



# The Oaks Project



CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH | SUMMER 2024





## COMPLETING THE VISION

Our world is in dire need of strong churches that believe in and invest in the family and the emerging generations. We need moms and dads to choose health in their marriages and be strong and graceful parents. We need grandparents to invest in their grandchildren's lives. As a church, we need to invest in our Kids Ministry, Student Ministry, and College Ministry so that we can equip the next generation of leaders.

So, The Oaks Project is an exciting opportunity for Cypress Creek Church to grow and sow into the generations to come and to our surrounding community. The name "The Oaks Project" comes from Isaiah 61:3, which says:

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“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”  
Isaiah 61:3

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Over the last 30 years, we have seen many seeds take root in people's lives and grow them to become healthy disciples of Jesus. The vision for The Oaks Project is to continue to sow seeds in the next generation by building out gathering spaces and places so that future generations can grow to become strong followers of Jesus, oaks of righteousness. All of this is for the display of God's splendor and for God's glory!

This building project includes plans for a multi-purpose building with a 200-person large gathering space, three break-out classrooms, ample space for a park with a sports court, an additional playground, ball fields, an outdoor amphitheater with two bathrooms, and additional parking to tie it all together!

At the end of 2023, the Overseers presented the vision for The Oaks Project, and you have responded with incredible commitment and generosity! Thank you! Behind the scenes, our team has been hard at work to look for any efficiency that would reduce the price of the overall project without compromising the quality or the vision of The Oaks Project.

The original development proposal that was presented at the end of 2023 totaled \$5 million. Over the last six months, we've been challenging our development staff and team, and in collaboration with our engineers and architects, we've been able to bring that budget down to \$4 million. This feat is nothing short of miraculous! Part of that was the fact that we chose to act as our own General Contractor and tapped into the tremendous resources that we have within our church family. There were incredible opportunities to save where we could, and the team's objective was to build as much as possible for as little as possible without sacrificing functionality or quality.

Here's the current need. On Sunday, May 19th, the Overseers gave an update sharing that we have received commitments for \$3.4 million out of the \$4 million total. Of that, we already have \$1.4 million in cash. This allows us to begin construction when permits are made available. The Overseers are trusting God to provide the remainder of the \$600,000 to complete the vision of The Oaks Project. These resources will help cover the park amenities – the outdoor amphitheater, restrooms, ball fields, playground, and sports court. Since these features fall at the back end of the project, we are confident that God will supply the remainder of these resources. If you would like to increase your commitment or begin giving towards The Oaks Project, you can do so at [TheOaksProject.com](http://TheOaksProject.com).

I want to thank you for your prayerful and generous partnership in this. As Isaiah 61:3 says, The Oaks Project is "for the display of His splendor."

Peace to you,



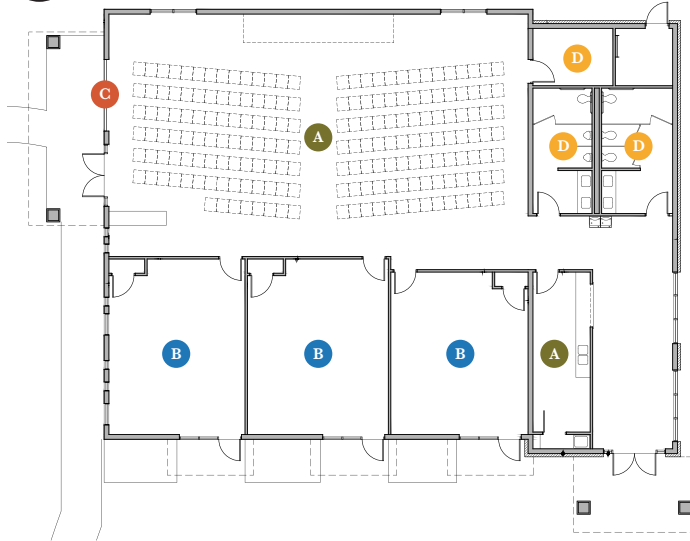
*Jose Abaroa*  
Lead Pastor Jose Abaroa

# SITE PLANS

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Oaks Project includes a multi-purpose building and community park that will facilitate the needs of our Kids Ministry and Student Ministry, as well as provide more opportunities for equipping others and reaching our community with the Gospel.

### 1 MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING



#### A | GATHERING SPACE

- 200 person capacity
- Small warming kitchen
- Uses: Sunday morning overflow, Kids and Student Ministry large group gatherings, equipping classes.

