

140 YEARS OF CHANGED LIVES

Renovation & Capital Campaign
Informational Meeting



BUILDING PLAN

SAM COCCIA

After prayer, our meeting will begin with a brief presentation by Sam Coccia, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Sam will share an overview of our building plan - the scope and steps of a two-phase project slated to begin this week.

LIST OF CONTRACTORS

- Cajota Contracting and Timbers Building Company will handle the majority of the construction
- Sauder Worship will update and refinish the pews
- CZ Sound will handle lighting and sound upgrades



START

We will begin work on a two-phase project starting January 17, 2022.



PHASE ONE

Phase 1 will include renovations to our lobby, coffee bar, and children's restroom area.
Estimated time frame: 4 months.



PHASE TWO

Phase 2 will involve renovations to our auditorium, including pews, carpet, paint, a hallway to gym, and lighting and sound upgrades.
Estimated time frame: 2 months.

TRANSITION PLAN

JOEL RISHEL

Beginning January 30, the auditorium will be closed for remodeling, and we will meet in the gym. Our goal is to continue ministry as usual without cutting back or skipping a beat (projection, full worship team, livestream, etc.).

We will be launching a new video/livestream team, so you'll see some of our teens running cameras and doing tech stuff.

If there are any baptisms, we'll figure it out and make it happen!

SUNDAYS AT FIRST FREE

- Everyone will need to enter the right-side of the building through the Student Lobby, where you can go straight into the gym.
- Bathrooms will be accessible through the Fireplace Room.
- When we resume Sunday morning Children's Ministry, we will keep parents notified about access to that side of the building (whether through the Main Lobby, an alternate hallway, our outside).
- When the 9:30 Bible hour resumes, Adult Bible Fellowships will be at the same locations, except for the Ambassadors ABF which will meet in the Game Room.
- With the increased effectiveness of our digital communication, the Elders have decided to remove the mailboxes. Printed copies of the Evangel or anything else that we distribute will continue to be available at the entrance to the auditorium or gym.

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST FREE

- Half of the gym and all the normal rooms upstairs will be available for Student Ministry.
- Adult growth groups will be at the same locations (we will find an appropriate space for the one that has met in the auditorium), just enter through the Student Lobby doors.
- Awana will be at the same locations, just enter through the Children's Lobby doors.

We don't know exactly how long the auditorium will be closed, and there will most likely be additional inconveniences, so we are asking for everyone's patience as this project unfolds.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

KEVIN LABBY & EVAN ZAJDEL

As shared previously, we estimate that this ministry-improving and community-minded project will cost more than one million dollars.

Thankfully, by God's grace through the generosity and stewardship of His people, we already have significant funds saved toward this expense.

However, we still need the financial partnership of members, regular attendees, and friends like you, people who want to see changed lives at First Free for generations to come.

CHANGED LIVES

As these exciting plans unfold, we will soon launch the "Changed Lives" campaign to broaden our partnership base and raise an additional \$250,000 or more toward our renovation.

Raising these funds over and above regular giving will lower our overall mortgage costs, potentially saving thousands of dollars in the longer term.

So, what can we do together? Four steps:

Pray

Begin or continue praying, asking God how He wants you to support our goal of Changed Lives as an individual or family.

Listen

Remain open to how God wants you to contribute to the growth of His Kingdom at First Free.

Respond

When the time comes, take a brave step of faith and follow through on His leading.

Watch

Prepare to see how God works through us to accomplish His will and change lives at First Free!

To God's glory, we're renovating to serve our congregation, neighbors, and the next generation even better.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing and worthwhile project!