

# Family Life Center

First Presbyterian Church

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# Vision



Empowering families, transforming lives, and **leading hearts to Christ.**

Our Family Enrichment Center envisions a community where every individual finds **support, growth, and connection in their journey with Jesus.**

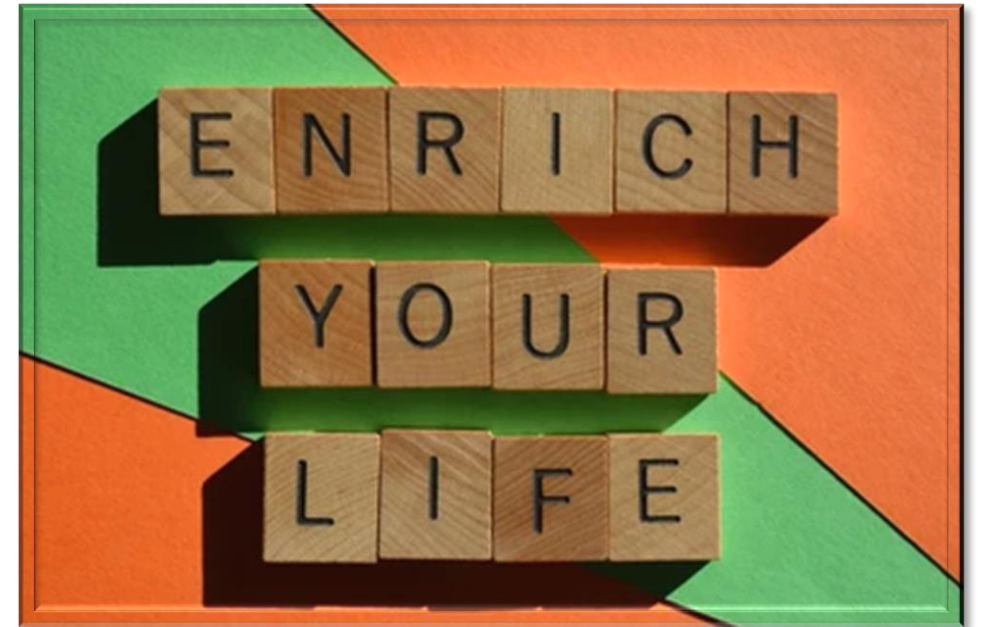
Through engaging programs, nurturing environments, and unwavering faith, we aim to unite families, inspire faith, and **extend the love of Christ to all.**

# Mission

To build a multifunctional church facility that:

- Fosters community engagement
- Promotes physical health and wellness
- Provides a versatile space for worship and events
- Make more disciples of Jesus Christ

Enriching the lives and enhancing the spiritual growth of all individuals and families of our congregation.





# Why a Family Life Center?

## 1. Increased Attendance:

- Can boost church attendance by 10-20% (Lifeway Research)
- Attracting new members and keeping existing ones engaged through diverse programs

## 2. Improved Community Engagement:

- Sports leagues and after-school programs increase community involvement by 15-25% (Hartford Institute)
- Make the church a local hub

## 3. Enhanced Programs:

- Program offerings grow by 20-30% Benefit youth groups, adult education, and fitness activities (Lifeway Research)

## 4. Financial Impact:

- Costly upfront but churches often see a 10-15% increase in donations and potential rental income (The National Association of Church Design Builders)

## 5. Member Retention:

- Diverse offerings help improve retention by 10-20% (Barna Group)

## 6. Facility Utilization:

- Centers are typically in use for 50+ hours weekly (The National Association of Church Design Builders)