#### B | CLASSROOMS

- Kids Ministry classrooms for 3rd-5th graders (currently meeting in the Den without their own classroom space)
- Extra classrooms will relieve overcrowding in existing spaces and allow room for growth.

#### C | GARAGE DOOR

- Easy access to park area for weekly Student Ministry events, Kids Nights, and beyond.

#### D | OTHER

- Restrooms and water fountains
- Storage closet





2 PARKING LOT

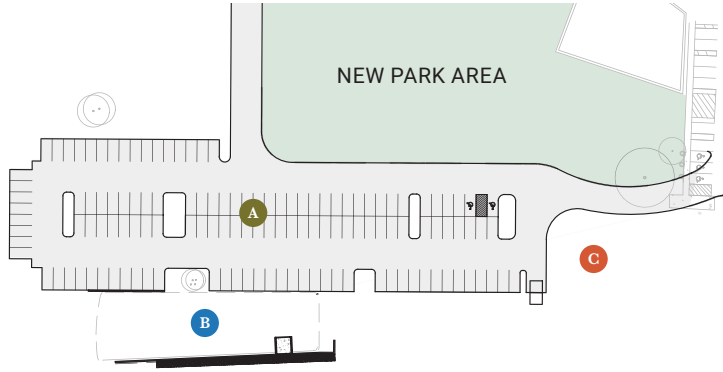
A | ADDITIONAL PARKING

- 130 new parking spots (currently averaging 80 cars parked in the grass on Sunday mornings)

B | DRAINAGE POND

C | ADDITIONAL DRIVEWAY EGRESS

- Accomodate traffic flow in between Sunday gatherings



3 PARK

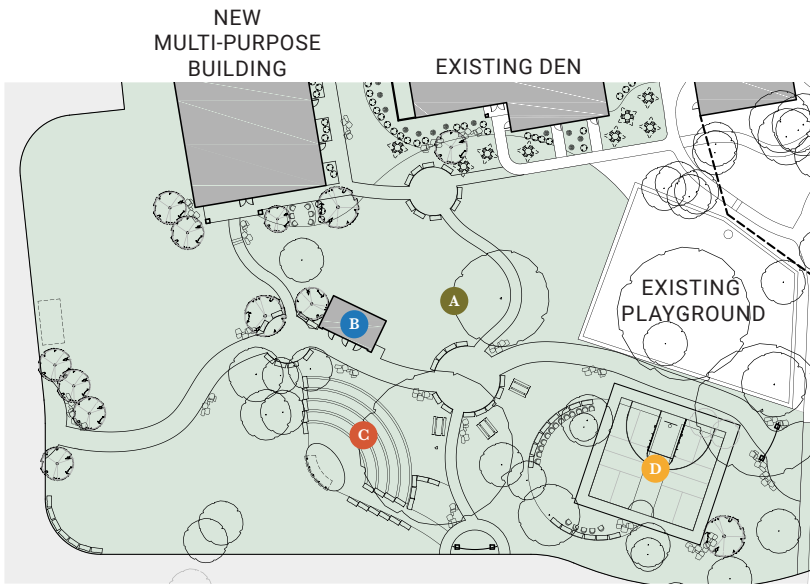
A | NEW PLAYGROUND

B | RESTROOM PAVILLION

C | AMPITHEATER

- Worship events, Student Ministry gatherings, etc.

