

2025 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Bullard
Methodist Church

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Vision Case Statement

BULLARD METHODIST CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

At Bullard Methodist Church, we have always been a people of faith, hope, and vision. In recent years, through challenges such as COVID-19 and the journey of disaffiliation, we have remained committed to being a vibrant, welcoming, Christ-centered church for our community.

Along the way, we invited the congregation to dream together through the “Tree of Dreams,” an initiative where members prayerfully wrote their hopes and ideas for the future of our church on paper leaves and placed them on a large tree displayed in Harper Hall. Those leaves, filled with heartfelt prayers and visions, blossomed into a beautiful, shared picture of what our church could become.

Many of those dreams have already been realized through smaller projects and activities. However, some of the biggest dreams - the ones with the greatest potential to transform our ministry for generations - still lie before us.

God is calling our church to address these projects so that we can welcome more people, teach and disciple more effectively, and worship in spaces designed to glorify God and reach new generations.

Together, we now have an opportunity to fulfill these “Big Dreams” and position our church to thrive in mission and ministry for years to come.

Capital Projects Overview

Improve Our Welcome Areas

Expand Foyer and Entrance

Add Classrooms Off Expanded Foyer

Add Covered Drop-Off and Additional Handicap Parking

Enhance Sanctuary to Support Traditional and Encounter Worship Services in One Space

Extend Chancel Area (Stage)

Provide Central Pulpit

Enhance Lighting Control

Update Flooring

Enhance Worship Seating

The Projects

1. IMPROVE OUR WELCOME: EXPANDED FOYER AND ENTRANCE

We dream of replacing the two aging houses next to the sanctuary with an expanded foyer and welcome center, designed to foster fellowship and connection. This addition will include:

- **Larger Foyer (Narthex) with Improved Flow and Visibility**

A larger, more open foyer creates a welcoming first impression. It provides much-needed space for fellowship, connection, and hospitality before and after services.

- **Additional Classrooms Along the Foyer Area for Sunday School and Discipleship Groups**

These classrooms will enable us to accommodate growing classes, provide dedicated space for Bible studies and small groups, and create room for new ministries. By creating additional classrooms along the expanded foyer, we can restore the gym to ministry use. This also allows us to finally offer dedicated spaces for our largest Sunday School classes, which are currently meeting in more public areas.

- **Accessible Restrooms**

Updated and accessible restrooms located near the main entrance that are usable by guests, families with children, and individuals with mobility challenges.

- **Covered Drop Off (Porte Cochere) and Additional Handicap Accessible Parking Near Entrance**

Ensures safe and comfortable access to the church in all weather conditions, demonstrating sensitivity to those who face mobility issues.

2. ENHANCE THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

Our sanctuary has long been the heart of our worship life. We plan to [update it so that both our Traditional and Contemporary Encounter](#) services can thrive in one area. This change allows us to invest in technology and enhancements for a single venue, fosters connection between services through a shared foyer, and places the nursery conveniently close for young families. Moving Encounter into the sanctuary will also free the gym for youth, children's, and community activities, something which has been inaccessible to them for several years.

- **Extended Chancel (stage)** - More space for choirs, ensembles, and seasonal music in the Traditional service, while integrating the Encounter band in an orderly, appealing way. Also supports dramas, children's programs, and community gatherings.
- **Moveable, Central Pulpit** - Adaptable for various worship styles, teaching, weddings, funerals, and special events.
- **Retractable Shades** - Preserve the beauty of stained glass for Traditional worship while allowing low-light settings for Encounter, Christmas Eve Candlelight, and Holy Week services.
- **New Flooring** - Replace worn carpet with durable, attractive material that is easier to maintain
- **Padded Chairs** - Greater comfort, flexible seating arrangements, and easier building maintenance. Having moveable chairs allows us to reconfigure our seating for special events and gain easier access to our lighting for repairs.

Estimated Costs

[\\$2,500,000 for all projects](#)

Why Now?

Over the past two years, church leadership has prayerfully assessed our facilities in light of our mission. We engaged the congregation through the Tree of Dreams, worked with our architect, and prioritized projects that align with our vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ in Bullard and beyond.

We believe the time is NOW to move forward, and we invite you to join us in discerning our next steps together.

We sense a unique window of opportunity to shape our church for the future. Acting now would allow us to address pressing needs, honor the dreams of our congregation, and step boldly into the ministry God is calling us to fulfill.

As we move forward, your prayers, feedback, and participation will help ensure that our plans reflect God's will and the heart of this church family.

Moving Forward Together

This is a strategic moment for Bullard Methodist Church. Together, we can create a space that welcomes our neighbors, nurtures our faith, and glorifies God in all we do. Not one of us, or even a few of us, can make this vision a reality. But united in prayer and generosity, we can accomplish for more that we can imagine.

Join us in praying, **"God, what do you want to do through me?"**

Together, let's bring these big dreams to life - for our church family today and for all those who will find Christ here tomorrow.

