

Los Altos **Grace** Brethren Church

Facility Renovations



As a church
**we are a family
& not a building,**
yet God has given
us a facility that our
church family uses
almost every day of
the week all year
long!

It's The Right Time...

Each Sunday, our building is used for teaching, fellowship, worship, relationship building, evangelism and discipleship by dozens and dozens of people. During the school year, there are hundreds of children and staff on campus as well as parents, grandparents, and friends for our school ministry. A variety of times each year the community uses our church facility for recitals, weddings, funerals, events, meetings and more.

Over the last couple of years, our church leadership has clearly seen the need for renovations. But because we were financially behind budget, we couldn't justify asking for funds for the facility, when our school and church staff were on a salary/support reduction. The choice was made to pray and seek better financial standing and to put the renovation plans on the back burner.

As we close a good financial year and move into the 2013-2014 fiscal year, we are projecting to meet our budget in the school and church. We are restoring our staff to their rightful salary levels from two years ago. Since things look better moving forward, we sense that it is the right time to publicize our plan for facility renovations.

6 Major Renovation Areas

- Auditorium Carpet & Stage Reconfiguration
- Auditorium Air Conditioning
- Auditorium Window Replacement
- Auditorium Window Coverings
- Auditorium Audio-Visual Upgrade
- Bathroom Renovations
(see the next page for details)

Renovations Financial Plan

We have outlined six major renovation areas for our facility. Certainly there is a lot more which could be done, but the following are prioritized for ministry impact. Each renovation project has a reasonable budget/financial goal to be able to complete the task. We have created a separate line item for each project and **work will begin when the project goal is fully funded**.

Obviously money is needed but it is not all we are looking for! Maybe you have expertise that could help reduce costs. Maybe you have connections to a company that might be willing to do "pro-bono" work or offer materials as a "gift-in-kind." All these resources count and would help to get these projects completed.



Auditorium Carpet and Stage Reconfiguration **Goal \$15,000**

No explanation is necessary for this project. We recently got a quote for about \$12K for the auditorium carpeting. When we do the carpet, it is the right time to reconfigure the stage to create more space and be more user-friendly. Some contributions have been building up already for this project totaling \$4000.



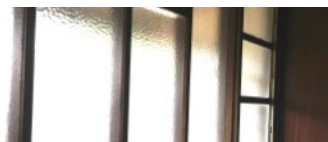
Auditorium Air Conditioning **Goal \$20,000**

When the sun beats down on our big roof, the temperature climbs to uncomfortable levels. You've already sweated enough during programs and services to know it's true. We are gathering quotes and working on the most cost-effective way to cool this unique space.



Auditorium Window Replacement **Goal \$7,500**

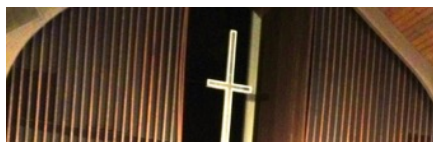
The four banks of windows are original construction. Only a few of the windowpanes open and the mechanisms are breaking down. The vision is for a wall/door of windows which could fully open and allow a great deal of air flow when needed. These windows would also seal to keep out the cold and lock securely.



Auditorium Window Coverings **Goal \$4,000**

Our auditorium gets a great deal of light through the windows. In the evening, the sun can be blinding as it streams in from the west. The light inhibits video projection and the ability to dim the light in the room during daylight hours. We have been using some makeshift curtains when necessary.

A commitment to care for this project has already been secured!
Praise the Lord!



Auditorium Audio-Visual Upgrade **Goal \$10,000**

The high ceiling and architectural features at the front of our auditorium were put there to draw attention to the cross of Christ. No thought at that time was given to designing the space for video projection. We have a plan to significantly enhance our ability to present videos, powerpoint, movies, etc. Our sound equipment has been patched together and most of the pieces are a decade old (or more), so they have been well used and are in need of an upgrade.



Bathroom Renovations **Goal \$7500 per bathroom (4)**

These facilities are used by almost everyone who comes on our campus! The four bathrooms of priority to be renovated are: 1) the restroom next to Room 11 (music room) to make it handicap accessible, in the basement of the auditorium 2) the boys/mens, 3) the girls/womens, and 4) the girls preschool bathroom.

If you would like to contribute over-and-above your regular giving to any or all of these projects, you can do so via cash, check, credit card or online donation. Let the church office know if you have a connection or resource or "gift-in-kind" to be contributed to or considered for any of these projects. Until the individual project is fully funded (financially or by "in-kind" donations) we won't begin the renovation. We are glad to articulate these needs and allow God to meet them through the generosity of His people.