

Green Ridge Baptist Church

Together We Make a Difference: A Campaign for the Future



**A Case for Support
Spring 2009
Executive Summary
Together We Make a Difference**

Top Priorities – \$ 357,000

The campaign outlined below represents months of planning and praying. The Lord has all the resources necessary for the future of Green Ridge. We trust Him to use the people of Green Ridge to accomplish what He intends. We have divided the campaign into “top priorities” and “stretch priorities,” recognizing that raising the funds identified will stretch us. We will address top priorities first. If the Lord leads us to raise the entire \$482,000, we will complete every objective identified. God will supply our every need in His way and in His timing.

Eliminate Debt — \$ 67,000. As stewards of God’s blessings, we must not embark upon new initiatives without a commitment to eliminate the debt remaining on the Worship Center. Many have contributed for years over their tithe to eliminate this debt. Because of their faithfulness, the original note of more than \$500,000 is just \$67,000. Together, we can finish the job and move ahead with initiatives that are needed to enhance our opportunities to invest in people.

Remodel Pre-K & Children’s areas — \$100,000. The children’s education space has not been renovated since 1972—and it shows! This remodel brings the children’s space and equipment into the 21st century and communicates to parents that we wish to utilize every resource possible in cultivating young hearts and minds for the glory of God. The remodel will include colorful paint and tile, a Biblical, kid-friendly theme, a video projector and screen for “big-group time” and flat panel TV’s in the classrooms. The pre-school spaces will undergo similar updates to the walls and floor along with the installation of a vent in the nursery area. This will be a space our children and children’s workers enjoy!

Add Space — \$150,000. A custom, stick-built modular building provides swing space during the children’s renovation. Some adult classes will move to the youth house to accommodate the children’s renovation, and youth will move to the modular building. The youth house will be refurbished for \$10,000. The total cost for the modular is \$140,000. The modular is 32’ x 60’ including: a large room equipped with a projector and screen, a kitchenette, three classrooms, bathrooms, and a shower to be used during disaster-relief efforts. When the children’s renovation is complete, we will have additional space for equipping more people.

Expand Parking — \$40,000. More parking is necessary with new people arriving! We’ve researched an eco-friendly way to add parking with a plastic underlayment over compressed gravel and filled with dirt and grass seed. The parking is “green,” but it will not get muddy or have sinkholes. It is a solid, yet permeable, surface, saving thousands in drainage systems required for new asphalt parking.

Stretch Priorities – \$ 125,000

Funding the above priorities will represent an outstanding investment in the future at Green Ridge. Thus, our initial goal is \$357,000. However, if the Lord sees fit to send additional resources, we have remaining opportunities that need attention. These priorities bring the stretch goal to \$482,000 and include the following.

Roof & Cupola — \$75,000. During the installation of the worship-center roof, the venting system was done improperly, and the cupola allows water inside. Also, the roof is aging due to heat buildup, and the system needs replacement. We need to resolve these challenges by purchasing: new shingles, a new venting system, a new covering for the cupola, and a new watertight connection between the cupola and roof.

Church Plant—\$25,000. Green Ridge has reached a point where we can send people out to plant new churches. We hope to set aside money to partially fund a church-planting team. We would do this in connection with the Southern Baptists Conservatives of Virginia.

Digital sign —\$25,000. Converting our sign to a digital one will allow for changing the message easily and featuring multiple opportunities and Bible verses each week. God’s Word is powerful, and we want to use all means possible to get the Word into the hearts and minds of those in our community.

Together, We Make a Difference A Case for Support

Green Ridge Baptist Church has grown over the past several years in a number of ways. First, personal discipleship, reflected by an increased hunger for the Word of God, has been embraced by many members of the local body. The Father is calling every member to a closer walk with His Son by the power of the Spirit. Second, the body has increasingly reached out to others. The Father has used this openness toward others to draw many people unto Himself by the convicting work of the Spirit—both for the purpose of salvation and for connecting with a local body of like-minded believers. Some from other churches have attended and discovered they did not know Christ personally. Upon hearing the Word of God and the Gospel, they yielded to Christ, were born again, and are now growing as disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is the Great Commission in action.

As a result of God's activity among the people of Green Ridge, Sunday School and Worship attendance have increased significantly. We believe God will continue His work as we endeavor to be humble, obedient, Spirit-filled vessels who love our neighbors and the nations for the glory of God.

To properly accommodate people the Lord brings to Green Ridge, we must consider and appropriately respond to some space-related challenges. Cultivating effective relationships can be done most effectively when we keep class sizes at an optimal level for cultivating genuine, Gospel-centered fellowship. The equipping of children in the fundamentals of the Christian faith can be significantly aided by incorporating the use of modern technologies and making the children's space as inviting and kid-friendly as possible. We can also better utilize our current space by providing additional parking and modernizing some older areas of our facility.

