



Growing Deep Roots to Share God's Love

A Case For Investing in Facilities for Youth, Children, and Adult Disciple-making

*"Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper." (Psalm 1:1-3 NRSV)*

Creekwood United Methodist Church has always existed to bring people closer to the well of living water,
so that they might grow deep roots and bear the fruit of God's grace and love into the community.
Thus God's vision for our community and each person in it is:

***"Creekwood stands to inspire growth
through scriptural education, faith-based fellowship,
and relationship-based mission with the hope
of bringing hearts and minds to Jesus Christ
in an open, loving community."***



It is a new day at Creekwood United Methodist Church

Building on a faithful history, we have made great leaps in connecting people to life with each other and with God.

- 22 adult small groups (9 on Sunday morning) – totaling over 200 connected persons.
- 3 hours of children's Sunday morning programming, including choir and Mission Possible Kids, involving 70-80 children per Sunday.
- 4 summer pre-school camps of 40-50 kids each, and one week of VBS with 400 children.
- 80 children are learning about Jesus in our Pre-school area each week.
- 25 youth every Sunday morning for Sunday School, and 30-50 every Sunday night in The Rise
- Boy Scout Troop of 30+ scouts
- An average worship attendance of 517 in 2015
- 100+ new members in 2015



The Need

However, this spiritual growth has led to physical challenges that are limiting our continued growth potential:

- A physically separated children's ministry which divides staff, causes inhospitable travels and confusion for children and parents, and does not feature spaces large enough to bring children together.
- A lack of hospitable, relevant, consistent, and energizing space for the youth program to form an identity.
- A divided campus for adults, children, and youth that diminishes hospitality efforts.
- An overcrowded nursery.
- Inconvenient and inconsistent meeting spaces for adult Sunday School groups.
- A lack of large spaces for special programming.



Our Response

- 1) A new two-story ministry center** with 9,000 sq. ft. to the northwest of the existing worship center.
 - A unified children's ministry with 8 classrooms, or space for 200 kids.
 - 2 adult classrooms in new space, and opening up of 4 existing spaces for adults in current worship center.
 - A large meeting area to serve special children, youth, and adult ministry opportunities such as VBS, Summer Pre-school camps, Leadership Training, Created by God, and many others.
 - A potential second worship venue, when the need arises.
 - A covered walkway for hospitality.
 - An outdoor gathering area for all-church gatherings, small group celebrations, and family parties.
- 2) A dedicated youth space** via remodeling the existing Children's Center.
- 3) Paying off the existing land debt** of \$202,118.01, in order to redirect \$2,375 per month (or \$28,500 a year) to strengthen ministries, start new ones, and/or beautify existing property.
- 4) A fall 2016 capital campaign** to raise the expected \$2.8 million cost of the projects described above over a 36 month period beginning in November 2016.

The Time is Now

These improvements have been needed for some time and we have finally reached a point in our church's life where they can be boldly addressed. Given our continuing growth and healthy financial situation, accompanied by consistent expansion of our surrounding communities, the time is right for Creekwood to make a bold declaration of intention. Our church can and will be the spiritual leader for young persons and adults in the area. We are focused on and dedicated to providing the ideal environment to empower young people to utilize their lives for the Kingdom of God.

Determining our Readiness: Your church leadership has commissioned a pre-capital campaign feasibility study to receive your comments about the plan and determine our church's readiness to bring this plan into reality. In the near future, you will be invited to town hall meetings to learn more about the proposed building program. Once you have had the opportunity to analyze and understand the proposal in its entirety, you will be asked to share your wisdom and insights when contacted by Horizons Stewardship as part of a church-wide study to determine if now truly is the time to step out in faith with the plan recommended to us.



