

SEE
BEYOND



centerpointCHURCH

Over 125 years of investing in the future

●
**North
Community
Reformed**

**Hope
Reformed**
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- Established 1889
- Borrowed funds from 1st Reformed to construct the first building
- Remodeled 1902, 1911 and 1925
- Self-sufficient in 1904
- North Park Reformed est. 1913 for those preferring English
- New church on N. Westnedge built 1928
- Hope Reformed Church birthed 1942
- N. Westnedge church remodeled 1950, 1956, 1962
- North Community Reformed Church birthed 1961
- Long-Range planning started 1974
- Purchase of 10th Street property 1977
- Services on 10th Street began 1981
- 10th Street Church remodeled 1983, 1995, 2006
- Construction of Worship Center 2002
- The River birthed 2004
- North Point Church – Plainwell birthed 2006
- New Community Church – Lawton birthed 2006
- Construction of The Point 2008
- Changed name to Centerpoint 2009
- Intl. Christian Fellowship – Virginia birthed 2009
- The Bridge birthed 2010
- Forefront Ministries – Benton Harbor birthed 2011

MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES

128

VOLUNTEER HOURS
SERVED ON ANY
GIVEN SUNDAY

\$300,000+

GIVEN TO LOCAL AND
GLOBAL MISSIONS IN 2015

2770

PEOPLE ON
CAMPUS ANY
GIVEN WEEK

The
River

The
Bridge

Vanguard

Vanguard
North

Voyage
Church

New
Community
Church

North
Point

11

DAUGHTER AND
GRANDDAUGHTER
CHURCHES BIRTHED
(to date)

Forefront
Ministries

Intl. Christian
Fellowship

2160

TOTAL SUNDAY
ATTENDANCE OF
THE DAUGHTER/
GRANDDAUGHTER
CHURCHES

1280

PEOPLE ON
CAMPUS ANY
GIVEN SUNDAY

40

ENROLLED IN STARTING
POINT PRESCHOOL FOR THE
2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

Locally - Globally



One kid to the nursery...
One kid to the basement...
One kid to the Fireside Room...

*"Sometimes I forget – it's certainly not at all convenient,
but I have been doing it for years – I'm used to it."*
– quote from a CP parent

**WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE IS THIS FOR A GUEST...
SOMEONE INVITED INTO OUR BUILDING
FOR THE FIRST TIME?**

1 ATTRACTING AND DISCIPLING CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

by providing engaging
environments where they
are actively involved in the
life of Centerpoint



2 PRESENTING EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

because we only
get one shot at a
first impression

Give us
**SEE
BEY**
this moment

3

PRIORITIZING SAFETY FOR KIDS

by creating a new, secure Children's Ministry area with one stop check-in



LOVE to
OND
ment here

4

WELCOMING THE UNCHURCHED INTO COMMUNITY

by creating a casual, inviting environment that says, "Welcome! You belong"



PLAN KEY

- Hub & Circulation
- Gather & Worship
- Kitchen & Cafe
- Nursery
- Children's Ministry
- Staff Offices





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Give us **VISION** to **SEE** **BEYOND** this moment here

This retrofit will address current challenges in our facility that make it difficult for people to experience the true heart of our ministry at Centerpoint. With a 35 year old building, there are areas that need maintenance and attention, as well as the numerous additions over the years that now work against a flow and order to a safe, secure and welcoming footprint that maximizes our outreach to guests.

Some of the benefits of this needed retrofit are:

PROVIDING 21st CENTURY SECURITY AND INTENTIONAL FLOW FOR OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Our Facilities Study team that started looking at our building needs three years ago discerned that bringing all children (infants – 5th grade) into one secure location was a non-negotiable. If we are committed to reaching out to families and doing all within our power to minimize the possibility of a child being mistreated, this is a must.

ENCOURAGING FELLOWSHIP AND PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

An expanded kitchen and café areas will help us create an environment that invites people to “sit down... relax... let's do 'life' together.” We want people to linger and engage with one another.

