

Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT IS EXPAND?

Expand is celebrating all God has done over the past 58 years in expanding His kingdom through the people of Meadowbrook. We know God is not finished and our community and world are still in need of hearing the Gospel.

Expand is focusing on the vision for the next 50+ years and what God will continue to do through the people of Meadowbrook.

Expand is committing to give sacrificially over the next three years to a resource campaign to turn vision into reality.

Expand is praying we continue to Glorify – Grow – Go.

WHAT ARE WE RAISING MONEY FOR?

We are raising money for the renovations and additions in our adopted Master Site Plan. We are specifically focused currently on updating the Children's Building, adding a centralized entrance to the Education Buildings and building a multifunction building to seat 600-700 for worship, fellowship and gathering space with a fully functional kitchen, storage, restrooms and a large covered drop off.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The total project cost of everything recommended in our revised master site plan is estimated to be \$6 million over the course of the next 5-10 years contingent on available funds. Our current priorities are the renovations and new entrance to the Children's Building and the new Multifunction building.

The Architects *Opinion of Probable Cost* for (These costs have not been through the bid process):

Children's Building Renovations	\$250,000
New Education Entrance	\$300,000
Multifunction Building	\$3.8 million
Remodeled Sanctuary for Youth/Admin	\$700,000
Removal of Existing White Brick Buildings and expanded parking lot	\$300,000
Renovations to Adult Education Building	\$700,000

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THIS?

We have faith that the people of Meadowbrook will rise to the challenge God has given us to Glorify, Grow and Go. With God's help and your sacrificial giving, we will partner with a lending institution to finance additional costs. Currently there are several banks pursuing the opportunity to serve as that lender. The current interest rate environment makes a loan favorable to be able to accomplish our goals. Additional resource campaigns will be needed as we move into additional phases. The amount of any loans is all contingent on the amount committed during the next three years.

HOW DOES MY COMMITMENT TO EXPAND AFFECT MY REGULAR GIVING?

Hopefully in a positive way! This is not a campaign where we are asking people to take God's tithe and their consistent giving and simply reallocate it. What we are stepping into is the radical faith realm of extreme generosity and sacrificial giving that is over and above your regular gift. If you are not in the habit of giving, pray and consider starting today by giving to the budget offering.

HOW WILL THIS IMPACT OUR CURRENT BUDGET?

We believe our budget will continue to increase each year as we continue to Glorify, Grow and Go.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCH?

Meadowbrook Baptist Church is currently debt free! Our Building Fund has a current balance of \$320,000.

HOW CAN I HELP?

First and foremost, please PRAY regularly for our Expand resource campaign. Secondly, attend a Coffee with Cary meeting to learn as much as you can about the campaign and the vision it will help us realize. Speak positively to others who may have questions. And third, give sacrificially. The vision God has granted us can only be achieved through faith and sacrifice. We want every person in our church to be a part of this initiative through prayer, inviting others, volunteering as we grow, continuing to give to our regular ministry budget, and as God leads, to sacrificially give to our expansion. You should feel no pressure, stress, manipulation, coercion, or worry throughout this journey. We are leaning heavily on the Holy Spirit to guide our entire church body through the days ahead.

WHAT DOES COMMITMENT MEAN?

Commitment means we are willing to believe God can provide through us what we cannot do alone. When we commit together collectively, we believe God will show up in a very powerful way through the power of compounded commitment.

WHY SHOULD I SIGN A COMMITMENT CARD?

We believe we should be good stewards of God's money. Signing an Expand commitment card will help Meadowbrook get a picture of our potential in and through the body of believers and what we can do collectively to further His kingdom's work.

WHAT IF MY FINANCES CHANGE IN A MONTH OR YEAR FROM NOW... CAN I CHANGE MY COMMITMENT?

Absolutely. We're not looking to put people into undue burdens. We are asking you to pray and give a God honoring sacrifice before the Lord. We are looking for what you intend to give but will not be asking for a binding commitment... life happens and we understand that commitment amounts may adjust up and down over a three-year campaign. If for whatever reason you are unable to fulfill your commitment, there is no binding contract, and no shame or pressure from the office or leaders. This is simply between you and God regarding fulfilling your vows and commitments.

IF A MEMBER OF MEADOWBROOK WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE ACTUAL BUILDING OF THE CHURCH, CAN THEY?

We are contracting with K4 Construction, a local commercial contractor, who will take the various project phases to completion. They are responsible for the construction management and will handle all the bids and contracting. If you are interested in submitting a bid, please contact K4 as they will be glad to add you to the bid list.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR ALL OF THIS TO OCCUR?

In celebration of God leading us through this journey, our church family will turn in commitment cards together on Sunday, November 13. Then we will take the next step as we put our faith in action and watch God fulfill His vision for our church. On Thankful Sunday, November 20 we will share the results of all our efforts and give thanks to the Lord. We are hopeful that the renovation to the Children's Building will begin on November 28.