

# Frequently Asked Questions **FAQ**

## **Why now?**

Each generation in Kenwood's history has made a strategic decision to move Kenwood forward to magnify the Lord. The last generation added the education/office wing at Kenwood. Our generation's mission is to enlarge our space for serving families from the church, nearby communities, and the region. This is our time to join His mission by generously building a gathering and launch space for the next generation.

## **Who is the new building space for?**

1. The new front entrance (lobby) will serve a multitude of needs. It will allow us to offer space during the week to a number of the ministries and groups we have coming through the building. It will provide a gathering space (~6000sq ft.) before and after services on Sundays and another place to gather for special events.
2. The children's wing will be secured by changing of the entrances. This is one of our key identified needs. We have begun updating the current children's wing with new flooring in the halls and infant/toddler rooms. The rooms will be refreshed with new paint and décor.
3. Before the shutdown due to COVID, the current building was used all week long for ministry. We had about 2,000 people per week coming through our doors for various classes, meetings, and other ministries of Kenwood and outside groups.

## **Why do we need a new space for worship?**

1. Our Sanctuary has undergone refurbishing a few times over the decades. While we are keeping the mid-century modern look overall, we will be updating the general appearance and platform. The acoustics are being addressed through several different applications including an acoustic sound cloud. The baptismary will be replaced with a movable one.
2. In today's world, we have to have an online presence. The pandemic forced us to adapt more quickly. A revamped sanctuary will give us a better space to create the video/audio that we want to offer to the world.
3. Kenwood is uniquely situated to be able to bring in guest speakers and musicians who draw large crowds. We need a modernized sanctuary to benefit more people in the areas Kenwood impacts.

## **Who is making the decisions?**

1. After conducting needs and vision surveys two years ago by the staff, key leaders, and the congregation, the building committee worked with an architect to develop plans.
2. The staff and key leaders continue to provide input for what is needed to accomplish ministry objectives and vision.
3. Ultimately, the Elders will make the final decision on the building plans.
4. Financing will be brought before the congregation per the constitution.

## **What is the timing of the project?**

We will break ground as soon as the appropriate amount of funds have been raised. Your contribution will help us do that soon, maybe even early next year.

## **What is the cost?**

The current cost estimate for the full project is \$4 million this includes furniture and other equipment for both the new space and rehabbing of the Sanctuary. Additional parking space is also part of the cost.