

2024-2027

PENINSULA COMMUNITY CHAPEL



NEXT 40

— MAKING DISCIPLES —
FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Chapel Family and Friends,

God has provided our church with an amazing opportunity. In 2023 we celebrated forty years of making disciples who know His joy and change His world. In addition to rejoicing over what God has done, we also began looking forward to what he would do over the next forty years. In that year we launched a special capital campaign focused on transforming the lives of the next generation through an exciting expansion to our building that will open for use in the spring of 2026!

A desire to reach the next generation with the Gospel has always been a central focus of our church. God has blessed our efforts but youth today are facing unique challenges. In Jim Davis and Michael Graham's recent book *The Great Dechurching*, they make the case that "we are currently experiencing the largest and fastest religious shift in US history. It is greater than the First and Second Great Awakening and every revival in our country combined... but in the opposite direction." In other words, over the past twenty years, there has been a dramatic decline in the number of people attending church and a marked increase, especially among younger generations, of people

who claim no religious affiliation. And yet, by God's grace, our church is growing and young men and women are coming to faith and maturing in their walks with the Lord through our ministry to children and youth. We want to see this continue. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this campaign so that our building can facilitate strategic ministry that will continue to make disciples for generations to come.

May God bless you abundantly as you consider joining us in this significant venture.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Garrett Spitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "S".

Garrett Spitz

Lead Pastor
Peninsula Community Chapel



WHAT GOD IS DOING

Our church is growing.

The growth is happening among every age demographic and contributing to a rich intergenerational diversity for our church. At the same time, we are experiencing especially significant growth in our youth ministry. God has blessed us with a great team of staff and volunteer leaders who are effectively making disciples of the next generation and teens are inviting their friends.



“ We appreciate how emotionally healthy the leadership and volunteers are in how they approach youth ministry. They present the faith and model how to walk it out in practical ways. They are meeting kids where they are and helping to shepherd them to where God wants to bring them. It’s very exciting to be a part of. ”

RANDY KROCK
Parent

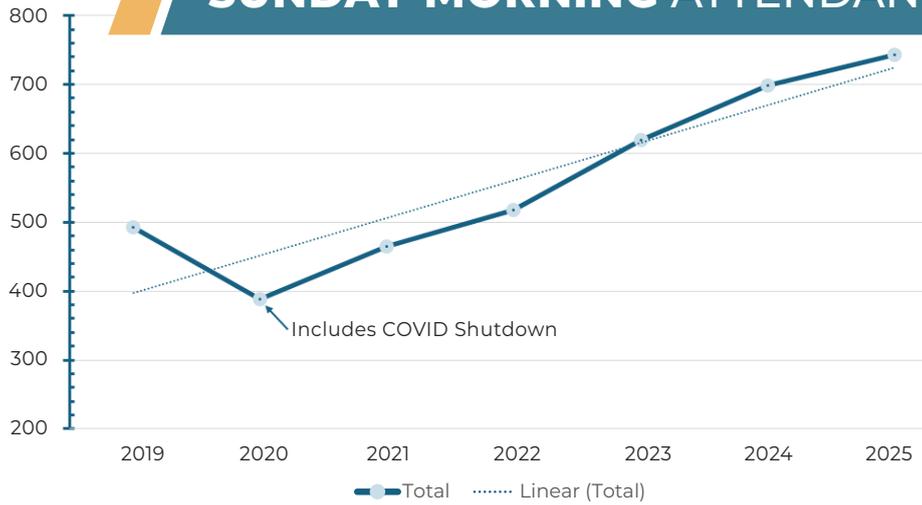
While our facility can accommodate continued growth in various areas, we ran out of space for our youth ministry. They had one dedicated room for High School students (Room 208) and another room for Middle School students (Room 206/207) that doubled as an academic classroom for Summit Christian Academy during the week.

Our staff who invest in youth have also made do for many years now with limited and shared office space. This has made it challenging for them to engage in lesson preparation and also to have the privacy to counsel a teen or talk with parents about sensitive matters that can sometimes come up.

