

Question and Answer Document

Coffee bar of 188 square feet is extremely large unless this is a coffee shop.

The coffee bar is part of the larger narthex/sharing space. This space will be a place for people to meet and connect and was important to many different church ministries.

Storage behind coffee should go other way to worship.

This area still needs to be completely designed and may be used in this manner.

Need music practice space.

Music practice will happen primarily in the new sanctuary as it will be equipped with the sound system and acoustical elements.

I brought up the "Bride's Room". I didn't mean a separate room. What I've seen to be most effective is a large ladies room to include a lounge area with mirror and sofa. Also it would be handy for baby changing table.

This type of room won't fit in the new ladies room but it has been discussed and a room similar to what you describe may end up in the building somewhere.

I think it important to have the Nursery part of the Sanctuary and NOT the food pantry. The food pantry should be in the original building for several reasons, #1 reason being the mess with mice and insects as well as bad weather days.

These are all good concerns. The proximity of the nursery to the worship space is an important consideration, as parents want to be close in proximity to their children, especially guests and visitors. The present location provides both sight lines and proximity between the worship space and the nursery.

Regarding the location of the food pantry, it's important to first note that mice and insects have never been a problem with our food pantry. Staying on top of this issue is critical to maintaining our status as a Northern Illinois Food Bank accredited pantry. Second, and more importantly, we believe the present food pantry location will be a huge asset to our food pantry ministry. We operate the pantry for two reasons- it feeds hungry people, and it allows us an opportunity to build relationships and share the Gospel. Locating the pantry so close to our narthex/sharing space allows conversations to happen and relationships to build in a more natural setting, rather than in the time and space crunch of a hallway.

What is the worship center capacity?

The sanctuary can seat up to 299 with fix seating. It may be bit less once we decide where the praise team and organ go and once we determine the final size of the worship platform.

Little disappointed to not see another school room added for future growth and/or kindergarten but at the same time, don't really see where it could be added.

The addition is just less than 10,000 square feet. This is an important number because if we went larger we would have to fire sprinkler everything and increase our building costs

beyond our budget. The current youth room is going back to Gloryland at some point so they can expand. Their Board has talked about making that room a kindergarten.

Youth room needs a window, any room that ends up there needs a window unless it is storage.

This will be considered in the architectural design phase.

Please put a kid size potty and sink in the family bathroom.

This will be considered in the architectural design phase.

Need a cry room for the worship center, somewhere for parents and babies to go and still be able to see and listen to service, doesn't have to be big.

There is ongoing discussion on this room and it may/can also double as a "bride room" "funeral family room" "quiet prayer room" and "library." This issue may also be solved by a technological solution if it can't be adjacent to the worship center – TV for live audio/video of service.

Is there a plan to make the kitchen fully functional, pretty much just adding a stove. Also need filter for water taste so we don't have to haul in water.

There is ongoing discussion on both of these items. As part of the feasibility study we asked Aspen to get us a price on the cost to get city water. That cost was over \$200,000 so we will not be bringing in city water. We are investigating a cost to filter it.

Handicap buttons on new doors?

This will be considered in the architectural design phase.

Anything happening with garage? Bigger, lights?

This has not been discussed. This is probably out of the scope of this building plan due to budget constraints but should be discussed further as a solution to storage needs.

Not completely happy with moving the food pantry after all the work to paint the hallway and to build the sidewalk. I think about a Sunday morning and the food pantry area is "dead space" instead of using it for a nursery/youth room/social area. The narthex area does seem large enough to allow for people to sit and chat but again the food pantry space will be unused during a Sunday morning.

The hard work has not gone unnoticed. Remember we are still at least a year away from changing anything we do or have so that space is not going away tomorrow. The food pantry needs a bigger space and their board also talks about long term expansion into other social services for the community beyond just food. Their existing space just isn't large enough. Regarding that hallway; nothing really can go there permanently or semi-permanently due to fire code reasons since it is an exit hallway.

I am concerned about the current platform space being converted into a youth room. Not that they should not have a space, but rather that if that space is converted to a youth room, what happens to all of the sound system and acoustic treatments in that

space that were going to be used long term for concerts, possible worship space still, etc. If the platform is gone, how would that continue to be used for these kinds of events?

We've wrestled a lot with the questions you've brought up and we are not done yet. We know we need a youth space. It would also be nice to have the current stage intact. To fill all the needs we have, a lot of the space must be flexible. We wrestle with many decisions and have to prioritize. The platform may stay intact and simply have the youth furniture and games moved there. We may get a thicker curtain for sound or have a partition wall similar to what you see in hotel conference rooms. We may remove the stage entirely. Regarding the acoustic treatments; there will be VBS, bible studies, breakfasts etc. (not to mention a year or so of worship) in the gym. Regarding the sound; we will need something in the gym. Can we afford two complete systems? Does a smaller system remain in the current gym and the "nicer" stuff move to the new space? Regarding use as concert or worship space; when we build, and if the platform is gone, can this be done with risers or even at floor level? Can we move equipment from the new sanctuary for events like this?

Looks good. Just two things - Any place specifically for wheel chairs in the worship center so the person is not out in the aisle and feel like they have a place. Getting wheelchair in bathroom looks tight. The front overhang by the door should be wider....everyone walks out and stops....a little more room on the sides would let people move to the side or get around. Other than that it looks great.

These will be considered in the architectural design phase

Am curious as to how much glass there will be in worship center. Inside lighting can be a challenge if there is too much natural light

We don't know on the glass yet. Too much natural light will "wash out" the projector screens for one. There will be some glass but don't know on the placement/size yet. This will be considered further in the architectural design phase

I noticed seating for 284 members. That is slightly more than current membership. I feel that we should plan ahead for seating for at least 100 more members. With our dynamic Pastor within 2+ years we would be in an overflow situation as this plan show. We also agree about the Pastor! We certainly wrestled with the size of the sanctuary. Some background...We currently worship between 60 and 80 at early service and between 120 and 140 at late service. The proposed seating is more than 2 times the size of our largest worship. If/when we get too large for the new space; we will probably add a third service to accommodate the overflow. There were also some code issues. We are able to avoid fire sprinklers in the new space and retrofitting the old space (a huge cost) if we keep seating under 300 people in the new space..

I did not see a Praise Team placement or a place for instruments.

We don't know where it is going yet. This will be decided in the architectural design phase.

Men's room near food pantry should have 2 toilets and 1 or 2 urinals. 1 is not enough.

This will be considered in the architectural design phase

Storage area near stage looks small and seems inefficient to have it split

The sanctuary space still has a lot of design work left.

Probably should have a dress/prep room for musicians, especially if we plan to host events and concerts.

This will be considered in the architectural design phase as we work on the sanctuary space.

Did not see storage area for youth room; maybe add a small room on the east wall (normal supplies and rummage sale prep).

This will be considered in the architectural design phase.