# The Need for this facility

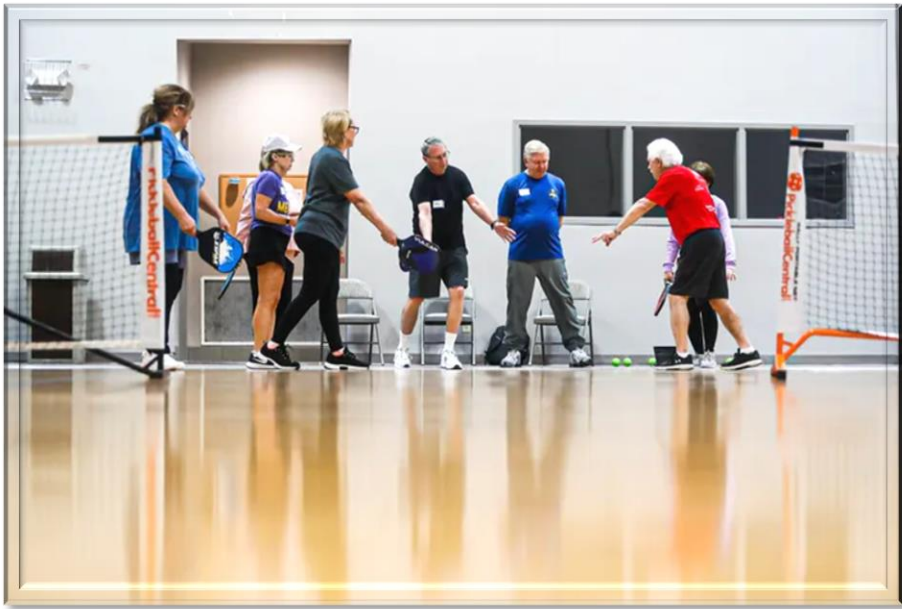


A Family Life Center allows a church to be more than just a place of worship—it can become a **vibrant community center** that serves practical needs while also facilitating deeper spiritual engagement.

These centers typically offer **large, multi-functional spaces** that support a wide range of activities, which can **broaden the church's reach** and impact on the local community.



# The Want for this facility



Here are several ways a FLC can enhance community engagement beyond what can be achieved with **traditional church spaces**:

1. A Hub for Community Services and Outreach
2. Bridging Generational and Cultural Gaps
3. Increased Capacity for Collaboration
4. Physical Space for Expanding Ministries and Missions
5. Diverse Programs for All Ages

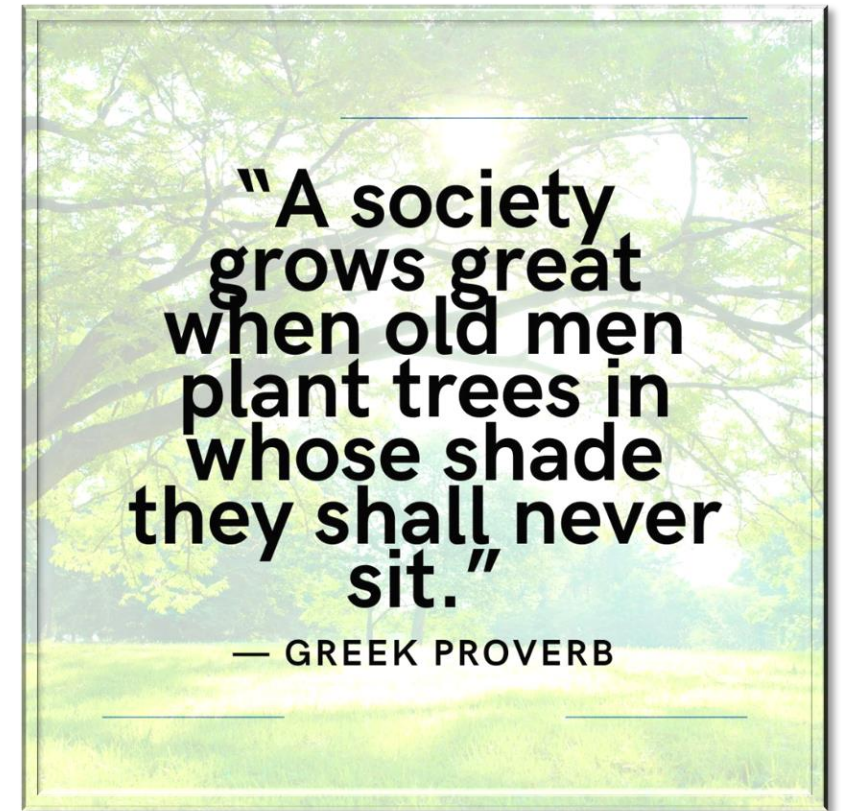
# Next Steps

1. Session authorizes a Capital-Campaign
  - Small financial commitment for mailing etc.
2. Recruit and Train Campaign Shepherds
3. 30 days of congregational prayer
  - Family discernment of a meaningful and joyful sacrifice to further God's plan
4. Evaluate pledge achievement
  - Proceed with detailed drawings leading to contemporary estimates if goals met
  - Explore adjustments to the planned facility with Architects if pledges somewhat less than goal
    - Evaluate strategies to supplement pledges



# Why a Family Life Center? YOUTH

- We want this to be a **foundation for the future** of our church, not just the present.
- Building a **Legacy of Faith** with a generational impact. Investing in the spiritual and moral foundation of families to influence future generations positively while establishing a legacy that continues to benefit the community for years to come.
- Provides a large safe/inviting **place to “hang out”** and bring Youth in.
- Provides a space for **Noah’s Ark** to use during inclement weather or when it is too hot or cold outside for the children to play.
- Posting these events on the churches Facebook/social media page to keep it **top of mind** to the community.





