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# LETTER FROM LINN



As a church we are in an amazing season. We are growing at a rapid rate numerically, we have a higher percentage of adults involved in maturity groups than ever in our history, and this year we have seen more people come to Christ as their Savior than ever before!

At the same time, we are aware that our world is getting darker and it is more challenging to be a Christ follower. It is hard for us as adults... but it will be even more challenging for our kids! They will require more courage and need to be more grounded in the Bible than we ever were.

That's why the "UNWRITTEN" campaign is so important. Their stories and their futures are unwritten. Our answer to the challenge is to do whatever is necessary to help the next generation write a great story for their lives, their marriages, and their children. We believe we can do this by immersing our kids into the Bible like never before and by equipping families to be strong.

## THE "UNWRITTEN" CAMPAIGN MOVES US IN THAT DIRECTION BY:

- Providing an amazing Disney-style building that will have kids begging to come to church more often.
- The creation of more adult maturity spaces and classrooms to train up families.
- 600 additional seats in the auditorium so we don't turn people away or push them into overflow seating.
- An update to our auditorium, lobby, and coffee shop.

Will you join me on mission to make our kids and our families better?

- Pastor Linn



# THE WHY

**Cornerstone is focused on creating disciples of Jesus.** With our current growth rates, we must expand our facilities to reach people who want to come. We believe in preparing a way for the next generation, creating space and opportunity for people to grow, and helping everyone - of all ages - to find and follow Jesus.

## PREPARING THE WAY FOR NEXT GENERATION

- Our world is getting darker: things that most of us never imagined would happen in our culture have now become accepted and even expected. At the same time, Christianity is looked at with disdain and disgust. In light of the current trend, there will be ever-increasing pressure on our children to not identify as Christian, let alone live out their faith. Because of this, our kids and grandkids will require more courage than we did. They will need to be even more rooted in scripture than we were!





## SPACE FOR GROWTH

- Cornerstone is one of the rare churches in the U.S. that is growing. In 2022 we were among the 100 Fastest Growing Churches in America. We have multiple services overflowing. We are adding Saturday services, but every service added (at a less than-optimal time) results in lower attendance at that service.

- The ultimate answer is to have plenty of seats available during service times people are most likely to come. We would never want to turn people away from discovering God or growing their faith because we didn't have a seat for them!

CORNERSTONE IS ONE OF THE FASTEST  
GROWING CHURCHES IN AMERICA **TOP 100**



## HELP PEOPLE FIND AND FOLLOW JESUS

Helping people find and follow Jesus is the foundation of everything we do. We never want anything to hinder that mission. We want to create a space for people to find real answers to life's hardships. Our life's ambition is to see people renewed, restored, and brought into a relationship with Jesus. We believe building a state-of-the-art kids' building and adding 600 more seats in our Worship Center will be pivotal in making a place for people. **In 2022, Cornerstone led more people into salvation with Jesus than any year in our history!** Will you help us in our mission?

MULTIPLE TIMES IN 2022,  
THE WORSHIP CENTER  
WAS AT

102%

CAPACITY IN  
OUR SERVICES



IN 2023, WE ADDED TWO ADDITIONAL SERVICES  
TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH SEEN IN 2022

# 93,600

## SEATS OVER A YEAR

ADDING 600 MORE SEATS WILL ADD SPACE FOR 1,800  
MORE PEOPLE EACH WEEKEND. THIS EQUATES TO  
93,600 SEATS OVER A YEAR.

OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES HAD

# 10,740

PEOPLE ATTEND

IN 2022, WE HAD

# 6,491

GUESTS **FIRST CONNECTED**  
WITH US



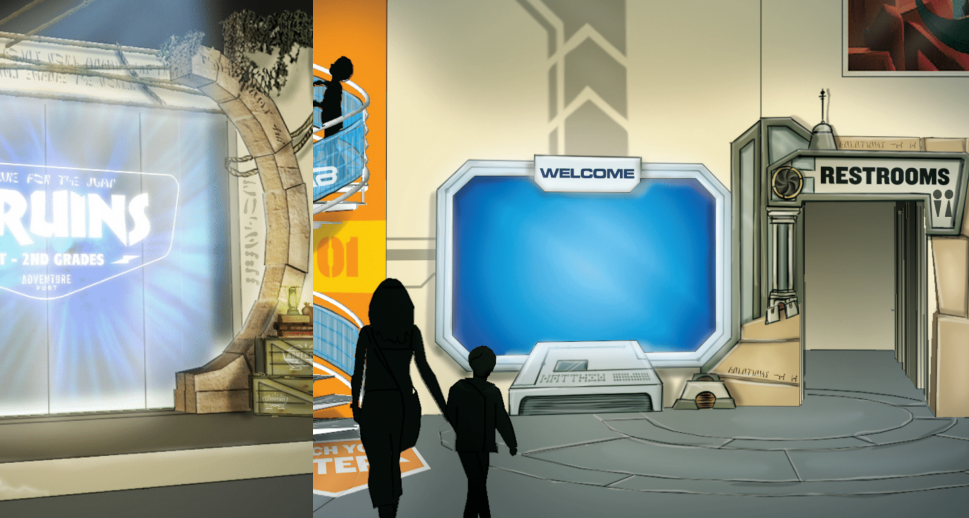


**CORNERSTONE** strives to create a fun, imaginative, Bible-centered place for kids to grow up and find Jesus. We have always invested time and energy to ensure the next generation is equipped to face this darkening and ever-changing world with a firm foundation of biblical truth. Our creative new Adventure Port is just that! The idea is to have kids begging their parents to bring them back every Sunday and to teach them exciting Bible stories.

## **PORTAL HEADQUARTERS**

We want to build a new Children's Building with an incredible "Disney" style lobby. It will have two auditoriums and breakout classrooms. The theme is borrowed from a movie called "Stargate." The idea of the movie was that adventurers stepped through a stone ring and were transported to other planets. We want to recreate the ring idea with the backstory being that our kids are Junior archeologists being transported back to Bible time to discover that the Bible is true.

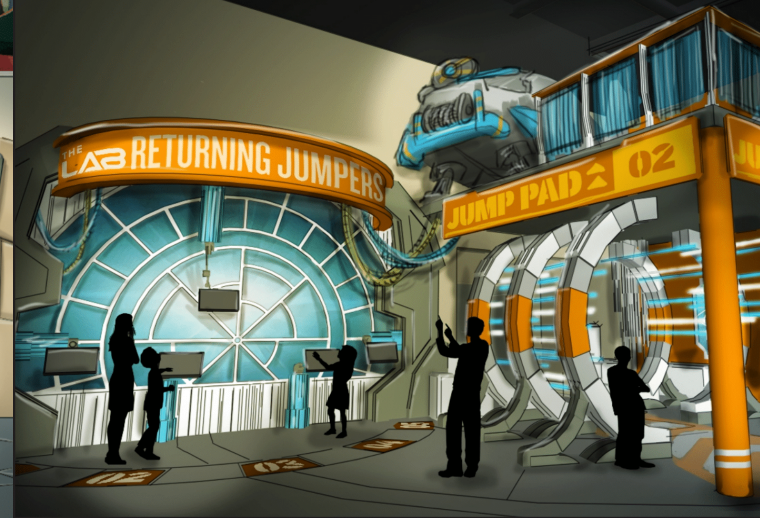




THESE UNIQUE SPACES WILL TEACH KIDS TO INVESTIGATE GOD'S WORD, MAGNIFY HIS TRUTHS AND ENGAGE THEIR WORLD.

- Adventure Port Is Over **22,000** Sq. Feet
- Accommodates Nearly **1,100** Kids Each Service
- **16** Classrooms
- **2** Large Assembly Rooms

# AD BUILDING



## ■ Adventure Port

Kindergartners will be a part of an imaginative and Bible-centered place that will grant them adventures and memories that will lead them closer to Jesus.

## ■ The Ruins

The 1st and 2nd grade side of the building will be "Indiana Jones" style, complete with jungle theming, huge temples, and rope bridges.

## ■ The Lab

The 3rd and 4th grade side will be "Star Wars" themed with a futuristic stargate and a hovercraft.

# WORSHIP CENTER EXPANSION

+ ADULT CLASSROOMS

MULTIPLE TIMES IN 2022, THE WORSHIP CENTER  
WAS AT 102% CAPACITY IN ALL OF OUR SERVICES

# 600

## MORE SEATS

ADDING 600 STADIUM SEATS WILL ADD SPACE FOR  
1,800 MORE PEOPLE EACH WEEKEND. THIS MEANS  
OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND RELATIVES WILL  
HAVE A SEAT TO HEAR ABOUT CHRIST.

THE PRESENT AUDITORIUM AND LOBBY ARE

# 15 YEARS

OLD WITH OUTDATED CARPETS, COLORS,  
AND WALLS.

REMODELING AND ADDING

# 16 CLASSES

FOR OUR ADULT MEMBERS  
TO ATTEND GROWTH GROUPS





**The Worship Center** and lobby are 15 years old. In most homes, 15 years is the standard time to replace carpets, paint walls new colors, and update furniture. The average home has 4 or 5 people using it each day. Our auditorium and classrooms have thousands of people each week. Carpets are worn out, colors are outdated, and our building shows lots of wear. That's a good thing because we are using all of our buildings all week long to grow people in their faith, but it's way past time for a refresh.

