



Church Growth Phases

1 Thessalonians 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

God is blessing us in a tremendous way, and we are excited about all that God is doing! As a part of our preparation and planning there are options that we must consider to ensure that we are prepared for the souls God is leading to us, and counting on us to care for.

Our goal is to be unified, and allow the Lord to direct us in the manner in which He sees fit...so that we may be good stewards of His people, facilities, finances, and resources.

Issues:

Special functions, in Sanctuary, because of crowds, prevent us from having the space needed to properly facilitate the crowds, or allow for growth. (Christmas Eve Service, Martin Luther King Service, Tragedy Into Triumph, Upward Sunday)

Additionally, both services have continued to grow, and become more balanced in attendance.

Special functions for New Hope (Christmas Programs, Basketball) in gym are too large for the space we have for meals and church fellowship functions.

Needs:

Additional larger more versatile space, while maintaining a sanctuary look and feel for normal functions, is needed to ensure that we are properly facilitating the growth that God is blessing us with, and to ensure that we are prepared for long term growth, and the strategic plan of the church and school.

The ability at various times to worship *together* as one body in Christ.

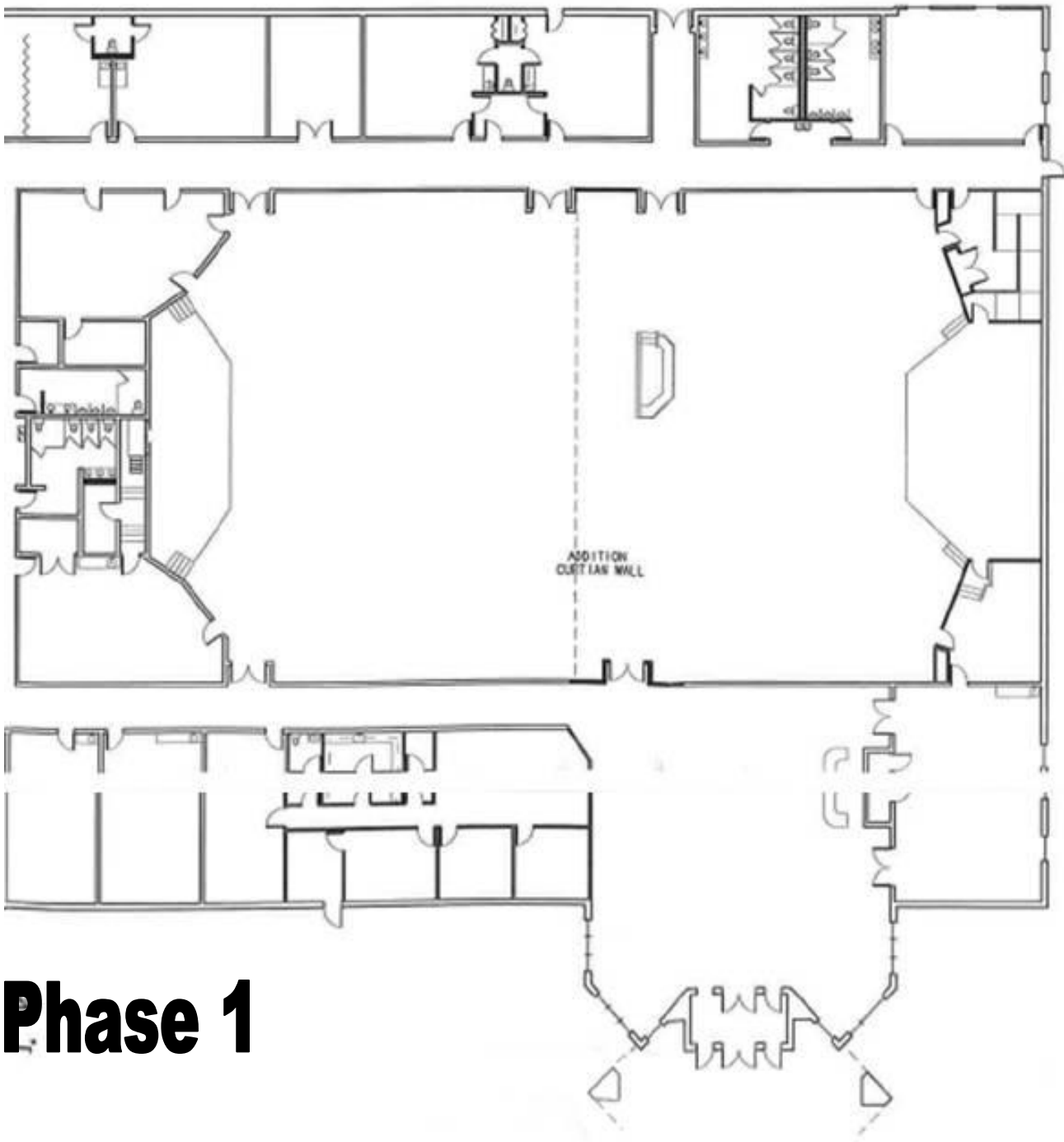
The Plan will be in 3 Phases

Phase 1

Remove both Sanctuary Wall and Gym Wall to allow for larger worship space, as well as fellowship space when needed. Both platforms would remain in tact, for the time being. Allow versatility for each room, and the larger space as needed.

Current Sanctuary Door would be positioned at the hallway entrance. Portable Coat Racks would be purchased.

A Mechanical Curtain would be placed at the site of the existing gym wall to seal the area off from the worship area when needed for the use of gym, but can be raised when larger space is needed.



Phase 1

- Old Hallway space could be used to immediately provide 150-175 more seats, as well as have the versatility to provide a worship area of over 1000 immediately. (600 seats with curtain down)
- Existing Sound booth would be lowered to floor level to allow for those behind to see the platform.

