

free to
THRIVE
60 YEARS

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

Canyon Creek
Presbyterian Church



A Letter from the Pastor

Relational ministry has always been at the heart of this church. For 60 years, Canyon Creek has been filling the hearts of people with the joy of Christ. It is something we will keep doing for the next 60 years as we follow Jesus Christ by building relationships wherever we go.

If we are going to continue in that mission and grow as a Matthew 25 congregation. If we are going to host a counseling center. If we are going to partner with True Love Church in Garland more fully. If we are going to fully utilize our campus as a beacon to the community, then we must address the needs of our facility.

In the pages of this campaign guide, you will learn the details of what we are facing together. We hope to repair the facility, renovate key areas, and reach out with new supportive funds for ministry. We believe that, with God's help, we can prepare our space for greater mission and purpose in and for the community around us.

The **Free to Thrive** campaign calls us to take a sacrificial step of giving so future generations can be part of the ministry of this faithful and vibrant church. An endeavor like this one involves all of who we are: our time, our money, our prayers, and our faith. As we pursue this together, I invite you to commit this prayer, "God, what do you want to do through me?" to your daily practice.

A building is merely a tool, but it is a very important tool in accomplishing the mission of the church. Join me in praying that God will use us to welcome others just as we have been welcomed into a relationship with the one who opens our hearts and minds to a whole new way of life.

Faithfully,

Andy Odom

Pastor



A History of the Church

60 years ago, on September 8th, 1963, a group of people gathered together for worship in the Civic Center in Richardson, Texas, founding the church that ultimately became Canyon Creek Presbyterian. With many years of praise, growth, and cherished memories moving with the congregation through every temporary location, Canyon Creek finally settled on Campbell Road where the community continued to thrive spiritually. Then, in 2003, the congregation made the bold decision to move to our current location on North Star Road.

The journey to where we are now was a major spiritual and financial undertaking. Since the move, we've continued to grow more financially healthy while remaining spiritually strong. With the help of God's guiding hand, it's time to open up a new chapter of faith, love, and sacrifice as we come together to fulfill our mission: *following Jesus Christ by building relationships wherever we go.*

While many things have changed since the founding of CCPC, our journey to spread faith and love remains constant. As the congregation grows and changes to fulfill this journey, our space's needs also change. The time has come to strengthen the foundation that is Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church and strengthen its ability to be **Free to Thrive.**



A Note from Our Co-Chairs

The Next 60 Years

What an exciting time to be a member of Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church! For the past 60 years, our lives and those of our families and friends have been touched in so many ways and by so many people at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church. We are truly blessed. Now, we are undertaking a bold initiative to prepare our church for the next 60 years of ministry!

We are growing and touching lives here in our community and across the world. As Campaign Co-Chairs of **Free to Thrive**, we know that through God's light and love we will not only improve upon our space, but more importantly expand our ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider your role in this campaign by joining us in praying, "God, what do you want to do through me?"

Free to Thrive is a campaign that will:

1. **Reach out** using funds for some of our new Matthew 25 initiatives.
2. **Repair** the facilities inside and out.
3. **Renovate** key areas of the facility to give the church a facelift.

For the next 60 years, where do you see this church heading? Through your generous support, our church family will live out the call of our mission statement of *following Jesus Christ by building relationships wherever we go*. Our families support this exciting opportunity, and we believe in Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church and all that we can accomplish when we come together as one united church family.

Thank you for all your love of CCPC, and please join us in supporting this exciting campaign.

*Jay and Jo Bryan
Brian and Christine Craft*
Co-Chairs

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The Crafts



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From the very beginning, CCPC's physical location has served as a doorway between those we meet inside the walls and those we serve beyond the walls. While the church continues to grow and connect with the wider community, it is important to have a strong foundation to work from.

The facilities are an essential part of achieving our mission and are the means to help us reach out and invite others to connect with us and with God. Our building needs to be ready to welcome more people, new people, and new kinds of people, as well as support a new generation of mission and ministry. God is calling each of us to work together in the present, allowing those around us to experience the Christ-centered connection we have come to know and love. It is time to come together and build new relationships. It is time to work together to prepare for future generations so we are **Free to Thrive** in the next 60 years.

The time to move forward is now, and this campaign will help us do so.

With your generosity in this new season, we plan to repair, renovate, and reach out. Let us all open the doors to the new opportunities and relationships that greet us in the next 60 years as those who founded the church did 60 years ago.



Repair:

It is vital to have a campus that can be fully ready for the future. Over the past few years, the Property and Maintenance Committee, along with guidance from the Session, has been working with industry professionals to assess the needs and repairs of our facility. The number one priority includes repairing and protecting the building from water leaks and damage. We will repair the roof, replace the window seals, apply a sealant to the entire church exterior to prevent future water leaks, and repair the interior damage that has already occurred. Finally, we will implement needed repairs to our HVAC system.

Renovate:

In addition to the repairs, we will enhance the church and renovate key areas in anticipation and preparation for our new chapter together. Projects in this category include: improving the sanctuary sound system, replacing high-use carpet, and tinting appropriate windows around the church to help reduce energy costs.