D | SPORTS COURT



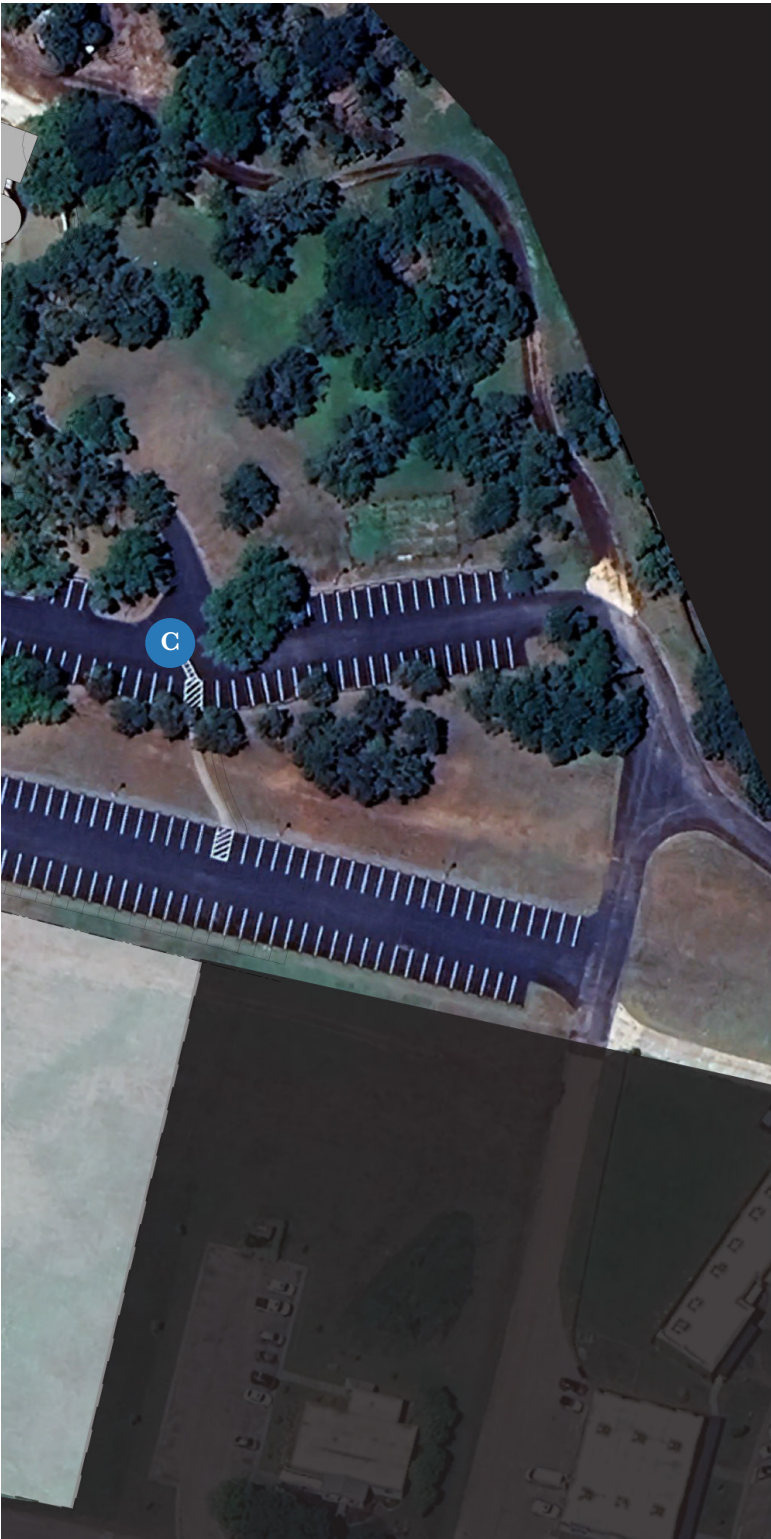
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**EXISTING AREAS**

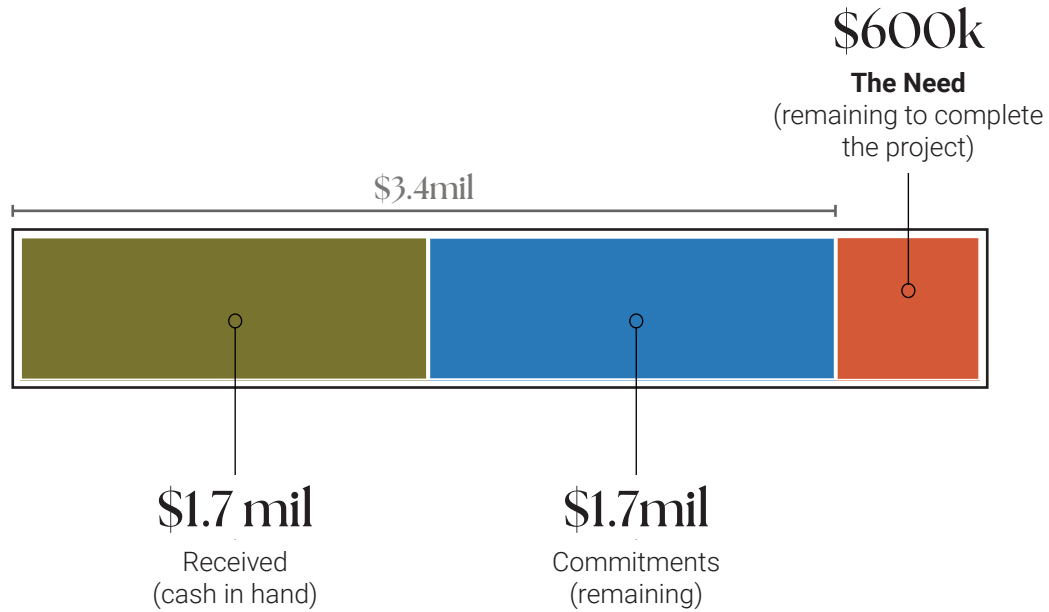
- A. Worship Center
- B. Kids Building
- C. Resealed Parking Lot
- D. 2.58 Acre Land Acquisition
- E. Remembrance Gardens Cemetery