Phase 1

Benefits:

Large Space

Versatility

Manageable Cost (\$57,949) while still allowing for growth, and debt reduction

Incremental Growth while gaining finances

Large Crowd Management and Inclusion in Worship (No Separation)

Could have one Worship Service at various Times

Problems:

Some Tear Down and Set Up Depending on Crowd Size

Would limit some dual use from gym and sanctuary as sound volume will be a concern

Circulation and Restroom/Nursery locations and size

Phase 2

#1—Build a New 2 Floor Gymnasium behind existing Structure with 6 Classrooms

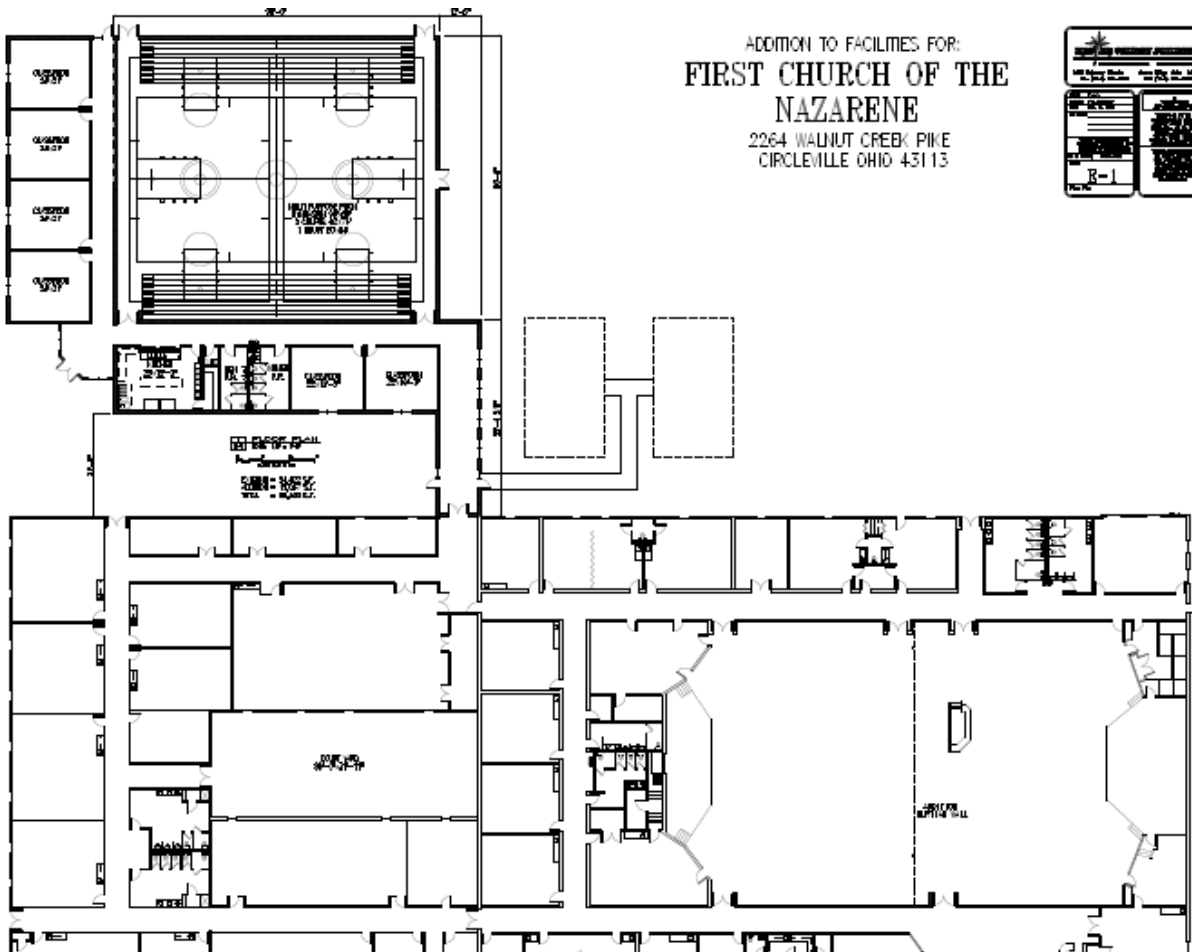
-Would be Separate-Could have a Breezeway.

-Would have Restrooms/Kitchen

-Cost per square foot is low—Would not have to be sprinkled.

-Gym would be a distance away from existing kitchen Worship Area, and other functions

-All Upward Functions could be handled-As Well as Community/New Hope Functions



Phase 2

Benefits:

- Space for Current Events (Upward/New Hope/Special Functions)
- Leagues can function at same time as other ministries
- Larger Space for Children/Youth Growth/Worship/Events
- Further Community Utilization
- Additional Classroom Space for New Hope expansion to upper grades
- Larger Banquet Facility for Special Events and Programs
- Gym Space offers the lowest cost to add square footage to ministry.

Phase 3

Permanent Worship Center

Two Options:

Reposition newly expanded Sanctuary/Gym (Lower Cost)

- Add additional classrooms at end of Sanctuary where existing platform is and worship storage.
- Add hallway/foyer where existing platform and prayer room and worship storage is to get to back side of building for restrooms and to replace the hallway that was closed in to accommodate the larger worship area.
- Restroom size would need to be increased.
- Prayer room would need to be repositioned.
- Could close in Drive Through for additional foyer space if needed.

Add additional Section to Church Building per master site plan (Higher Cost)

- Larger Foyer/Coffee Area/Proper Bathrooms
- Could have elevated seating
- Costly, but permanent worship facility to accommodate growth.
- Would be completion of existing master site plan and original dream of moving to this facility.
- Greatest benefit for ministry as the worship and foyer areas could be tailored to our needs.