

Why We're Doing It

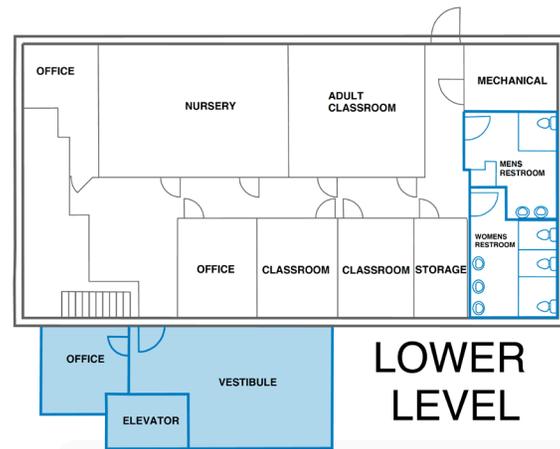
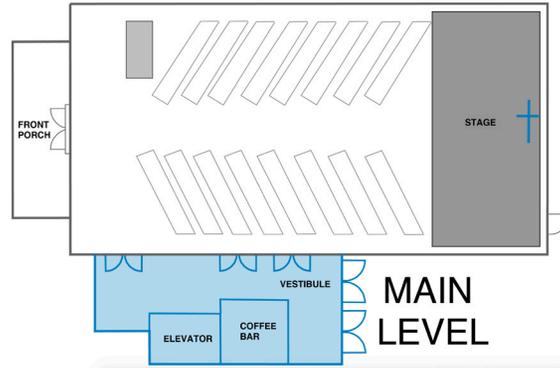
We need to be able to continue demonstrating our love and bring people to Christ. Did you know 66% of all American churches are experiencing no-growth or a decline in numbers? (*State of American Theology, Lifeway Research, 2014*)

We want our church to thrive! If our church increases in numbers that means more and more people are coming to Christ! That is exciting! To do that, we must find a way to encourage them to come.

We believe one of the best ways to do that is to make our church more accessible to the community. It is a multi-pronged approach: loving Christian members, an accessible church facility, and community outreach.

We already have the love of Christ in our membership, and we are actively engaged in our community. But now is the time to think of the generations who will come after us. It is time to upgrade the facilities. We do this not for ourselves, but to glorify God and continue His mission on earth!

Just as technology evolves, so our church must also evolve in its ability to draw new members. We praise God for those faithful church members who have come before us, sacrificed, worshiped, and invested in this church. Most of the names of those members have been forgotten, but God knows each one...and God knows you!



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Who We Are

Jesus is the cornerstone of Alexandria Free Methodist Church. Faith in Jesus, and the love that is produced by that faith, is the reason our church has been able to sustain itself in Alexandria since 1879. Love is an action word, and the actions of the people in this church have been truly remarkable.

We embody the Great Commandment to love God, love others, make disciples, and serve the world found in the teachings of Jesus.

Through our love and devotion, we have planted churches throughout Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. that serve our community and the world. We have served the poor through homeless outreach. We have provided hurricane relief to our fellow Americans. We have taught thousands of children through Sunday School and summer programs. We have impacted the world through mission outreaches in places as far away as India, and as close as our own backyards. Most importantly, by the grace of God, we have brought many to a personal faith in God—a God who loves us so much that he took on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ!



We're **ALL IN**

Now is the time to take bold steps of faith. We have chosen to call our project **ALL IN** because the only way we can successfully do what God is calling us to do is if we are **ALL IN** with our hearts, souls, and minds.

Here is how we are **ALL IN**:

We are **ALL IN for Jesus**, and believe He is the answer. We want to fully submit to whatever He commands us to do.

We are **ALL IN for the community**, because we desire to serve our neighbors by meeting their most pressing needs.

We are **ALL IN for the next generation**, because faithful members were **ALL IN** for us 140 years ago, and because we want to see this Church continue to make disciples and spread the Word of God long after we are gone.

What We're Doing

Our church is special. Many of us have met with God under the shade of the enormous oak trees, been married at the altar, dedicated and baptized our children on the grounds, and said good-bye to those we love at funeral services.

Thankful as we are for this facility, we need to modernize and expand it to do what God calls us to do. The scope of the construction project includes:

- New men's and women's restrooms;
- An elevator to provide accessibility to the lower level;
- An expanded foyer and welcome area;
- Expanded Sunday school classroom space.

The cost of these improvements is estimated to be \$700,000. Our goal is to raise between \$125,000 and \$175,000 in cash and pledges in this current campaign with the balance secured through a loan. In order to reach this goal, we ask that you consider partnering with us and investing resources to help change lives for generations to come.