**THE OAKS PROJECT**

- F. Multi-Purpose Building
- G. Park Area
- H. Parking Lot
- I. Ingress/Egress Driveway
- J. Potential Ball Fields

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UPDATED TARGET BUDGET:  
**\$4 million**





# Giving Guide

VARIOUS WAYS TO GIVE TOWARDS THE PROJECT



**CASH/CHECK**



**ONLINE**



**IN THE MAIL**



**ASSETS**

## CASH/CHECK

- Place cash or check in any tithe box at the back of the Worship Center. Please make checks payable to "Cypress Creek Church" and include "The Oaks Project" in the memo line. You can also contact your bank about giving via Bank Bill Pay. These methods of giving help the church avoid processing fees.

## ONLINE

- Give a one-time gift or recurring gift via credit card or ACH. Visit [cypresscreekchurch.com/give](https://cypresscreekchurch.com/give) and select "The Oaks Project" fund to get started.

## IN THE MAIL

- Mail a check anytime to Cypress Creek Church, P.O. Box 1357, Wimberley, TX 78676. Please make checks payable to "Cypress Creek Church" and include "The Oaks Project" in the memo line.

## ASSETS

- Giving appreciated non-cash assets can increase your generosity and multiply your impact compared to giving a post-tax cash gift.
  - Donor Advised Fund** - You can use DAFs like a charitable checking account - deposit any type of asset into your fund, give your charitable gift out of the fund and qualify for an income tax deduction at the time of the donation. Visit [cypresscreekchurch.com/give](https://cypresscreekchurch.com/give) to set up a gift to Cypress Creek Church through your existing DAF provider.
  - Stock** - Donating stock is one of the most tax-efficient ways to give. Once given, shares are sold by Cypress Creek Church with no capital gains tax implications. Cypress utilizes the online platform Overflow to easily facilitate the transfer of stock straight from your online brokerage. Visit [cypresscreekchurch.com/give](https://cypresscreekchurch.com/give) to get started.
  - Other Assets** - If you have other assets, such as real estate or a vehicle you'd like to give, please contact our Generosity Consultant, Katie Deetjen, at [katie@cypresscreekchurch.com](mailto:katie@cypresscreekchurch.com).

## CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH

### HISTORY

Over thirty years of changed lives that follow Jesus, vibrant Community Groups, missional living locally and globally, and **healthy and strong families.**

**On January 10th, 1993**, a small group of faith-filled believers gathered together in Pastor Rob's living room to worship, open up God's Word, and begin building relationships. Six weeks later, the Sunday morning gatherings of Cypress Creek Church moved to Wimberley Mountain Plaza. As groups multiplied and worship attendance grew, walls were moved in the store front to accommodate the crowd.



Cypress Creek Church quickly outgrew the Wimberley Mountain Plaza meeting space and relocated to the Danforth Junior High gym in **August of 1996**. At that time, there was one gathering with about 325 in attendance on Sundays, and an annual 4th of July family mission trip to Mexico consisting of about 100 people.

**Starting in November 1997**, Cypress Creek Church determined to be debt free, even while looking to find land and build a permanent home. After a prayerful search for the right piece of land, 25 acres in South River were found and brought to the Overseers. In June of 1998, Cypress Creek Church began asking God to release \$285,000 in 90 days through the church family. **As of August 31st, 1998**, \$289,548 was given by 105 families. The land was paid for!

Another move for Sunday morning gatherings was on the horizon. The church campus was built and paid off over the next 18-20 months. Over \$2.4 million was given by 150 families. A few Sundays before **Easter of 2001**, the church family moved into 211 Stillwater!



