

### PURPOSE: SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

#### DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

Through God's PROVISION, we've come a long way at First Christian Church of Malvern. It has been a PRIVILEGE to worship and serve with you. We have PARTICIPATED together in missions worldwide and created a food pantry that serves our local community. We will continue to seek God's PURPOSE and provide a church where all people can become like Jesus. Through PRAYER and fasting, we will continually pursue God's will to seek and save the lost. God is leading us to bring more followers to His kingdom. Will you help with the KINGDOM PROJECT?

#### SET YOUR HEART ON THE IMPOSSIBLE

PRIVILEGE
PARTICIPATE
PRAYER
PURPOSE
PROVISION

#### A WORD FROM THE ELDERS

**IMPOSSIBLE!** *Impossible?* Impossible.

An emphatic expression. A question. A statement. However, you express the thought, the TRUTH for God's children (we at FCCM) is "for WITH God **NOTHING** shall be **IMPOSSIBLE**." (Luke 1:37)

Noah was faced with completing the vision God had given to him. "Build an ark." "Impossible!" others thought and expressed. With God's provision, the vision was completed, and God's will was accomplished. In spite of the world conditions in his time, Noah knew and lived out "for WITH God NOTHING shall be IMPOSSIBLE." He believed. He proceeded. He completed. Impossible? NO.

Today, given our world circumstances, (ever changing and uncertain) we are faced with the challenge of completing the vision God has given us. Just like Noah. The elders, individually and collectively, diligently seek God's will for the body of believers at FCCM. In our seeking of His will, we believe God has provided the vision to build. We believe God is continuing to direct us to build. Therefore, we (like Noah) shall proceed.

In spite of the world circumstances in our time, we know and choose to live out "for WITH God NOTHING shall be IMPOSSIBLE." So, for each of us this remains as our encouragement; Participate by God's direction. Participate through provision. Pray. Fast. Give. Together we shall be blessed to witness God's work through us in the completion of The Kingdom Project.

Impossible! Some will think so. Impossible? Many have questioned God. Impossible. NEVER. The God we know, the God we love, the God we serve created the universe, created our world, created you and created me. Is there a task too large for our God? "I am the Lord, the God of all humankind. There is, indeed, nothing too difficult for me." (Jeremiah 32:27) Let us stand firm as we believe and proceed "for WITH God NOTHING shall be IMPOSSIBLE."

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: "IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE THROUGH PRAYER FOR THE PURPOSE AND PROVISION OF GOD."



#### Let's Build the Kingdom Together

We have been blessed beyond measure at the First Christian Church of Malvern. As you look through our history, you can see Jesus' hands and feet at work. We have a rich history of members stepping up to hear God's call. The vision and mission of the church is alive and active because of faithful members like you.

Vision: FCCM strives to be a reproducing, transforming community of authentic, growing disciples of Jesus Christ, being equipped as witnesses to live and proclaim His Kingdom in their world.

Mission: Presenting Jesus to people, so they believe in Jesus, belong to Jesus, and become like Jesus.

Because of God working through us, we have reached thousands of people in our community and missions around the world.

As a church, we continually strive to lead more people to Jesus, and grow the kingdom.

The leadership at FCCM is confident we can reach even more people with expansion of our existing space. Through much prayer, the leadership has decided to move forward with a building project. With your participation, we can make this vision a reality. We are excited to witness increased ministry opportunities with a larger sanctuary; more classrooms; office complex; expanded lobby area; and café. We would love to have more space available for community events and meetings; we often have to turn people away due to scheduling conflicts. More classrooms would allow us to expand and promote our Sunday school program; we are constantly scrambling to find available rooms for classes. Finally, imagine being able to chat with a friend in the café between services and enjoy a cup of coffee with them. The fellowship and ministry opportunities are endless.

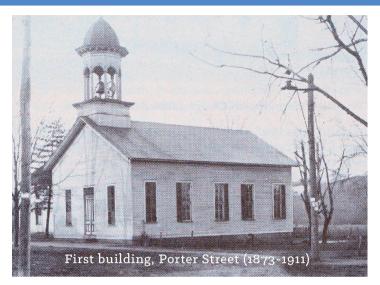
#### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP WITH THE KINGDOM PROJECT?

- Pray! Ask God, what are You calling me to give toward this project?
- Ask the leadership any questions you may have

#### HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE KINGDOM PROJECT?

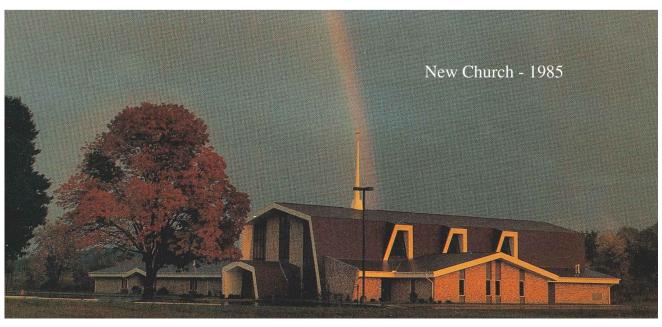
- If paying cash or check, please give separately from your tithe/offering and place in one of the green envelopes.
- If using Tithe.ly, change the fund name to New Worship Center.
- If using your bank's bill pay, please do not combine with your tithe/offering and add "Kingdom Project" to the memo line.
- Contact the office if you'd like to give shares of stock.