ADDRESSING MAINTENANCE ISSUES THAT COME WITH THE STEWARDSHIP OF AN AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Much of our campus south of the main lobby is 30+ years old, and parts look “tired” and “dated” – potentially sending a less-than-positive message to guests. We also face needs with our roof, AC/heating units, carpeting, etc. Some are obvious; others are not – but all are necessary.





CREATING FLEXIBILITY FOR SMALLER FUNCTIONS (WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, GROUP MEETINGS, ETC.)

With some current technology and updated design (like a wall that can drop down to provide privacy), the current Fireside Room area will become more versatile in use for Bible Studies, workshops, Senior gatherings, alternate worship events, weddings, smaller funerals, and other gatherings up to 175 people – even while other events are happening in nearby rooms.

CONSOLIDATING THE NUMBER OF ENTRANCES TO THE BUILDING, MAKING IT EASIER FOR GUESTS TO KNOW WHERE TO GO

CONSOLIDATING OUR STAFF INTO ONE COMMON AREA

We desire an environment that fosters togetherness, synergy, teamwork, fun, joy and productivity for our church staff. In addition, we desire

- A flow where Turningpoint participants can come in through a private entrance, as can a couple who is struggling and wants to meet with a pastor or counselor.
- Spaces where collaborating on projects is possible
- An office complex that minimizes power structures and organizational church hierarchy



Designing spaces
not just for today
but for the **FUTURE**



Give us **COURAGE** to **SEE BEYOND** this moment here

Over 35 years ago, several hundred Centerpointers said “staying here” was not acceptable. They “saw beyond” and envisioned a church on this property on 10th Street that would meet current and future needs. They put off vacations, new cars, remodeling their own houses... they got part-time jobs, and even pulled equity out of their homes, recognizing that a campus that is current and conducive to reaching people they did not know was well worth the financial investment. Their sacrifice is paying dividends now and for eternity.

Today, we stand on their shoulders. It is now our turn to discern if we are willing to make similar sacrifices to reach people we have not met. We are praying about our courage and resolve as a church family... are we all in? Are we prepared to retro-fit 50% of this campus and its exterior to send a message that when we invite young and old, black and white, churched and unchurched, this place is safe, secure, modern, and welcoming?

I believe this investment will result in reaching young families, which is vital for the future of Centerpoint. As a result, I envision us being able to:

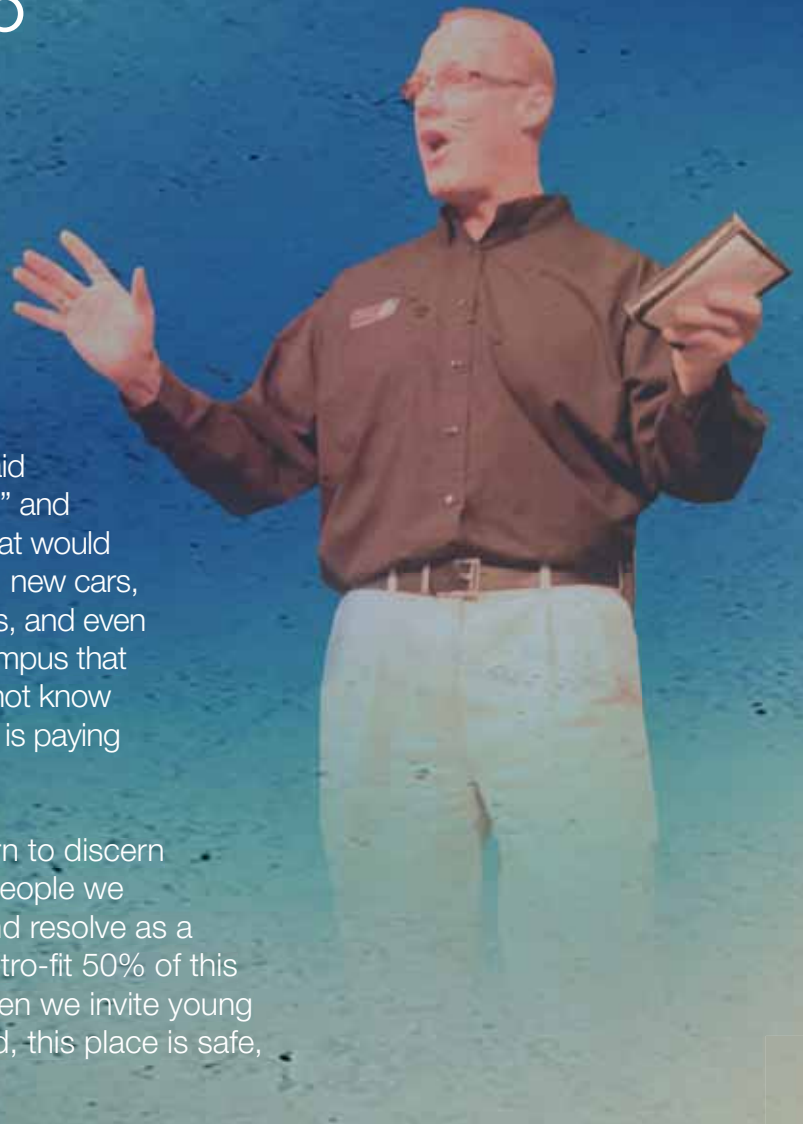
- Multiply more disciples
- Multiply more multi-sites/churches
- Support local/global partnerships, including granddaughter churches
- Grow our numbers and maturity, bringing glory to the Father