Below are listed the priorities for the ***Together We Make a Difference*** campaign. Please review them prayerfully as you consider how the Lord would have you support these priorities in the days ahead.

PRIORITY ONE: ELIMINATE THE WORSHIP-CENTER DEBT — \$ 67,000

The worship center was planned in 1990, and, in 1991, the *Together We Build* campaign was conducted to help underwrite the costs of the facility. Many people gave, allowing us to break ground on the \$ 1 million facility with just \$515,000 in debt. After the campaign, many continued giving to eliminate the debt. Because of their faithfulness, our current balance as of April 1, 2009 is \$67,000. As stewards of God's blessings, we must not embark upon new initiatives without a commitment to eliminate the debt remaining on the worship center. Together, we can finish the job and move ahead with initiatives that are needed to enhance our opportunities to invest in people.

PRIORITY TWO: SPACE NEEDS
REMODEL CHILDREN'S & PRE-K AREAS — \$100,000
ADD SPACE - \$150,000

CHILDREN'S CLASSROOMS - \$75,000

We propose to radically alter the look of every surface in eight rooms. The changes will be significant and will include the following:

- Demolish a wall, making a larger room for children's large-group time.
- Paint and put colorful designs on the walls in keeping with an overall, Biblical theme.
- Place colored tile or carpet on the floor (this will cover all the children's space on the first floor of the educational building).
- Install video with a projector and screen in the "big room" and flat panel TV's in the other classrooms.
- Install a flat panel TV in the hallway that will be controlled from the children's director's office.

The space for children's education has not been renovated since 1972—and it shows! This remodel brings the children's space into the 21st century & communicates to parents that we wish to utilize every resource possible in cultivating young hearts and minds for the glory of God. We want to invest the Gospel in our children and help each child have the fundamentals of a Biblical world view when they complete the fifth grade. As children are challenged and enthusiastic about the things of God, we will earn an opportunity to reach their parents as well.

PRE-K SPACE — \$25,000

This goal is similar to the one above except that it applies to our preschool spaces. We must replicate the approach outlined above. However, this space is smaller and will not, therefore, require as much in money. Also, we will install a vent in the preschool area.

MODULAR BUILDING — \$140,000

The purchase and installation of a 32' x 60' modular building is an essential component of the overall facilities plan. The overhaul of the children's spaces cannot occur unless we move some adult classes to make room for our children during the renovation of the children's space. We will move adults to the current youth house and provide the new modular space for our youth to use during Sunday School and other weekly ministries.

This modular building will be a top-quality facility. The building is a 2" x 4" stick-built facility constructed in the manufacturer's facility to our specs. It will arrive in two 16' X 60' sections and be set up at the "back" of our lot parallel with our current parking area. The building will be set on concrete pilings and the lower part will be covered all the way to the ground. It will feature:

- Three classrooms and two bathrooms;

- A shower enabling us to use the building as a staging area for disaster relief in our region;
- A small kitchenette with microwave and small refrigerator in a large common room;
- A large central room to serve as a gathering place for youth where they can participate in common times of shared teaching and worship;
- Handicap accessibility with a wheelchair ramp built to one side and extended down the front of the building with three entry doors;
- Tile floors and standard drywalled walls;
- A two-tone color with a light gray finish with a dark gray trim;
- Quality insulated windows;
- Two layers of 5/8" plywood for its floor, providing a solid structural base.
- Access via steps up to the door level; and
- A slight A-type roof.

In addition to the facility, we will purchase new equipment and furnishings for the space including chairs, tables, flat-screen televisions, and a projector and screen for the large community room.

Should the Lord allow us to move to the next phase of our church plan, (after we complete this phase and take time to disciple more believers), we may construct a building that has classrooms and a larger multi-purpose room. If the Lord provides this opportunity, we may give this modular unit to a church plant or simply sell it. A modular unit provides flexibility for future plans.

When the youth move into this space, we will refurbish the house to accommodate adult classes. We could add five new adult units in the house. This will enable us to continue to expand our reach to new families through a Gospel-centered, Sunday-School ministry.

REFURBISH THE "YOUTH HOUSE" — \$ 10,000

When the youth move to their new building, we will improve the house to serve as a small-group meeting space. Up to five new adult classes can meet in the house. We will add classroom space in the house by constructing a wall in the basement. The house, especially the basement, will need some general improvements. With \$10,000, we will make a significant difference in the look and functionality of the house.