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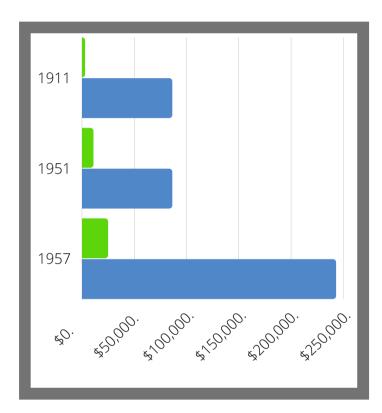


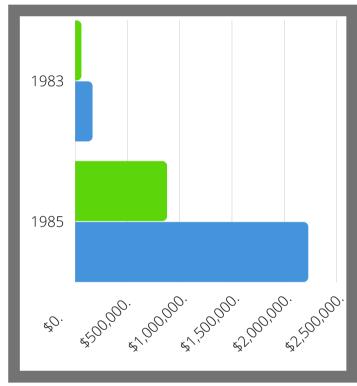




## FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE. LUKE 1:37 (KJV)

#### Cost Comparison: Then Versus Now





Then Versus Now	Then	Now
1873 – Land for church on Porter St.	\$100.00	\$2,275.02
1911 - Remodeling Project	\$3,000.00	\$86,221.47
1951 -Parsonage Construction	\$11,000.00	\$115,501.27
1957 - Remodeling Project	\$25,000.00	\$242,885.23
1983 – Land for Coral Rd location	\$59,240.00	\$164,459.64
1985 - Completed Church Project	\$878,000.00	\$2,227,663.88

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YEAR	OF GOD THROUGH THE YEARS AT FCCM – IS AMAZING – CHECK OUT OUR HISTORY!
1870	A group of people formed a congregation of the Church of Christ of Malvern. Their first meeting was in a school building on the corner of Reed Ave and Wood Street. The school building was known as "The Seminary."
1873	Samuel J. Ross and his wife, Angeline purchased land for \$100. They transferred the lot to the Elders of the church if it would be used for church purposes. The original church was built on Porter Street.
1873	The original church was heated by two large iron stoves placed in the center section of the seats. The men sat on the west side of the church, and the women sat on the east side of the church.
1911	The congregation decided to remodel and enlarge the church building. A partial basement with a furnace, schoolroom, and new colored glass windows.
1911	Dedication Day – Remodeling cost \$3,000. Twelve hundred of this amount was paid. Leaving \$1,800. Almost all of this amount was pledged by the end of Sunday's service. At the close of the evening session \$2,308, had been secured in pledges, payable within two years!!!!!
1920	A new basement was added to the church. All work was donated by men of the church.
1951	Parsonage built on West Main St. for \$11,000., it was paid in full in 1953
1957	Bible school wing added to the church. Facilities were inadequate for the growing church. (8 classrooms, a social room, kitchen, restrooms) Cost: \$25,000.
1959	A nursery was added to the church.
1964	Sanctuary refurbished with beautiful walnut furniture in memory of William Wirebaugh, Gilbert Gween, and James T. Gamber.
1981	The growing congregation exhausted all expansion availability in the current church. A planning committee formed (Robert Stimmel and Don Bush)
1982	Kick-off fund raiser with special music and message by Pat Mooney. The congregation raised \$78,000.
1983	The congregation voted to purchase 3.9 acres from Eldo & Mabel Decker for \$59,240. Richard Gamber and Don Bush donated additional land to the church.
1984	Groundbreaking for our current building began.
1985	Building completed and dedicated. Construction Cost: \$878,000.00

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1985	Church parsonage was gifted to the church from Mr. & Mrs. Don Bush.
1992	The congregation paid off the church debt in September of 1992.
1992	The steady growth of the congregation has welcomed the addition of an associate minister and a youth minister. The church also welcomed the additions of a picnic shelter, a ball field, and two garages.
1998	The multi-purpose building was dedicated as the Family Life Center in March of 1998.
2000	A fourth minister was hired as outreach minister to coordinate the use of the new addition in July of 2000.
2012	We added a second service to accommodate our growing numbers. The first service was called the Heritage Service; music would include traditional hymns. The second service was called the Contemporary service, and the music would be modern in style. Both services will have the same message.
2015	Remodel of our sanctuary to accommodate our growing numbers. The remodel included adding to the stage, new choir area, chairs, and carpet.
2016	A third service was added at 11:30 am to accommodate growing numbers.
2016	FCCM food pantry was started to assist with the needs of our local community.
2018	Mark Black was hired to lead the Senior Adult 55+ Ministry. The ministry provides spiritual opportunities, socialization, and service opportunities for seniors.
2020	We are almost at capacity in our second service. The elders voted to proceed with a multi-million-dollar addition in February 2020 (March 2020 – Covid 19 slowed the plans of the new building project)
2020	We added a fourth service on Thursday evenings at 7 pm to allow for social distancing due to the coronavirus. The evening service brought new faces and members who previously couldn't attend on Sundays – We decided to continue the Thursday evening service after social distancing mandates were lifted because it was so well received.
2020	Tanner Goss was hired as the Young Adult Minister (18 to 35-year-olds)
2021	Garage renovation – labor donated by PJ & Stephanie Lovett.
2021	On Sunday, September 19, a The Kingdom Project was launched at First Christian Church of Malvern. The building project includes a new sanctuary; office complex; additional classrooms; café. The estimated cost of the project is seven million dollars.

JESUS TOLD THEM. "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF YOU HAD FAITH EVEN AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED, YOU COULD SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE,' AND IT WOULD MOVE. NOTHING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, MATTHEW 17:20 NLT

# AS OF MARCH 2025, WE HAVE THREE MILLION DOLLARS!!!

