

# “Let the little children come unto Me. . .”

Matthew 19:14

“Stop asking God to bless what you’re doing, and start doing what God is blessing.”

In recent years, God has quadrupled the children at LifeJourney Church. We now average **50 children** on Sunday, and sometimes have over 70! Existing classroom space is stretched to the breaking point. Clearly God is moving, and we need to catch up!

So today we’re launching a capital campaign to create a **new wing of five classrooms**. At the same time, we also hope to make some changes to better serve everyone, both children and adults. Our **restrooms** are too small, our **main entrance** is cramped, and we need to complete the transformation of our **social hall** for worship overflow.

All who participate will be honored on a brand new Great Pioneer 4 plaque that will hang in the west hallway!

## The Goal

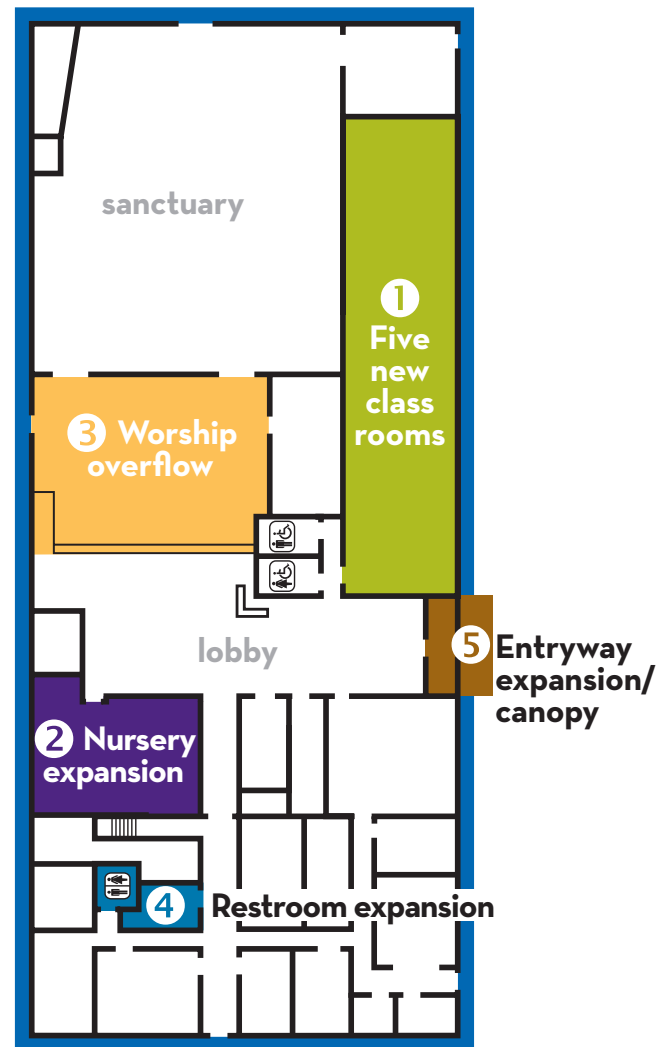
① Five new classrooms	\$97,806
② Nursery expansion	20,600
③ Worship overflow modifications	4,100
④ Restroom expansion	18,065
⑤ Entryway expansion/canopy	27,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$167,601</b>

## How To Reach Our Goal

Here’s an example of the size and number of donations needed to achieve our goal. Can you be one of these donors?

Number of Givers	Gift Amount	Total Funds
2	\$15,000	\$30,000
3	\$10,000	30,000
7	\$5,000	35,000
15	\$2,000	30,000
25	\$1,000	25,000
35	\$500	17,500
<b>87</b>		<b>\$167,500</b>

Please do not reduce your regular giving to support our capital campaign. Regular giving is even more important!



## Response Form

Yes, I feel called to help make room for our children and enhance the ministry effectiveness of our church building! My pledge is:

Pledge Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Date I will fulfill my pledge \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is May 31, 2013. It's OK to pay in installments.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form in the offering or in the basket at the info kiosk. **Please clearly write "Pioneer 4"** on any check you give for this campaign!

## Great Pioneer 4: Questions & Answers

### Can't we make do with existing classrooms?

We're already using existing classrooms to capacity. In some cases, kids in separate classes are lumped together in one room, merely separated by a curtain, which makes things confusing. Plus, our existing classrooms were originally designed as offices — so they're odd shapes, cramped, and spread out across the building. Our new classroom wing will allow us to consolidate children's classrooms into one area, completely secure that area, and have a highly-visible central check-in for our kids right as you enter the front door. Picture it, as you walk in the main entrance to the building, the first thing you'll see off to your right is a vivid child check-in with a child friendly design!

These five new classrooms will also expand our capacity to have more adult Oasis Groups at the church during the week. Currently, on several nights of the week, we sometimes run out of adult classroom space.

### What's up with the nursery?

We've had a baby explosion at LifeJourney! Sometimes we have up to 12 babies in the nursery at once. Several months ago, volunteers knocked out a few walls to create more space in our nursery. But that's just a stop-gap measure. Additional walls need to be removed, ceilings and lights need to be leveled, and ramps and vision panels installed. We need a state-of-the-art nursery that is appealing to infants and inspires maximum confidence in parents.

### What are the plans for the social hall and worship expansion?

In several years, we will probably need to build a new sanctuary onto the front of our building, expanding out into the vacant grassy lot that borders 56th Street. Until then, we need a nice overflow area for when the 11:00 am service gets too crowded. To create this space, we plan to separate the lower part of the social hall (where the tables are) from the upper area with a partial stained glass wall. The stained glass

has been donated, and we've already installed the large-screen TV. Now we need to build the partial wall and adjust the lighting and décor of the lower area to create a quieter café-type environment that will feel more conducive to worship. In the future, some people may actually prefer to sit in the café area, so they can sip coffee or snack as they worship.

### What are plans for the restrooms?

Right now, our women's restroom often gets crowded. Our men's room is also cramped during high traffic times. The goal is to build a second set of restrooms off of the west hallway. The new women's room will add three stalls. The new men's room will add a stall and urinal.

### What happens if we fall short of our goal?

Then we will accomplish as much as we can with what is given. For example, we might create four classrooms instead of five. Or we might defer expanding the main entryway. If we fall short, the Board of Directors will look at where we are and set overall priorities.

### Have we ever done something like this before?

Yes, this is the fourth capital campaign in the history of our church. The first allowed us to acquire our building. The second and third allowed us to make some basic renovations to our building, acquire the front lots that border 56th Street, and add Pastor Vivian to staff. So this is the fourth great wave, as we try to keep up with the wonderful growth God is giving us.

We now have the chance to make our church building child-friendly, reflecting wonderful changes God has been making possible in our congregation and in American culture overall! Our children are a sacred trust. Your generosity will help us equip them with a spiritual foundation that will bless them — and allow them to bless others — for a lifetime. This is the next great frontier at LifeJourney Church. Let's rise up and build!