



MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

But Jesus said,
“Let the children come to me.”

(Matthew 19:14 NLT)



OUR MISSION

Following His Crucifixion and Resurrection and before He returned to God in Heaven, Jesus gathered His disciples and gave them their new mission. He said, *“I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT¹)

Jesus’ mission was meant for every generation of Christians. Today, we express His mission this way: **Encompass Church exists to honor God by developing more disciple-making followers of Jesus Christ.** No other cause or purpose comes first. If we are faithful to the calling and gifts of Jesus, we can’t let anything stand in the way.

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OUR HISTORY

Begun as **Faith Baptist Church** in 1972, our church family met first in homes, then a school, and then purchased property off of Pine Drive in Parker. After resistance from neighbors and the city, we relocated to our current location on Hilltop Drive, a dirt road, in an area with few residents.

Steady growth over 15 years of both the church and the community led to a construction project in 1987 to expand to the current facility. During construction, a late-night fire destroyed the older campus, forcing the church to once again meet in a local school as it rebuilt. To the surprise of all, God brought many new faces to the church during that interim period. **Over the next thirty years**, we planted two additional churches, sent out missionaries, launched a preschool, and went through several seasons of growth and decline.

In 2017, we began a new season. As the nearby area exploded with housing developments and new families, we changed our name to **Encompass Church**, added staff, and went from 135 per week to 440. Today, we find ourselves with growing needs and opportunities to serve those around us.

OUR VISION

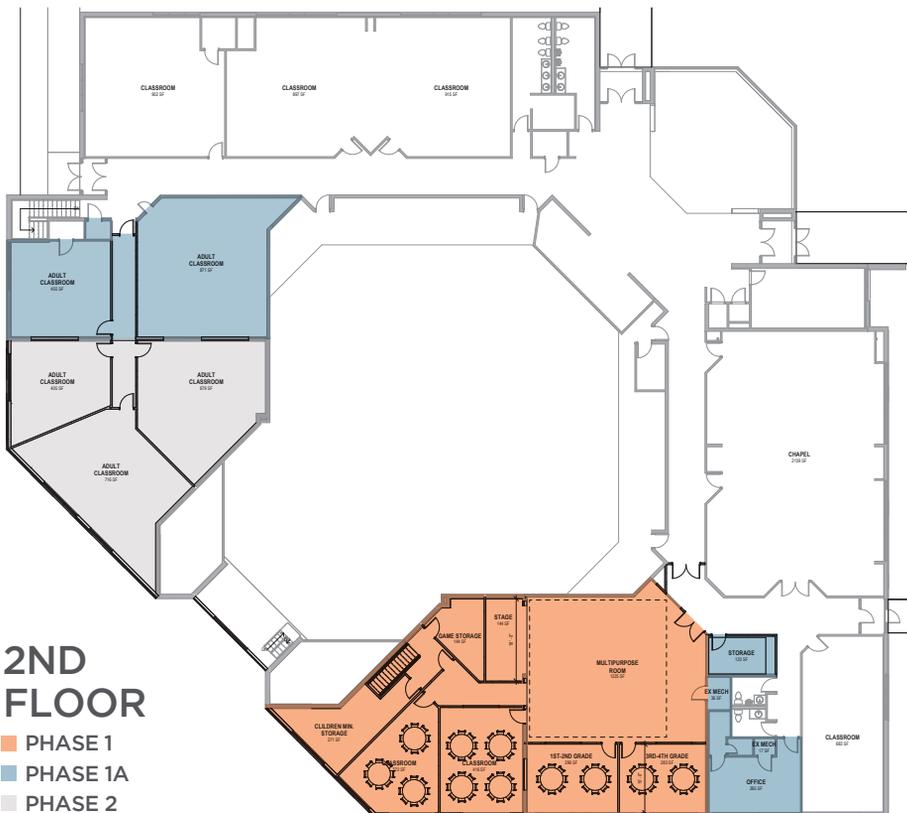
At Encompass Church, our vision is to be a place where people **Discover** a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ, **Connect** with caring, likeminded believers, **Grow** in spiritual, emotional and relational maturity, and **Serve** each other, the local community, and the world together.

We are committed to creating an environment **where marriages are healed, parents are equipped, kids are nurtured, and disciples are challenged.** We want to be a church where families who struggle to navigate today's cultural, financial, political, relational, and spiritual realities can find **healing, help, and hope.**



Teams of staff and volunteers have researched options for expanding our overall campus and met with “stake-holders” representing multiple demographic groups within our church family. Our research and interviews have led us to the realization that a **new Children’s Addition, along with renovations to our existing Children’s spaces**, should be our top priority. It would be the first of several phases of expansion we are investigating as we look to the future toward which God is pointing us. Future phases may include an **Office and Multi-Purpose Addition**, a larger **Lobby and Coffee Shop** to encourage informal gatherings, **purchase of adjacent land** for parking and septic, and a possible **Christian School**.

Preliminary design work, surveys, and conversations with county development offices have produced an **estimated cost of \$2.5 million for Children’s expansion**. Because we don’t have that amount in reserve, the project would require a **capital campaign in which those who call Encompass Church “home” would be challenged to participate with the intention of making room for the next generation.**



OUR CHALLENGE

Why embark on a capital campaign to raise funds for the new Children's and Preschool wing? Why not just wait until the money comes into the church through weekly giving? **To design, permit, build and occupy a church facility in our region today takes two to three years**, provided that supply chains and weather cooperate. Each year that we wait increases two challenges. First, **building material prices and labor costs will continue to rise**. Second, if we continue to grow at our current rate, we will rapidly reach the place where **we have no room for new children and families**.

God continues to bring new people into our church family. Though many are new to faith, others bring valuable spiritual maturity and ministry experience which expands our capacity to develop more disciple-making followers of Jesus. **If we don't embark on this project now, we may not only miss opportunities to lead people to faith in Christ, but also miss the breadth and depth of giftedness others may bring.**

OUR NUMBERS

To embark on this project, **we will need to raise \$2.5 million in giving commitments over a three-year capital campaign**. While raising \$2.5 million sounds huge to one person or household, we believe God is faithful and it can be done with many involved. Without depleting our operational and reserve funds, we have **\$250,000 available now** (October of 2025).

If, in addition to that, two people gave **\$5,000** per month for three years, five people gave **\$2,500**, fifteen people gave **\$1,000**, 30 gave **\$500**, 50 gave **\$100**, and 100 gave **\$50** per month for three years, we would meet our goal. **God says He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. (Psalms 50:10) He has been generous and will continue to be.**



THE TIME IS RIGHT. THE HARVEST IS RIPE.
IF NOT US, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

OUR RESULTS

If we do this now, what will we gain? We will gain increased capacity to meet the needs of the next generation. That will bring more families to Encompass Church. If we introduce new families into marriage and parenting classes, seminars, and groups, **stronger relationships will develop** and **our community will be healthier and more vibrant**. Above all, **more people will come to know Jesus and become disciple-making followers of Him**. Like His first disciples, we will be carrying out His mission.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ENCOMPASS CHURCH FAMILY TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN REACHING DOUGLAS AND ELBERT COUNTIES. **GOD HAS BLESSED OUR CHURCH FAR BEYOND OUR EFFORTS. WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHY HE HAS CHOSEN TO DO SO FOR US. BUT WE DO KNOW WHAT HE ASKS OF US. WILL YOU PRAY AND CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH?**

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² Average weekend attendance (July 2024 – April 2025): 440; (July 2023 – June 2024): 351



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