

# GENERATION TO GENERATION

*Ensuring a place for every generation*



Dear Friends,

This is such an exciting time in the life of our church! We are welcoming new people every week and seeing an ongoing re-engagement in the life of the church. We are energized by the prospect of helping all ages grow deeper in their faith and serving together at Resurrection Blue Springs!

As we celebrate the ways God is at work transforming lives in our church and community, we can only imagine what God has in store for the future. And I believe Resurrection Blue Springs is just getting started! We are poised to “reach new families, engage all ages, expand our ministries, and serve the needs of the community.”

This brochure outlines our plans and dreams for the future and what we believe will be needed to reach current and future generations. Accomplishing our goals will require sacrificial giving from every person in the church. I am asking you to join my husband and me in making a genuine financial sacrifice over the next three years. Bill and I have been praying about this gift for some time, and it will be the largest single contribution we have ever made. It will require putting off some things and re-ordering some of our priorities. But when we think of what God has done for us, and the ministry and mission this will make possible at our location, our sacrifice seems small.

Please take a look at the dreams and plans outlined in this brochure. Join me in praying for God’s direction as we move forward with these plans, for the success of this campaign, and for discerning our personal commitments and support.

In Christ’s love,  
Penny Ellwood  
Blue Springs Location Pastor



Over the past 33 years, we have seen God at work through the generations. The investments of those who came before us planted seeds that have grown and flourished. Now, it’s our turn to make bold commitments and invest in current and future generations.

—Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor



# Resurrection History



In 1990, a group of visionaries shared a dream that they could build a Christian community where non-religious and nominally religious people of all ages would become deeply committed Christians. Launching Resurrection in a funeral home, they laid a foundation for generations to come. They had no idea the number of lives that would be transformed or the impact the church would have on the community, but they trusted God and dreamed big.



Resurrection has always been about people whose lives can be transformed when they follow Jesus, and who in turn can change the world. But, as we've grown and expanded, we've recognized that facilities and resources are important tools for ministry. Today, as a thriving church with six physical locations and a growing online presence, we are committed to ensuring that our buildings and programs continue to welcome and care for our community – from those yet to be born, to teens and young adults, to our oldest adults.

This capital campaign will help us make changes to our facilities to meet the needs of people across generations while also reducing or eliminating debt. Both will prepare our church for a vibrant future.



We will tell the next  
**generation**

the praiseworthy deeds  
of the LORD, his power, and  
the wonders he has done...

so the next  
**generation**

would know them,  
even the children yet to be born,  
and they in turn  
would tell their children.  
Then they would put their trust  
in God.

**Psalm 78:4b, 6-7a**



*The Albiar Family*



Space for all generations  
is important because Church is

**our space  
to learn  
how to be  
better  
Christians.**

## Resurrection Blue Springs Story



# 2000

In 2000, the members of North Spring UMC built a beautiful church with a vision to connect with the community of Jackson County. This space would go on to become what we now know as Resurrection Blue Springs.

On August 9, 2010 Resurrection Blue Springs celebrated its grand opening launching Resurrection's fourth physical location and creating a place for deep connections to be made as people came together for worship, fellowship, community outreach and mission.

# 2010



Resurrection Blue Springs will continue to raise future generations by welcoming all people into our doors for weekly worship, kids and student ministry programs, recovery, study groups and community outreach.

# 2023



# 2016

In 2016, to meet the needs of our growing congregation, we expanded our gathering space to enhance our ability to better welcome all who entered the building. This new space not only allowed us to provide better hospitality, but it also became a hub for connections and community.





## What's Next

At Blue Springs, we are focused on expanding and enhancing our space for youth ministry, large gatherings, hospitality, and mission engagement. This campaign and its components are designed to ensure a place for all generations by making important renovations that send a clear message that we want all to experience belonging here. We dream of expanding our outreach and continuing to build a diverse and vibrant community of all ages worshipping, growing in faith, and serving our community.