# Why a Family Life Center? ADULTS

Building a Family Life Center for adults beyond parents of children and youth can foster community, enhance personal growth, and support diverse adult needs. Here are some reasons why:

- Community Connection: Provides spaces for adults of all ages to connect through social activities, fostering belonging for singles, empty-nesters, and retirees.
- Space for Local Clubs to Meet:
  - Greenwood Women Care
  - Garden Clubs
  - Bible Studies
  - Christian Guest Speakers
  - Arts & Crafts Shows
- Wedding Receptions
- Health & Wellness: Supports adult fitness through exercise promoting overall well-being.



*Some activities might require us to allow Beer & Wine to be served, all of which likely will charge a rental fee*

# Since South Main Baptist already supports Upwards, why does First Presbyterian need to do this also?

South Main Baptist Church hosts Upward basketball and volleyball, but the demand is so high that games fill the entire day on Saturdays, with practices spread throughout the week. If First Presbyterian were to partner with them by offering additional space, it would alleviate the scheduling pressure and allow even more children in the community to participate. This partnership could greatly expand the program's impact, reaching more families and fostering positive youth development through sports.



## Supporting Upward Sports: A Path to...

- **Community Engagement:** Hosting Upward programs would boost First Presbyterian's visibility and show its support for youth and family activities.
- **Attracting Families:** Upward could introduce new families to the church, potentially growing its membership.
- **Mission Alignment:** The partnership aligns with First Presbyterian's outreach and community service goals.
- **Church Unity:** Collaborating with South Main Baptist strengthens inter-church relations and resource sharing.
- **Positive Exposure:** Hosting Upward enhances the church's reputation as a promoter of youth well-being.

# What will happen to Alexander Hall?

**Primary Function:** Alexander Hall is typically a space for communal meals, gatherings, and events. It's ideal for functions like:

- **Church Dinners:** Wednesday Night, potlucks, after-service meals, or holiday gatherings.
- **Receptions:** Hosting weddings, baptisms, or funeral receptions.
- **Meetings and Classes:** Small group meetings, Bible studies, or committee meetings.
- **Social Events:** Game nights, movie screenings, or smaller church-wide functions.
- **Special Events:** Baby showers, family gatherings, or community meetings.





# How will the Family Life Center be used?



**Primary Function:** The FLC is a larger, multi-purpose space that focuses on recreation, outreach, and broader community involvement. The FLC is well-suited for:

- **Sports and Recreation:** Hosting basketball, volleyball, Upward Sports, or fitness classes.
- **Youth Programs:** Large youth group meetings, summer camps, and retreats.
- **Community Outreach:** Offering after-school programs, community events, or fitness initiatives.
- **Classes and Workshops:** Space for financial literacy, health, or spiritual development classes.
- **Large Church Events:** Hosting bigger church events or conferences where a gymnasium setting works well.
- **Exercise and Health Programs:** Yoga, aerobics, senior fitness programs, etc.

# Reasons to build a Family Life Center:

1. **Community Engagement:** Family Life Centers enhance outreach by hosting events, with 83% of growing churches offering community service programs (Hartford Institute).
2. **Youth and Family Participation:** Family-focused facilities attract young families, with 36% of parents more likely to attend regularly if there are programs for their children (Pew Research).
3. **Health and Wellness:** Churches offering fitness programs see 78% increased participation and community connection (Lifeway Research).
4. **Membership Growth:** Non-worship activities attract new members, with 56% of attendees becoming regular participants (Lifeway Research).
5. **Outreach Capacity:** Spaces for charitable services improve retention, as churches offering community services tend to retain more members (U.S. Congregational Life Survey).
6. **Financial Sustainability:** Rentals can recoup 10-20% of facility costs through events, sports, and fitness programs (National Association of Church Design Builders).
7. **Volunteer Engagement:** 63% of church members are more likely to volunteer when there are organized opportunities in the center (Barna Group).