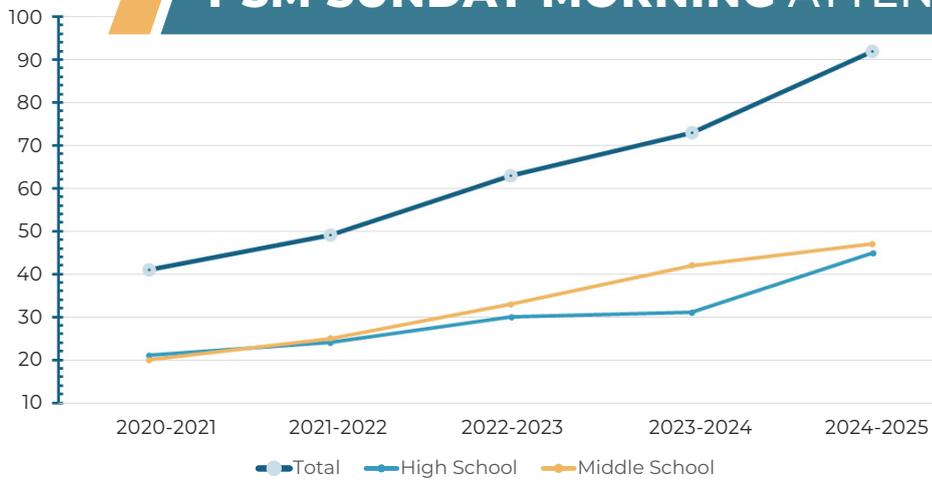
Summit Christian Academy, which is a ministry of our church, is also effectively discipling the next generation on how to discern truth, articulate their faith, and serve others to the glory of Jesus Christ. Their student body, which is made up of youth from a variety of churches, is growing. While Summit has put our modular buildings to great use as classrooms and offices for these past nineteen years, they are now well beyond their standard life-expectancy and need to be retired.



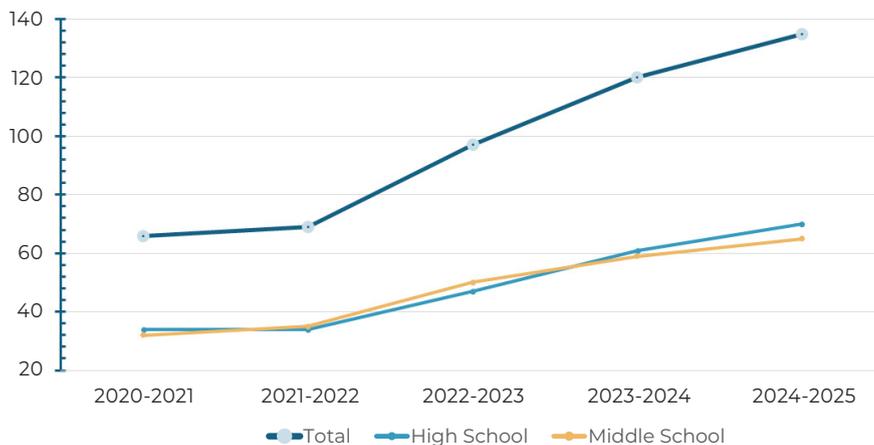
SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE



PSM SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE



PSM SUNDAY EVENING ATTENDANCE



WHAT GOD HAS

1983



The Chapel becomes an established independent church and begins having services at the Holiday Inn in Newport News.

1986



We move to the Ramada Inn on Rt. 17, meet in an banquet room or the Inn Place bar, with baptisms in the hot tub. The core group solidifies and experiences growth.

1989



The Chapel moves into rented commercial space located near the Hilton area of Newport News. The space had previously been a movie theater and a fitness center. Here we learn more about how to grow new ministries like Summit Christian Academy, how to cope with adversity through two fires, and how to view a facility as a ministry tool.



We have been incredibly blessed by PSM and the impact it has had on our oldest son. He came to saving faith and was baptized two summers ago after going on the EY2S trip with the youth. Experiencing that week of service and prayer in community with others his age had a profound impact on him and his excitement about the gospel. Since then, PSM has provided a community for him and his peers. They are beginning to invite others from their school and are forming a community of trust and belonging. It's incredible to see.

JAMIE KUEHNI | Parent



DONE

2000

2007

2010



Finally, the Chapel moves into a facility, designed for ministry, that it owns. This leads to rapid growth and expanding ministries.



Extra parking is added along with modular classrooms to accommodate this growth.



More classrooms, a cafe, a kitchen, and a gymnasium are added.



This year we have seen our teenage daughter's faith blossom. Under the incredible guidance of the PSM staff and leaders, she made a public decision to place her faith in Jesus Christ. We also have three younger children being shepherded in KidzMin and look forward to them participating in PSM in a few years. We are excited to witness the growing faith of our children alongside the PSM staff and leaders who are sharing the truth of God's Word with them. We are so grateful for the men and women who regularly minister to our kids in beautiful and fruitful ways.