Kids need communities of people that will wrap around them and support them. If we invest in our children, then they will be

## leading this vision

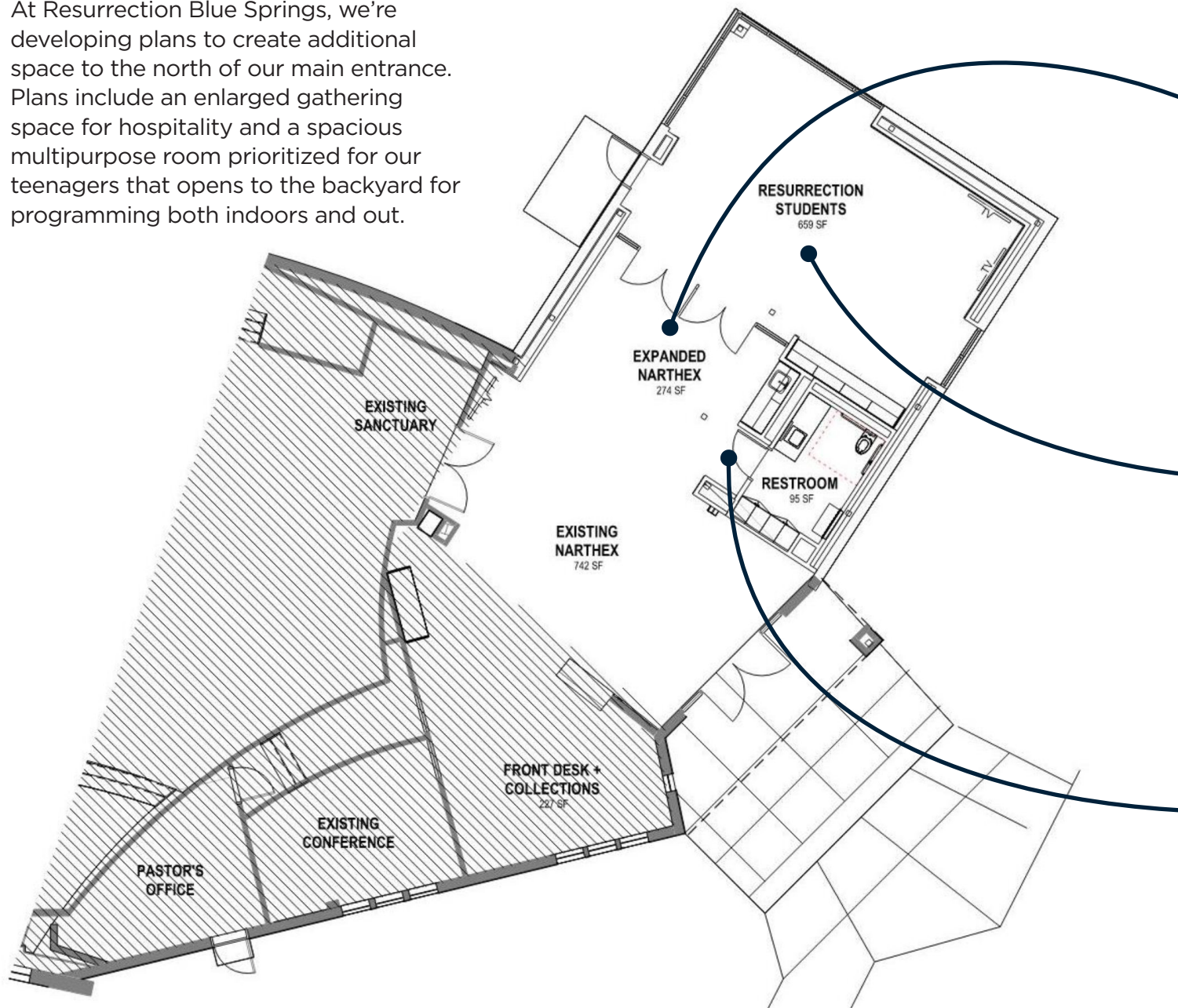
before we know it. We have to recognize that the power of any organization is its sustainability, I want our church to be able to grow with them so that they can see themselves bringing their families back into the church community.



*Jimmy and Liz Talamantez*

## The Plan

At Resurrection Blue Springs, we're developing plans to create additional space to the north of our main entrance. Plans include an enlarged gathering space for hospitality and a spacious multipurpose room prioritized for our teenagers that opens to the backyard for programming both indoors and out.



Plans for the expansion are designed to create a flexible space available for large group activities mission engagement and fellowship.