For me and my family, we made a decision (at least two years ago) that we would begin saving, doing extra work, saying “no” to certain luxuries, and even be prepared to sell off assets on Craig’s List and garage sales. WHY? Because “staying here” was not acceptable to the brave families that established this ministry on 10th Street, and “staying here” is not acceptable for us. We are “all in” to help build a church my grandchildren will love.

I am praying and trusting that each of you and your families, along with your circle of influence, will also commit with me to have the courage to “SEE BEYOND” for the future. I am convinced this will stretch our discipleship and increase our joy (and the Father’s) as we invest for Kingdom growth, and multiply churches and disciples both locally and globally.



Jeff Porte
Lead Pastor



WHY RETROFIT INSTEAD OF BUILDING AN ADDITION?

Based on extensive master planning, including research into ministry goals for growth and improvement, we believe Centerpoint has enough space to meet current and future needs. By retrofitting existing spaces, we can breathe new life into them for the mission and ministries of the church today and in the future. This will be approximate 50% of the cost of building new in today's construction economy.

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE? WILL THERE BE INTERRUPTION OF MINISTRY?

We anticipate 12-14 months of construction to complete the work. Our plan is that there will not be any interruption to our ministries or programs with this retrofit. While construction is implemented in phases, programs will utilize other areas of the existing church facility.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED COST? HOW MUCH WILL BE RETROFITTED?

Our budget is approximate \$5.3 million, involving 39,317 square feet of space. Based on these figures, the cost per square foot is \$135.68 – significantly less than what new construction would be.

WHAT ABOUT THE FINANCING?

- By the end of 2016, we will have eliminated ALL previous debt.
- We have been historically making \$15,000 to \$20,000 debt payments each month.
- We would love to raise the entire amount needed this fall in 3-year pledges to have a completely debt-free facility.
- Short of that, our leadership believes we can finance an amount so that our monthly payments are in the range we have been historically accustomed to.

A “YES” vote indicates that you agree Centerpoint should move forward with the retrofit, and that you will support this with your prayers, your service, and your giving.

We desire that...



Every person at Centerpoint **be informed** and **prayerfully seek** how they fit into furthering the church's mission and ministry.



Every person at Centerpoint **affirms their commitment** to regularly supporting the church with their involvement, their service, their prayers, and their giving.



Every person at Centerpoint pray about **making the largest financial commitment** they have ever made (above and beyond regular giving).

Give us **GRACE** to
SEE
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this moment here

