

Hello, Westsider!

Below we've answered some common questions about the Fearless season. If you have an additional question, contact Director of Ministries, Melissa Sandel at MelissaS@wschurch.org.

This season will be challenging and exciting! As Fearless winds to completion, all of us will want to be able to testify that we were huge believers in the vision from the start. God is giving the fearless among us an opportunity for front-line engagement in a wave of kingdom expansion. So, friend, if a concern or question is preventing you from enthusiastically embracing Fearless, please bring it to our church leaders. We're eager to help.

Thanks for helping West Side do bigger, bolder things that honor our Great God and our Mighty Savior.

Eddie and the West Side Leadership Team

WHAT IS THE EXPECTED TIMELINE FOR CONSTRUCTION? The anticipated construction timeline is 18-20 months. Work on the new Kids Wing and Main Entrance began in March 2019 and will conclude in late 2019. Construction on the remaining Concourse addition and new Worship Center will follow with an intended occupancy date of roughly December 2020.

WHY IS A NEW WORSHIP CENTER NEEDED? Our Worship Center fills to capacity (and beyond) in our largest services on high-attendance Sundays, which has required us to use overflow worship space increasingly often. While we never reach capacity at all services, open seats during our highest-attended services is essential to growth. In 2018, we used overflow space a record number of times. While overflow seating prevents us from turning people away, it is not the experience we want to offer our guests. Each weekend, we welcome 3x as many people on our campus as when the current Worship Center was built.

CAN THE EXISTING WORSHIP CENTER BE EXPANDED? Two separate structural engineering studies have determined that expanding our current Worship Center is not wise. Even if a way could be found, the price per seat would be exorbitant. The room would also be unavailable to us for a significant amount of time during construction. Easily, the best value and the best long-term planning decision is to construct a new 2200-seat Worship Center.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR EXISTING WORSHIP CENTER? Once our new, larger Worship Center is complete, our existing worship space will be used as multipurpose space. It will be valuable for funerals, weddings, special events and mid-size groups. It could obviously be used as alternate or overflow worship space in the future. We will add a warming kitchen as soon as possible. A flat floor will eventually optimize the accessibility and flexibility of this space.

CAN WE RE-USE TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIALS FROM SPACES RENOVATED IN RECENT YEARS? Wherever possible, we plan to relocate and repurpose current technology, appliances and furnishings from rooms that are either impacted by construction or slated for a different type of use. We are committed to wise, intentional stewardship of the church's resources.

WHERE WILL OUR 8:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE MEET DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION?

Throughout most of 2019, traditional worship will simply remain in Centennial Hall. In December, traditional worshippers will relocate to a high-quality worship room in the newly-built Kids Wing. This space will be inviting, appropriate for worship and located near our valet parking zone. After construction is complete, traditional worship will relocate to the multi-purpose space adapted from the previous Worship Center. Additional questions may be directed to Mike Harney or Melissa Sandel.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THE NEW FACILITIES HAVE ON FUTURE WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES AND ABF

CLASSES? Since construction will continue until the end of 2020, we have not yet determined our post-construction service times or ABF schedule. We expect minimal impact on ABF classes during construction.

IS A CANOPY OR COVERED ENTRANCE INCLUDED IN THE MASTER PLAN? Throughout construction, our Valet Parking Ministry will continue to provide door-to-door service for seniors and anyone with mobility concerns. We continue to work with architects and builders to identify a workable and cost-effective canopy option.

HOW WILL CONSTRUCTION IMPACT SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL? West Side values SCS and has made significant investments in the school during the Fearless initiative. As always, church leaders will work diligently with SCS leaders to ensure that daily school operations continue smoothly. While we will attempt to minimize changes to traffic flow and access, parents should expect such changes and remain flexible throughout construction. The school's current footprint will remain much the same with some adjustment in how rooms are used. During the first year of Fearless, SCS has already received a designated SCS Main Entrance, remodeled bathrooms adjacent to the gym and relocated, redesigned offices. At this time, the church property used for SCS baseball and track activity will not be impacted. There will continue to be increased, intentional communication with SCS families during construction.

HOW WILL THE NEW FACILITIES ACCOMMODATE THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS? The following features will better serve Westsiders and their guests with special needs:

- Additional handicapped parking spaces
- More accessible seats in prime viewing areas of the new Worship Center
- New Family Restrooms adjacent to the Main Concourse
- Dedicated rooms for kids with special needs

HOW WILL SECURITY EXPAND TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH? Safety and security are priorities for our leaders. As our growth continues, our team of plain-clothed and uniformed officers will grow with us and will monitor our campus and activities. Our video security system is undergoing a significant expansion at this time, which will enhance our security throughout the week. We will continue to consult with security professionals and to appropriately enhance our security measures.

WHY DID WE INCREASE OUR FINANCIAL GOAL TO \$30 MILLION? Since pursuing an initial goal of \$27 million, we have identified additional opportunities that are exciting and advantageous for us to seize sooner rather than later. Increasing our financial goal to \$30 million enables us to expand the originally suggested Concourse space, accelerate the construction of additional parking, convert the existing Worship Center into a valuable multi-purpose space, and lay the groundwork for future West Side campuses.

WHERE WILL WE PLANT FUTURE CAMPUSES OF WEST SIDE? Future campus locations are not yet determined. Over the next several years, we will focus mostly on building additional momentum at our current site, trusting God to draw our attention to additional locations across our region in the years ahead. It's too early to select or fund future campus sites, but it's not too early to pray that God will show us when and where!