The dedicated space for student ministry will provide the opportunity to welcome all generations to gather and connect in community. This campaign will help prepare our spaces for future growth within our ministries and programs.



The remodeling of our main entrance area will include intentional hospitality improvements including water access and a new restroom.





*Adrienne and Chris Cox*



We see the excitement within our children. And that makes us really excited. We love that our kids love church. That is so important to us. This excitement is going to continue their love for the church,

## **their love for Jesus**

and we hope it continues to manifest throughout their life including when they one day become parents. We think that's the key to building a strong foundation for them.

## **Pay Down Debt and Expand Ministry**

One of the goals of this campaign is to pay down some of our debt from previous building projects. A portion of our annual ministry budget goes to debt service. By reducing this debt and the associated interest, more funds will be directly available for programming, missions, and outreach.

## **A Vision for 2030**

In 2019 our congregation helped shape, and then approved, a set of visions for the year 2030. Creating the right tools for ministry with new and remodeled spaces and reducing our debt will allow us to more effectively live into these visions:

- Closing the Spiritual Gap by helping our congregation and community grow in their faith
- Closing the Generational Gap by reaching future generations for Christ
- Closing the Kindness and Justice Gap by helping our city and world look more like the Kingdom of God
- Closing the Opportunity Gap through efforts focused on education with an emphasis on PreK education and by addressing poverty



# Together We Can Ensure a Vital Ministry for Resurrection for Generations to Come

## \$1.4 Million Campaign Need

We can clearly see how God has used our sacrificial gifts to help Resurrection Blue Springs establish itself as a beacon of light in the community. Our leaders have prayerfully considered this campaign with faith in the future of our church, knowing that the size of our congregation and the size of our ministry budget pave the way for us to meet this realistic need of \$1.4 million. But it will take sacrifice and it will take everyone's help and participation.

### How will we get there?

Capital campaigns are an investment in the future, and the legacy we leave behind. You are invited to consider the goals of the campaign, the ministry impact of the building and paying off debt, and then pray, inviting God to guide you to consider a sacrificial gift that can be given over a period of four tax years, a gift over and above your annual giving to the church.

Generation to Generation is a time of spiritual growth – for our church and for each of us individually. You have the opportunity to be part of something that will have a tremendous impact on the mission and ministry of the church. We need your commitment as we continue this incredible journey of transforming lives, renewing churches and changing the world. We hope you will join us in praying about making a sacrificial gift to ensure our congregation has a vital future caring for all our generations.

This church continues to meet the needs of our family and gives not only us, but our children opportunities to serve and to worship and to be around other Christians. We love that Resurrection Blue Springs is continually looking for opportunities to

# reach beyond our base

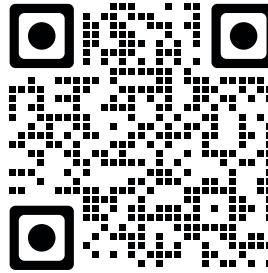
and pour into the local community. This is important for generations to come.



*Mendy and Nathan Long*

## Questions?

We have a website that continues to be updated with additional information about our plans and the Generation to Generation capital campaign. Please check it out by visiting [resurrection.church/generation](http://resurrection.church/generation). If you have additional questions, contact our Donor Relations team at [development@cor.org](mailto:development@cor.org).



## Campaign Timeline

**January-August**

Building Committee Planning and Advance Gatherings

**September 10-24**

Public Information Phase

**October 1**

Commitment Weekend

**November 5**

Celebration Sunday

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## Next Steps

### ► Begin with prayer.

- Pray for this campaign, specifically that God will give our leaders wisdom and touch the hearts of our congregation.
- Pray for personal discernment as you consider how God is calling you to invest in a church for generations today and tomorrow.
- Pray this simple prayer daily:  
*God, you have called us to tell the coming generations of your glorious deeds. Grant us vision to know the plans you have for your church, and give us the conviction, courage and boldness to pursue them. Amen*

### ► Determine your commitment.

The success of the campaign will require a commitment from us all to complete the building designs and achieve our goals. A sacrificial gift is an opportunity to take a bold step in your spiritual journey, make a sacrificial gift to invest in God's work, and experience the joy of knowing that you will be sharing Jesus with current and future generations.





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