TODD & HALEY CAMPBELL | Parents





WHERE GOD IS LEADING

A two-story addition

to the back of our building will accommodate growth and will also serve as a strategic advancement in how our building can function as a tool to help us make disciples for generations to come.

This addition has been part of our master plan for the facility for many years and in January of 2024, our church membership affirmed that it was time to pursue it.

The first floor is primarily designed to meet the needs of Summit Christian Academy (SCA) but will also serve the broader ministries of the Chapel as well. It will provide Summit with what they need to improve the quality of the educational experience that they offer to disciple the next generation to love God with their minds. It will also provide more flexible space for Discipleship Classes, ministry meetings, and KidzMin growth. Handicap accessible individual bathrooms will also help us to be a more accessible church to those with varied needs.

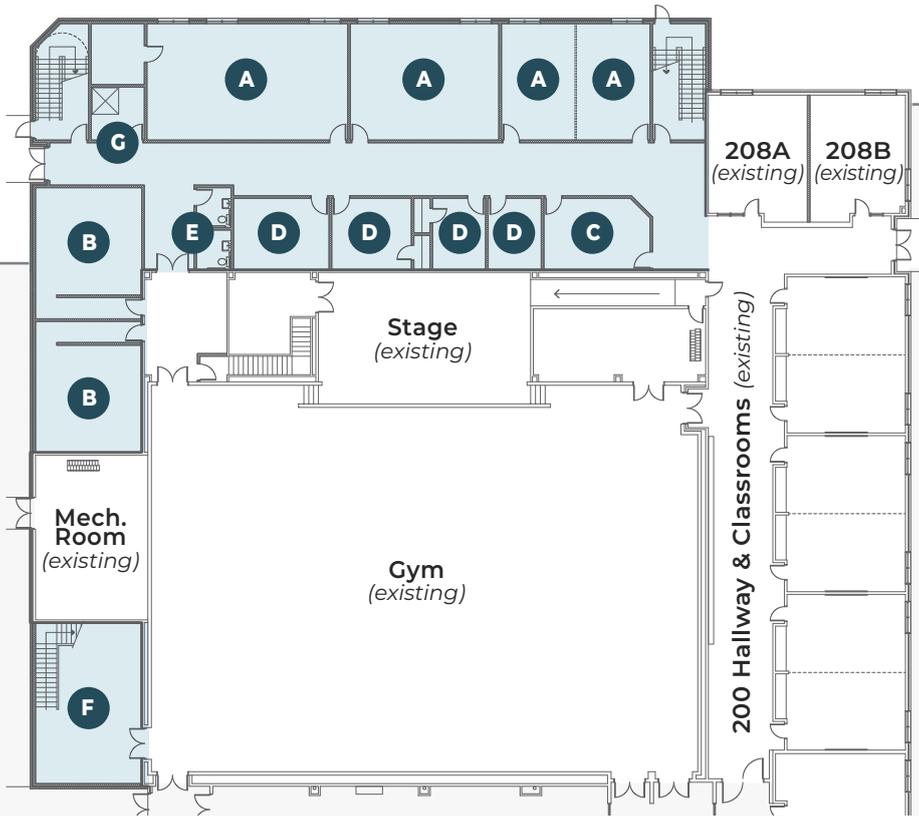
“ Right now the youth spaces in the 200 hallway are bursting at the seams with so many kids attending on Sunday mornings. The building expansion will give Peninsula Student Ministries (PSM) a dedicated space for both High School and Middle School students to spread out so the ministry can continue to grow. ”

CHRIS CHAPPELL
Associate Pastor -
Student Ministry (PSM)

The second floor is primarily designed to meet the needs of our growing student ministry and staff team. It will provide our youth with a dedicated space that has been designed just for them so that they can continue to find a place to belong, believe, become disciples, and be used by God.