PRIORITY THREE: EXPAND PARKING - \$ 40,000

The campaign includes funds to provide additional parking in the most cost-effective way possible. By using a relatively new way to expand parking into existing grassy areas and still keep them "green," we will save significant money over the long term. The product we will use is a hard one-inch thick, hard-plastic roll with holes. The plastic will be placed over a graded area with four inches of packed gravel. On top of this will be a mixture of specialized dirt

and grass seed. Grass will grow, but parking will no longer be subject to mud or other frustrations that exist when parking on grass.

The surface will be solid enough to support a commercial fire truck without sinking down into the soil. We plan to use this underlayment system from the new storage building all around the outer edge of the current pavement to the edge of the modular building. This would eliminate muddy areas and areas that might sink under the weight of a heavy truck or car.

The area could receive heavy rains without a problem by allowing the water to flow down under the stone and into current drainage systems. This approach allow us to add parking without installing large drainage holding tanks which require expensive filter changes on a regular basis. Additional parking is an essential part of providing additional space. Parking is currently strained and new people are attending frequently; we must not overlook this part of serving others who may be impacted for eternity through Green Ridge.

PRIORITY FOUR: WORSHIP CENTER ROOF AND CUPOLA — \$ 75,000

During the installation of our worship center roof, the venting system was not done properly. Also, the cupola allows water inside the roof. This problem was nearly eliminated by caulking every crevice and window seam in the cupola. However, caulk cannot cover a design flaw forever. The roof is aging prematurely because of heat buildup, and the entire system needs replacement to serve us well into the future. We therefore need to resolve these challenges by purchasing:

- New shingles
- A new venting system
- A new covering for the cupola
- A new watertight connection between the cupola and the roof.

The estimate of \$75,000 may be a low; the cost will depend on the work required to fix the cupola. This need directly impacts our corporate worship. We must protect our worship space and insure its long-term viability. This is simply a matter of being good stewards of what God has already provided.

PRIORITY FIVE: NEW CHURCH PLANT — \$25,000

Green Ridge has reached a point in her history where we can begin to think about sending out people to plant new churches. We plan to set aside seed money to partially support a pastor until his church can support him appropriately. We would do this in connection with the Southern Baptists Conservatives of Virginia. It is possible that in time Green Ridge could send out some of its members to help with this new church plant! We want to initially set aside \$25,000 and hopefully incorporate this into future ministry budgets as we seek to be a Great Commission church.

PRIORITY SIX: NEW CHURCH DIGITAL SIGN - \$25,000

If the Lord allows us to fulfill the foregoing objectives, we would like to purchase a new digital sign to insert in the place of our existing sign. This will allow us to change the sign much more easily and allow us to feature multiple opportunities throughout the week. In addition, we plan to feature verses from God's Word. We believe in the power of God's Word and want to use all means possible to get the Word into the hearts and minds of those in our community.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

By investing now to improve the preschool and children's areas and provide more space and parking, Green Ridge will be well positioned to complete the remainder of our facilities plan in the future. The long-term plan involves construction of a building that will include approximately eight classes and a large recreation room. Such a building could be used for an after school ministry, or even an affiliated Christian school.

The Church Health Task Force is in the early stages of considering this building. However, we know the costs for such a facility would place an undue burden on our current ministries. We cannot compromise our current investment in others for a building. As others come and are transformed by God's grace and respond in generous giving, such a building may become a reality. However, the goal is not to build buildings but to make disciples by making the most of what the Lord gives to us. The Lord will provide resources for such a building at just the right time if it is in His will.

An area in which we wish to improve as a congregation is that of being missional in our thinking, giving, and going. North America has many communities where *no* church is preaching the Gospel and urging people to repent of sin and trust Christ. We desire that every member begin to see that, as a slave to Christ, they are called to be a missionary – to be on mission with and have the heart of our Great Missionary God. We want to equip people and send them out to begin new churches in communities that need a Gospel witness. By sending members out, we would be free to grow again in our location and develop more people for Christ. After a time equipping new believers, we could plant another church. While adopting this Gospel-centered approach, we would, of course, remain active in local, North American, and International Missions by taking trips and continuing our support for the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:12–15 that we must consider our building materials when engaged in Kingdom work. Efforts to get the Gospel to others and apply the Gospel in our lives will be the gold, silver, and precious stones hold up in judgment. Green Ridge seeks to impact children, youth, parents, and families – exhorting them to receive God's grace in Christ Jesus and then apply the Gospel to all of life for the rest of their lives. Together, we can do it — ***Together, We Make a Difference.***



***We seek
to glorify the
Lord Jesus Christ
by fulfilling the Great Commission
through worship, evangelism, discipleship,
ministry, fellowship & prayer.***

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