Reach Out:

Since 2020, Canyon Creek has worked with different teams within the church to solidify itself as a Mathew 25 church and expand our outreach to serve those who are overlooked and ignored. Through the campaign, we are setting up funds for three different initiatives. They are:

1. A scholarship fund for the new counseling center that is set to open in the near future. This fund will assist clients who cannot otherwise afford the cost of counseling.
2. A fund to support the ministry of our new partner congregation, True Love Church in Garland. We are excited about this new partnership. True Love Church does ministry in a way that we cannot, working tirelessly to reach out to the unchurched and marginalized.
3. A fund to seed our efforts for increased outreach programs from our campus to the immediate community. The details of what these programs will be are still being determined by our Implementation Team.





**Free to Thrive
Campaign Predicted Budget***

REPAIR (\$2.1M)	RENOVATE (\$300,000)	REACH OUT (\$100,000)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Repair the roof ➤ Repair water damage ➤ Apply sealant to church exterior ➤ Replace window seals ➤ Repair HVAC system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sanctuary sound system ➤ Replace high-use carpet ➤ Window tinting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Counseling Scholarship Fund ➤ True Love Church Fund ➤ Outreach Programming Fund

**Session will allocate funds for these projects as commitments are received. Cost estimates are subject to unforeseen economic variables.*



FAQs

How much are we trying to raise and how long is the contribution period?

We hope to raise \$2.5 million over a three-year giving period. The amount we are able to raise will determine how much we are able to accomplish.

When does the giving period begin and end?

Giving will officially begin in December of this year when you will be asked to make a “first fruit offering” to the campaign. The three-year giving period will conclude in January of 2027, allowing you the opportunity to give over four tax periods.

Can I shift my annual giving to the church to this campaign?

We ask that you don't. This campaign seeks to raise funds over and above our annual operating budget. It's important that we continue to fund our ongoing mission and ministry beyond this campaign. Note that our annual giving emphasis will occur in January 2024, so please keep that in mind as you prayerfully discern what your giving to this campaign will be so as not to hinder your annual giving to the church.

Do some areas of focus have a higher priority than others?

While we hope to be able to fully fund every project in the campaign, should that not become possible, the Session of the church will determine the best path forward.

When will the work begin, and when will it be completed?

Due to the uncertainty of construction costs, we plan to proceed with repairs and renovations as soon as is feasible. There are several next steps, including permits, receiving competitive bids, selecting a firm, and completing the work. To ensure the quality of the firm we contract with and the work that is performed, we have secured an engineering consultant to oversee the bidding, help select the right firm, and watch over the work until it is completed. If all goes well, we hope the work will begin by the middle of next year.

Will the work impact our ongoing ministries?

Though we don't expect any interruption of our ministries, there will certainly be times when scaffolding and other equipment will be present both in and around the building. Should there be a need to move any activities, we are blessed with enough space to accommodate any temporary shifting that may be needed.

How will costs be covered while giving to the campaign comes in?

We are pursuing short-term financing with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) to be able to appropriately fund the work as giving is received throughout the campaign. A congregational meeting will be called to approve any borrowing we secure.

Is there any remaining debt from the last capital campaign, and will there be more after this one?

The previous capital campaign was a huge success, raising \$2.65 million as a result of your generosity. As of August 31, 2023, our mortgage balance was \$312,996. Church leaders are committed to limiting the scope of this next campaign to match the amount committed. If that means we are unable to fully fund all three focus projects, the Session will determine the best path forward.

What is Your Place in This Campaign?

We are asking you to do three things: Pray, Engage, and Respond.

Pray

“God, what do you want to do through me?” Please take time to pray this prayer as you consider how God wants you to respond. It is only through seeking God's guidance that we will successfully reach our goals through this campaign effort.

Engage

We not only desire your prayers for this campaign, but we want your active engagement as well. Commit to coming to worship during this season, join a Sunday class or small group study, participate in one of our mission opportunities, and attend our many upcoming special Sundays:

October 29th – Gratitude Sunday: “I am grateful to God for my church because...” On this Sunday, we will all be invited to answer that question and express our gratitude as we consider the ways God has used CCPC to make a positive impact on our lives.

November 5th – Ministry Sunday: We'll celebrate the life-changing ministries of our church and the inspiring stories of how individuals and families of all generations have been blessed by God through our ministries.

November 12th – “Free to Thrive” Sunday: We'll hear a special announcement about the campaign, receive instructions about making a three-year commitment, and be invited into a period of further discernment.

November 19th – Commitment Days Begin: This day marks the commencement of a two-week period during which we will be invited to offer our three-year commitments as an act of worship.

December 3rd – Announcement Sunday: We'll celebrate the faithfulness of God and the collective generosity of the CCPC family as we announce the total of the three-year commitments received to date.

Respond

Pray earnestly about how God wants you to give above and beyond your regular offerings in giving sacrificially to help CCPC become **Free to Thrive**. Boldly and faithfully respond to God's call for your participation. God does not call us to an equal share, but to equal sacrifice. Only God can lead you into what would be a sacrificial gift for you.

Whatever the amount is, your gift matters. Your prayers matter. Your presence matters. You are part of what makes this incredible church a place and a people that is **Free to Thrive**.





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