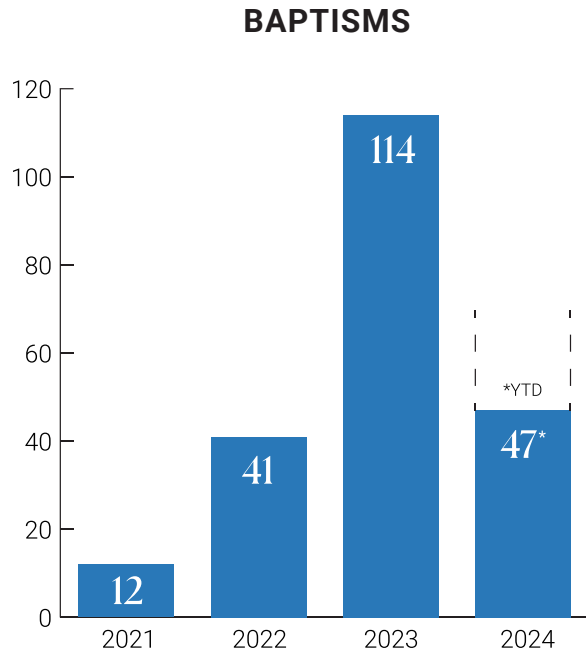
Lacking adequate space for infants, toddlers, children, and students on Sunday mornings, the church family once again prayed about how to address this problem. **By March 24th, 2013**, God used the church family to raise \$589,640.31. Nearly \$80,000 more than the initial goal!



Leading to today, once again challenged with a surge of growth and facing familiar growing pains, on **October 29, 2023** Pastor Jose and the Overseers presented the need for additional space to the church family with the vision of The Oaks Project. The church family was asked to join in on 40 Days of Prayer culminating in Commitment Sunday on **December 12th, 2023** where the church family presented their gifts and commitments to the project. As we embark on the project's construction phase, prayer and generosity continue to be vital ways for the church family to support the project's mission to sow seeds in the next generation.



GROWING & SOWING

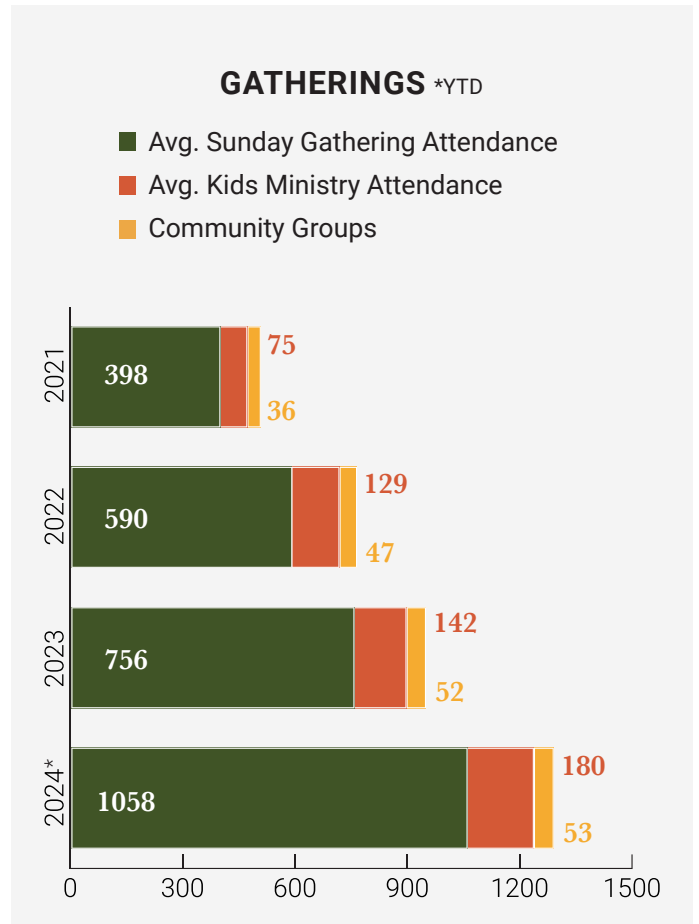


### MISSIONS

# \$188,904.83

**GIVEN TO MISSIONS IN 2023.**

10% of what is given to Cypress Creek Church is devoted to go outside the walls of the church to benefit our local and global ministry partners in our community and around the world.



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### [TheOaksProject.com](https://TheOaksProject.com)

Visit The Oaks Project webpage to read more about the project, frequently asked questions, building updates, prayer guides, ways to give, and more.