



# Building 4 Eternity

It is hard to believe that it has been more than five years since Church of the Holy Spirit – Orchard Hills became a reality and began worshipping in our current facility on Sunday mornings in January of 2003. So many things were uncertain at that time. Would God bring people? How would we care for the needs of those He did bring? Would we make it financially? What role was each of us to play?

As I look back and reflect upon the questions I don't think I ever doubted whether this was God's will for us. I knew we would be successful because God had instilled a passion in us for reaching out to a part of the Roanoke Valley that most of us knew little or nothing about. The only explanation I had was that this was "A God Thing!"

The passion and assurance has not left me and God has instilled that same passion and assurance in many of you. I believe with all my heart that God is now calling us to take another step of faith. The time has come to expand the current facilities that we have been blessed with and become more effective in reaching out to our community while meeting the needs of the folks He has already brought to Orchard Hills and is yet to bring.

This is an exciting time but a challenging time. I can see the vision of new construction taking place so clearly that I feel I am on a virtual tour and can reach out and touch it. I see people of all ages engaging with members of Orchard Hills in authentic, comfortable and ordinary ways that lead to extraordinary changes in their lives. I see this vision of **People Investing in People 4 Eternity** becoming more and more of a reality and I see God using some bricks and mortar plus some wood and steel in the process. I can see but I can't yet touch it because it is beyond my grasp! The only way for this vision to become a reality is for all of us to own it and support it; prayerfully, spiritually, physically and financially.

Enclosed are more of the details. We have come a long way in a few short years and I believe the fun is just beginning! The same questions we were asking five years ago remain today. Ask God to show you what part you are to play as we Build 4 Eternity together.

Peace,

*Scott*

## Why Phase 1 first?

### *Strategic Reason – Outreach focus to community.*

- ◆ Our natural tendency is to consider our needs and desires before those of others which is contrary to God's command for us to consider others as more important than ourselves. This building will always be a visible and tangible reminder of God's call for us as a church.
- ◆ It will provide a gathering place for people of all ages through the café, game area, gymnasium and amphitheater style meeting room with audio/visual capabilities.
- ◆ This would be neutral but holy ground for developing relationships with people who would not otherwise come to our church and provide the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

***There is also the possibility that a coffee shop serving Rwandan Coffee could benefit the needy in Africa, thus expanding our outreach to the world!***

### *Practical Reasons – It would address our most immediate physical needs.*

- ◆ We would gain much needed classroom/meeting space and fellowship space.
- ◆ We would also double our current parking capacity.
- ◆ **It would be the most logical and least disruptive course of construction.**
- ◆ By building PHASE 1 first, we would be able to continue to worship without disruption on Sunday mornings and we would maintain all of our current classrooms and offices. If we outgrow our current sanctuary before PHASE 2 is complete we can relocate Sunday morning services to the gymnasium or start a simultaneous service in the amphitheater meeting space. We would have options.

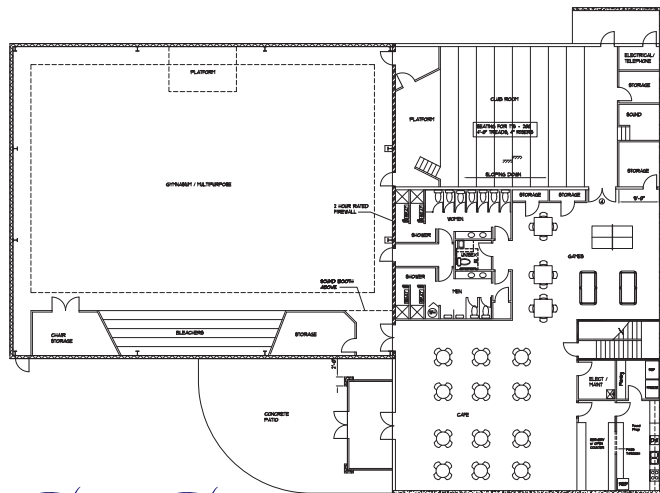
# What are the building plans?

## Phase 1

Build an 18,000 square foot multi-purpose building down by the entrance that would be a free-standing structure that is easily accessible to the general public with excellent road frontage and visibility. It would include the following;

### Parking and Drainage

Nearly doubling existing parking area to 200 spaces.



### First Floor

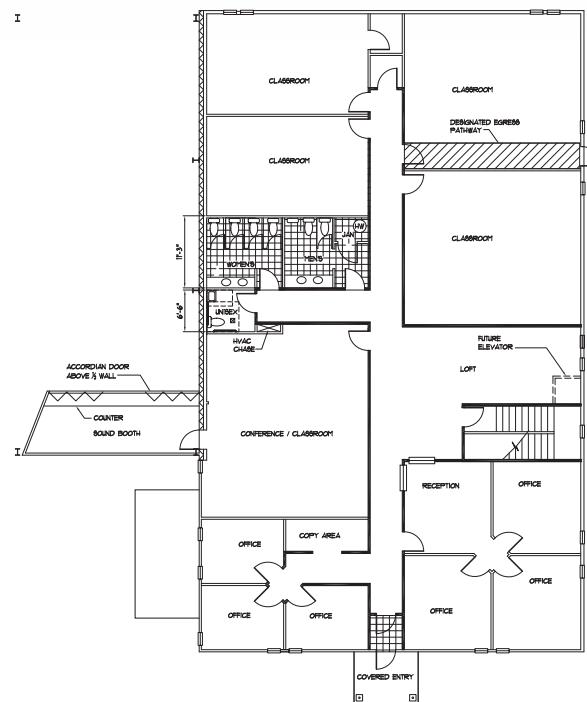
Café, kitchen, game area and bathrooms/ changing rooms, amphitheater style meeting room, a multi-purpose gymnasium.

### Outside

Patio area with seating, fenced toddler playground, and improved signage for church and new building.

## Phase 2

Renovate the existing sanctuary and office space into a grand foyer/fellowship area and construct a new sanctuary, classroom and office wing to be attached to the existing church structure with a new, more beautiful façade. It would include; enough money through the PHASE 1 campaign to retire that debt as well.



### Second Floor

Office space to include seven offices, 5 large classrooms plus additional meeting and bathroom space.

## What are the next steps?

We plan to have small group gatherings with everyone in the church throughout the summer to examine the plans and address any questions.

## When will you ask for money?

November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Commitment Sunday when we ask everyone to pledge how much they will give over a three year period.

## When would construction begin?

**Provided we receive pledges to cover the cost of PHASE 1, construction could begin in early 2009.**