

# GENERATION TO GENERATION

*Ensuring a place for every generation*

Dear Friends,

Borrowing the words of the Apostle Paul, “Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.” I am grateful for your commitment to our church. In the four years since our grand opening, and after navigating a pandemic, I see God doing amazing things within us and through us.

Every Sunday, I see new children, students, and families engaging. During the week, small groups are growing, our recovery programs help people find new life, the Food Pantry and mission opportunities enable us to serve in our neighborhood and beyond.

As we celebrate the ways God is at work transforming lives in our church and community, we begin to imagine what God has in store for our future. This brochure outlines our plans to unlock the potential of our building in reaching current and future generations. I am asking you to join me and my family in making a financial commitment over the next three years. Claire and I, and Adalynn with us, have prayed about our financial gift to the church, which will be the largest single contribution we have ever made. It has required putting off some things and re-ordering our priorities. But when we think about what God has done for us, and the ministry and mission of this church, our sacrifice is worthwhile.

I cannot wait to see all the ways God uses us to reach new people, deepen our faith, and send us to bring about the Kingdom of God. Join me in praying for God’s direction as we move forward together.

In Christ’s love,

Joshua  
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



# The Resurrection Story



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. 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 Overland Park Story



1959

In 1959, the founding members of Valley View UMC established a church with a dream to connect with the community of Overland Park. They opened their first sanctuary in 1961. This church would go on to become Resurrection Overland Park.



2019

In August of 2019, we welcomed over 1,200 adults and children to the grand opening of Resurrection Overland Park, marking the launch of Resurrection's fifth location.

2021

Resurrection Overland Park became an outpost of hope for the community by distributing over 252,000 meals in 2021 through the Resurrection Food Pantry.



Resurrection Overland Park continues to welcome a growing number of people into our doors weekly for worship, kids and student ministry programs, recovery ministry, and community outreach.

2023



# Where is God Calling Us Now...

Resurrection Overland Park launched just four years ago, and in that time, we have connected our church to the community in many ways. We are a growing, multi-generational community, and we have the opportunity to unlock the potential of our building to continue extending hospitality and to prepare the building to reach and meet the needs of future generations. To unlock this potential, our building is in need of some critical renovations.

To this end, we are launching the Generation to Generation campaign. This campaign and its components are designed to ensure a place for all generations.

It's exciting to watch our church grow in our neighborhood, leading people towards a

**richer, deeper faith.**

Let's keep opening our arms and our hearts to the community.



*Bustamante and Holt Family*



## The Plan



## Vibrant, Welcoming Entry Way:

We are focused on creating a visible, hospitable entrance. We want all who enter our building, whether they are first time worshippers, families looking for children’s or student ministries, or food pantry guests and volunteers, to feel welcomed and have the ability to easily find their way.



We’re excited about giving to this campaign because the world needs more churches that make people say ‘there is a church that’s doing good within their community and you can see the impact being made.’ Hopefully that helps people realize that churches still

## serve a vital part in the community.

The starting point to sacrificial giving is looking at how I spend my money, considering the things that I can put aside, so that I can give to something that’s going to have a lasting legacy.



*Carol and Steve Campbell*





Plans for the remodeled entrance are designed to create an experience that takes people from the front door throughout our building and into a community of connection.



The renovations will honor the over sixty years of ministry that have built a foundation for generational impact. This campaign will help prepare our spaces for future ministry growth within our children and student ministries.

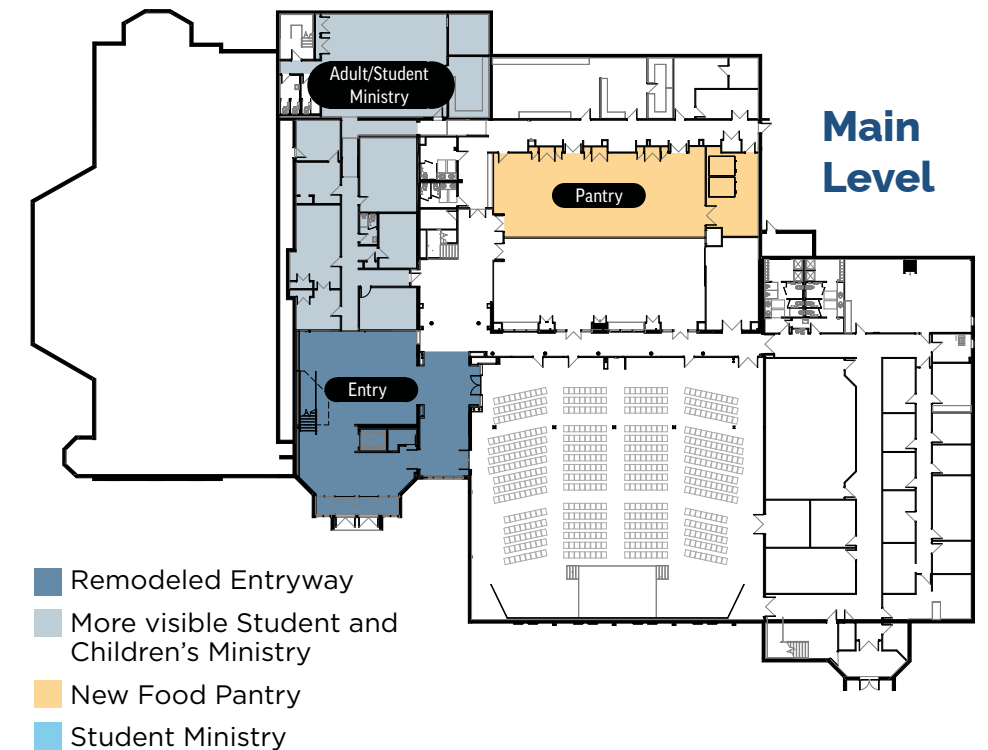


We will relocate the food pantry, allowing for additional space to expand and better adjacency to the kitchen. This provides an intentional opportunity to connect to families with children and youth in our community, and it creates a more dignified experience for those being served.



## Reaching Every Generation

This campaign is designed to ensure our 67,000 square foot building is a place for all generations by making renovations to create an experience that enhances community connection, a hub of ministry action, and transformational faith.





Bill and Marilyn Taylor



Our vision for the future of Resurrection is

**a church  
full of  
families.  
And people  
of all ages.**

## 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 programing, 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 Overland Park for Generations to Come

### Campaign Need: 2.2 million

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 \$2.2 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.

It's important to weigh every decision, every opportunity, every day that you have, through the lens of

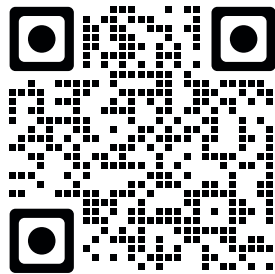
**how can  
God use  
me to  
impact  
someone  
else?**



Brian and Caitlin Israel

### 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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