

August 21, 2026

Dear Broadway Family,

Following a meeting held during the first week of August and subsequent action, we are providing an update on the Christian Life Center (CLC) gym renovation project and share upcoming opportunities for our Congregation to learn more, ask questions, and participate in the conversation about the future of this space.

Current Status

- The Property Committee has approved moving forward with the initial planning process for the CLC gym renovation project. This approval allows us to continue developing and evaluating the project.
- The vision is bigger than just renovating the CLC gym. We are exploring how this underutilized area can become a ministry asset—serving our congregation as well as our community neighbors in Columbia. When done well, renovating the space for Church use, community rentals, league athletics, and an athletic ministry can provide opportunities for connection, outreach, and service while making better use of the building God has entrusted to us.
- During a meeting held on August 11th, the Executive Committee unanimously passed a motion limited to the facility question of whether the church should pursue an opportunity to fund an update to the gymnasium floor and that a similar motion would be brought to the Board for a vote.
- The motion was brought to the Board for a vote on August 12th. (**see the attachment for to read the decision item that was sent to the Board**)
- The Board approved the motion on August 17th.

What Are We Exploring?

As part of the planning process there are several practical and ministry and system related improvement considerations, including:

- Reimagining and organizing the existing space in phases
- Ensuring quality materials are used
- Improving security and access
- Improving the parent lounge as a comfortable and caring outreach space
- Procuring an online scheduling system with appropriate permissions and analytics
- Establishing clear and consistent policies and procedures for rental agreements
- Allocating revenues to the Church budget

The Importance of Communication — Upcoming Meetings

We recognize the importance of communication throughout this process. In that spirit, we are pleased to announce two upcoming town hall meetings, which will be held in the CLC on:

- Sunday, September 13 (12:15–1:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, September 17 (6:30–7:45 p.m.)

The primary purpose is to provide opportunities for everyone to understand the vision, ask questions, and provide feedback so that we can make thoughtful decisions and move forward in the best interest of the Church.

As we continue to explore the possibilities, there are many considerations to take into account including:

- Our existing and future use of the CLC, both sports and non-sports related
- The scope and phasing of any potential renovation
- Financial requirements and future fundraising opportunities
- Safety and security
- The long-term financial stability of the Church
- Congregational input and support

The Ministry of Christ Through our Church Comes First!

We believe there is an opportunity to transform an underused portion of our building into something that blesses our Congregation while also serving our neighbors in Columbia. Future use of the CLC gym will align with and contribute to our mission.

Thank you for your prayers, questions, encouragement, and continued commitment to our Church. We look forward to sharing more with you and having open conversations together next month.

With the love and optimism that Christ brings,

Scott Gray, Board Chair

Syd Stansberry, Board Vice-Chair

Todd Rauch, Property Committee Chair

Mike Fletcher, Property Committee Vice-Chair

Mike Lilien - Project Champion

Chris Peck - Project Champion

ATTACHMENT

Summary of the Decision Item

During the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday night, a motion was unanimously passed on whether the church should pursue an update to the CLC/gymnasium floor as a facility matter. The motion does **not** give consideration to what the future use of the gymnasium might mean for the church's mission, revenue, partnerships, or ministry.

The current gymnasium floor is approximately 22 years old and is no longer functioning effectively for its intended use. For example, pickle balls and basketballs do not bounce properly on the surface. Given the age and condition of the floor, the Executive Committee believes it is appropriate to consider whether the Board should authorize an effort to determine if the necessary funds can be raised to address this facility need.

The motion does **not** approve spending from the church's existing operating budget, commit the church to a particular renovation project, or determine how the CLC/gymnasium might be used in the future. Rather, it would authorize the church to pursue fundraising and explore funding possibilities for facility improvement.

The motion provides the Board a very clear and limited question to vote on: Is the Board willing to authorize an effort to see whether this facility improvement can be funded. If the Board authorizes such effort, a letter explaining the Board's decision will be sent to the Congregation. Additionally, the letter will include an announcement of townhall-style Congregational meetings to provide further information and answer questions.

Decision Item Statement for Vote by the Board (deadline to vote is August 17, 2026 – 12pm)

"The Board of Broadway Christian Church authorizes the exploration and pursuit of fundraising opportunities for the replacement or significant update of the church's gymnasium floor, which is approximately 22 years old and no longer functioning effectively.

Fundraising may include seeking contributions from private donors, church members, and other individuals or organizations, and will be conducted outside of the church's approved annual operating budget.

This authorization does not approve the expenditure of church funds or commit the church to completing the project. No funds from the church's operating budget, reserves, or other existing church funds will be used for this project without a subsequent vote and approval by the Board.

If sufficient funding for the project is not secured, or an alternative means of funding the project is not identified, within three years of the beginning of the fundraising effort, any restricted funds raised specifically for the gymnasium project will be returned to the donors, to the extent legally and administratively possible.

This motion is limited to the facility question of whether the church should pursue an opportunity to fund an update to the gymnasium floor.

It does not constitute a decision regarding future programming, partnerships, rentals, revenue generation, community use, or the broader mission or ministry implications of the gymnasium. Those matters may be considered separately by the Board."