



Believing ❖ Belonging ❖ Building

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

## Our journey to today

**Catch the Vision** Sunday, and the recommendation to maintain, modify, and expand our facilities, comes after a long process of prayer, vision, discussion, planning, and work. Here is a snapshot of that journey.....

- 1962 — Emmanuel moves into new facilities on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to make room for a growing congregation and more ministry.
- 1988 — As a congregation of 450, Emmanuel builds new ministry space capable of ministering to 900.
- 2000-2005 — “Casual” discussions about space needs become more frequent.
- Feb 2005 — The congregation was presented with an overview of space needs for effective ongoing ministry.
- Dec 2005 — The congregation approved the building of two annexes as temporary solutions to space needs, and affirmed the creation of a team to investigate intermediate and long term solutions to ministry needs. It was agreed a long term solution may require more land, and that the annexes would be part of a 5 year temporary solution.
- Jan 2006 — During Sunday Worship services the Congregation was shown a very early conceptual plan of what a Facilities upgrade might look like.
- Spring 2006 — Ministry Council began to discuss future ministry and existing needs as well as a more accurate picture of the potential shape of a facilities upgrade.
- Sept 2006 — The congregation voted to purchase two adjacent properties to overcome one of the obstacles to a long term solution for our facilities.
- March 2007 — Ministry Council tasked the pastoral staff to develop and present a preliminary report on EEFC Future Ministry, making sure that any facility development was ministry driven.
- Dec 2007 — Our Congregation was informed at a congregational meeting of a plan to develop a “facilities vision,” which included the major components of the present design, and a small budget was approved for consulting on this plan.

- Summer 2008 — Ministries of Emmanuel were consulted regarding future ministry needs and priorities, key concepts for facilities were developed and the congregation was informed of these through written communication. The congregation was also informed that the plan was to present “a more firm design proposal along with a fund-raising plan for this project” sometime in 2009.
- December 2008 -- A Facilities Vision Team was created to develop a more concrete plan and proposal.
- March 2009 -- Ministry Council approved Cibinel Architects as our design firm for the upcoming building expansion work. Shortly thereafter 3 Way Builders was approved as our construction firm for this project after an appropriate vetting process.
- Feb 2010 — A conceptual design was presented to the congregation at our Congregational Meeting. This presentation was repeated at the May 2010 Congregational Meeting.
- June/July 2010 — Six Town Hall meetings were held to discuss this project and plan. The entire congregation was encouraged to participate, and the meetings were held at various times so everyone could attend.
- Summer/Fall 2010 — Facilities Vision Team worked to fine-tune the plan in response to Town Hall meetings and to provide details for costing.
- Winter 2011 — Ministry Council establishes a funding task force, who developed a funding plan for this proposal.
- May 1st, 2011 — The congregation is given notice of Catch the Vision Sunday and the decision to be made there.
- May 22nd — The congregation received from Ministry Council the following motions that will be brought to Catch the Vision Sunday:

### Motion #1:

Whereas our building needs significant maintenance, whereas a number of modifications need to be made to accommodate present ministries, and whereas we need added space to expand our ministry, Ministry Council recommends that we establish a capital campaign to maintain, modify, and expand our physical plant to a maximum of \$9,000,000.00.

Motion #2: Ministry Council recommends that EEFC borrow \$550,000.00 for maintenance and to facilitate the capital project. The loan will be retired through the capital campaign.