOD OUTREACH AND HOSPITALITY

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND FOOD OUTREACH

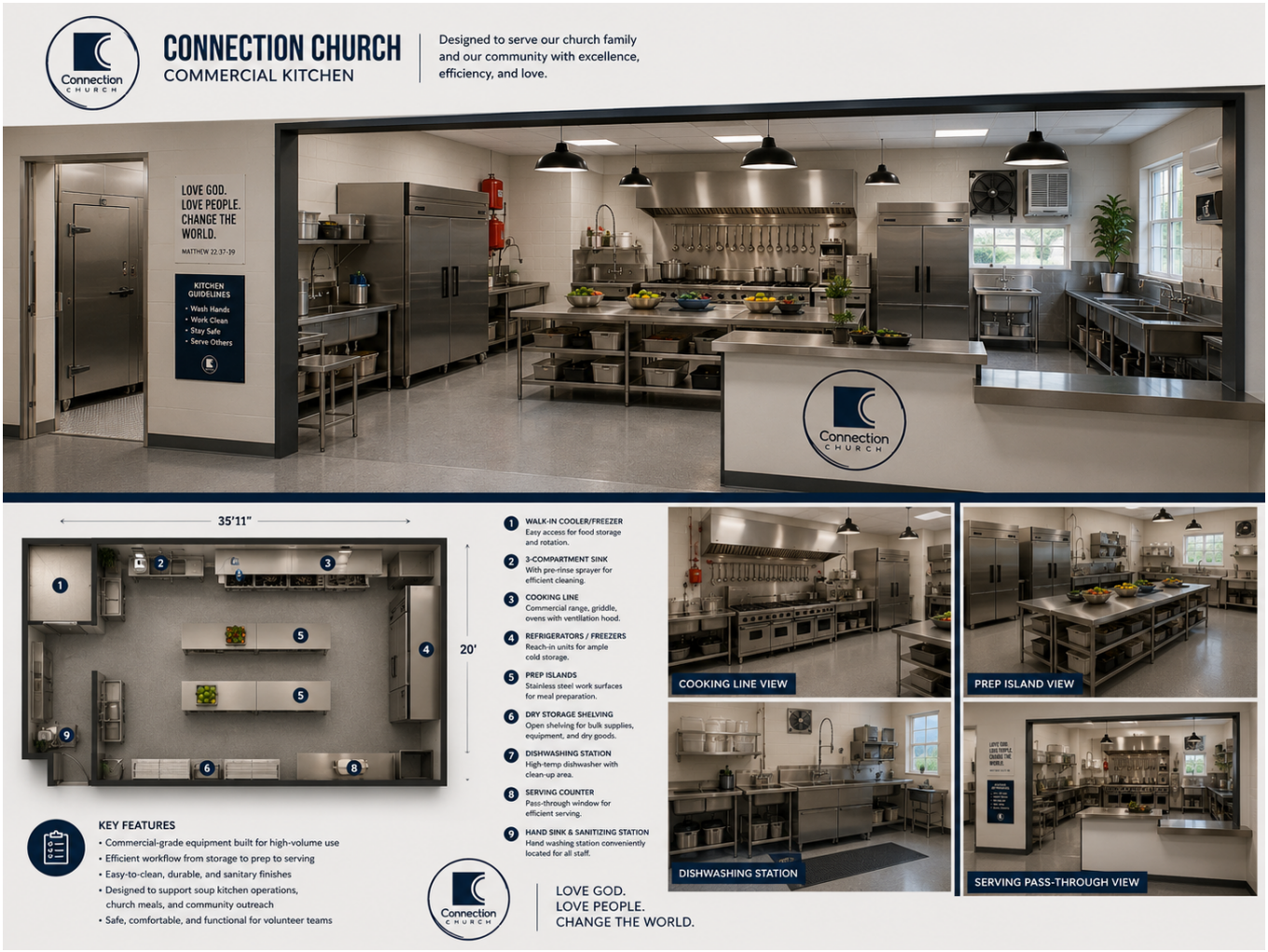
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Before-and-after concept for the commercial kitchen, showing the move from outdated and inefficient conditions to a modern, sanitary, high-functioning kitchen environment.

BUILT TO SERVE

COMMERCIAL KITCHEN: FUTURE USE



Commercial kitchen rendering with prep islands, cooking line, refrigeration, dishwashing, storage, handwashing, and serving pass-through concept.

KITCHEN DESIGN PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- Commercial-grade equipment and workflow for high-volume use.
- Durable, sanitary, and easy-to-clean finishes.
- Prep, cooking, storage, dishwashing, and serving zones.
- Safe and functional space for volunteer teams.
- Capacity to support food outreach, community events, and church-wide hospitality.