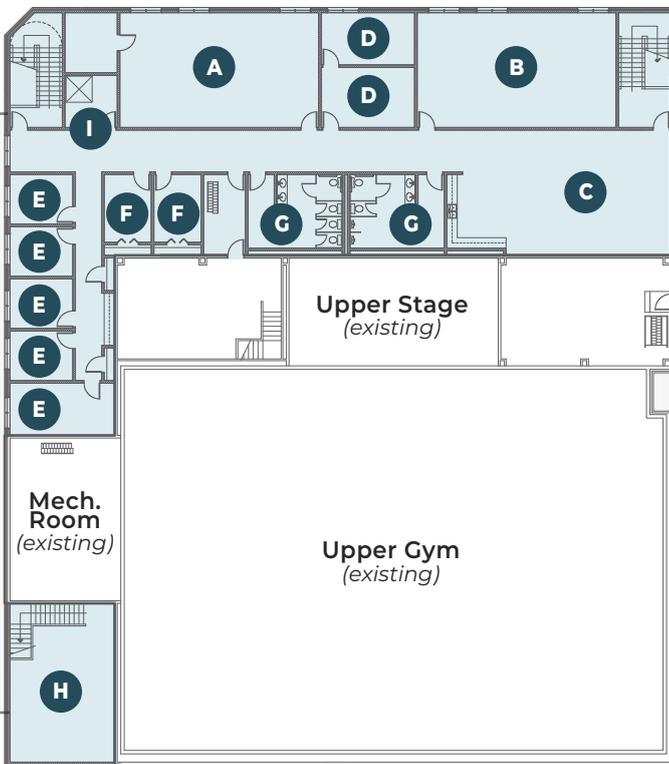
PROPOSED FLOOR PLANS

FIRST FLOOR



- A** Classrooms
(Science Lab, Art Room, Standard)
- B** Changing Rooms
- C** Conference Room
- D** SCA Offices
- E** Handicap Accessible Individual Bathrooms
- F** Added Storage Space
- G** Lift for Wheelchair Access

SECOND FLOOR



- A** Dedicated Middle School Room
- B** Dedicated High School Room
- C** Student Ministry Common Area
- D** Student Ministry Offices
- E** Staff Offices
- F** Flexible Offices for shared use with SCA
- G** Added Restrooms
- H** Added Storage Space
- I** Lift for Wheelchair Access

“ It is so exciting to see so many youth get plugged into church through PSM. Our kids have invited several of their friends from school who don't regularly go to church. Many of them continue to attend PSM and now profess Christ as their Savior! It has also been very exciting to see these friends bring their parents to PCC on Sundays and watch whole families get plugged in. The added space will allow deeper and more intimate conversations about Christ and individual faith to occur. These conversations are vital to growing our youth and helping them navigate the turbulent teen years with Christ on their minds. ”

JASON & THERESE LOE
Parents

“ I see students grow spiritually at PSM. The enemy consistently loses his grip in the lives of those who attend. I've seen shy and stressed-out students loosen from their anxieties; distracted teens refocus their minds on the Kingdom; and compassionate friends shed tears with struggling peers. I'm especially grateful that my daughter has had the opportunity to use the gifts God gave her on the Youth Worship Team where Jesus is pondered and praised! ”

CHRISTINA EVERMAN
Parent & PSM Volunteer



WHAT IS NEEDED

This expansion will end up costing us around \$4.5 million and is set to open in late April / early May of 2026. Summit Christian Academy has committed to paying for at least half of the expansion cost and has already contributed \$500,000 to the total cost through its own capital campaign. In order to cover the other half of the expansion and the debt from our existing building, our goal with this campaign is to raise \$3 million.

HOW YOU FIT IN

We would love for you to join us in our Next 40 journey. It is our hope that God will use this initiative to not only further equip the church with the facilities we need to carry out what he has called us to, but that he will also use it to grow us in our faith.



THE FIRST THING YOU CAN DO IS PRAY.

Please pray for this initiative by including it in your own devotional prayer times. Please pray about your giving. If you have never really thought much about how God relates to your finances, we would encourage you to read and pray through the *Generosity* 20-day devotional that we have made available. If you did not receive a copy, you can pick one up from the PCC Office.



THE SECOND THING YOU CAN DO IS GIVE.

It is important that giving to this initiative does not hinder giving to Local and Global Ministry, so we are asking you to consider giving over and above your regular giving in order to support this ministry through the duration of this campaign. Please pray over, complete, and submit an **Intent to Give card** in-person or online:

bit.ly/next40intent2givecard

We have one year remaining in this three-year campaign and God has generously provided \$790K in pledged gifts and \$330K in non-pledged gifts adding up to a total of \$1.12M in funds received towards our overall goal of \$3 million. Whatever we don't pay off through the Next 40 campaign, will become part of our mortgage that we will plan to pay down through future debt-reduction campaigns and Local Ministry giving. With this final year, we hope to make as much progress as possible in paying the construction loan principle down so that we can lower our mortgage payments in the long term and save thousands in interest costs. If you are new to our church or have not yet joined the campaign for other reasons, we would love for you to be a part of it!

O God, from my youth
you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your
wondrous deeds. So even
to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might
to another generation, your
power to all those to come.

Psalm 71:17-18

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