#### **MORE ADULT CLASSROOM SPACE:**

- **30% of our members are currently in growth groups.** At Cornerstone, growth groups are specialized ministries available for people to move forward in their faith. We have multiple ministries specifically geared to helping people mature in their faith. These range from men's and women's bible studies to small church environments for families with young children.
- As a result, we need more space for these classrooms as we add more ministries every year. Our current B building (Studio 14) will be converted into adult classrooms. **This will increase our adult space by nearly 70%!**

#### **MORE SEATS IN WORSHIP CENTER**

- Our Worship Center is at max capacity.
- We plan to add 600 more stadium seats to our current space.
- We will knock out the walls on the adult classroom side of our building and expand the outer wall.



# DEVELOPMENT PHASES

We are thrilled about what God is doing at Cornerstone. It is incredible what we can accomplish together. The future is exciting, and we are inviting you to be a part of it! Today, we are writing the stories of tomorrow.

## CORNERSTONE PHASES

### PHASE I KIDS

We will construct a new Children's Building with an incredible "Disney" style lobby. It will have 2 auditoriums and breakout classrooms. The theme is borrowed from both Star Wars and Indiana Jones. The idea is to have kids begging their parents to bring them back every Sunday and to teach them exciting Bible.

The foundation has already been poured, and we will continue construction immediately! We plan to break ground in the summer of 2023.

### PHASE II ADULT CLASSROOMS

If we are going to raise great kids, it requires that we have great homes and "great" parents. Currently, 67% of our adult members attend a growth group. We are literally out of space.

With grade school moving to their new building, we have the opportunity to rehab the current kids building into adult maturity classrooms. As a result, we will have more maturity space than ever in the history of Cornerstone!

# YOUR PART



## PRAY

For the next 36 months, we need to increase our giving. Everything received over budget will go towards **UNWRITTEN**. Please pray and seek what God would want you to do. Ask God what your contribution should be, and then simply follow through. Great things for God always involve sacrifice on our part.

## BEGIN TO TITHE

Scripture calls all of us to give 10% of our income to the local church. If you've never tithed before, your decision to step up now would be a huge contribution to making **UNWRITTEN** possible. There may never be a more critical moment for you to make this decision of maturity for yourself, for our kids, and for your church. We are confident that God blesses those who tithe that after 90 days of giving 10% if you believe God hasn't come through for you, we will refund 100% of what you've given.

## I ALREADY TITHE

We ask everyone who has already stepped forward in obedience to the tithe to increase their giving by 3% for 36 months. None of us are compelled to give more than 10%. This would be an act of love and sacrifice, desiring to invest in all God is doing through Cornerstone to change the East Valley and the world.

## BEST ONE TIME GIFT

We ask everyone to kick off the project by giving their best one-time gift. This will allow us to start paying all the early startup costs, like architectural fees and city permits. One-time gifts can be in the form of cash, stock, bonds, property, vehicles, crypto, or other non-cash donations.

## PHASE III WORSHIP CENTER EXPANSION

Multiple services each Sunday are already at capacity. Thankfully, our auditorium was built with expansion in mind, and for an extremely reasonable cost, we can add 600 additional seats. That will allow us to add nearly 2000 people each Sunday morning. It means our friends, neighbors, and relatives will have a seat when they are ready to engage with Christ.



# FAQ'S

## 1. Can the church afford more debt?

Yes, we are currently financially strong enough to absorb the additional payment.

Because our loan will be refinanced, our payment will go down for 20 months. Growth in the church will also help minimize the impact.

## 2. Why expand the Worship area instead of adding more services?

Currently, Cornerstone is doing (5) services every weekend. Each time you add a service, the new service time is less convenient, and attendance drops drastically.

We've already reached the tipping point where the cost financially and manpower exceeds the number of people who would attend a sixth service.

**WAYS  
TO GIVE**



### MOBILE APP

- Open the Cornerstone App
- Press Give



### TEXT

Text **COMMIT**

### 3. How long will the project take?

The project will be done in three phases: Adventure Port children's building first, the remodel of the current Building B for adult classroom space, and the auditorium expansion and renovation.

We anticipate finishing all phases at the same time we finish the 36-month financial campaign.

### COST BREAKDOWN

ARCHITECTURAL FEES	\$1,000,000
CHILDREN'S BUILDING	\$9,952,732
F.F.E.	\$75,000
AUDITORIUM EXPANSION/UPDATE	\$3,480,974
BUILDING B RENOVATION	\$500,000

TOTAL	\$15,008,706
OUR GOAL IN 3 YEARS	\$8,190,000
DIFFERENCE	\$6,818,706

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COMING SOON