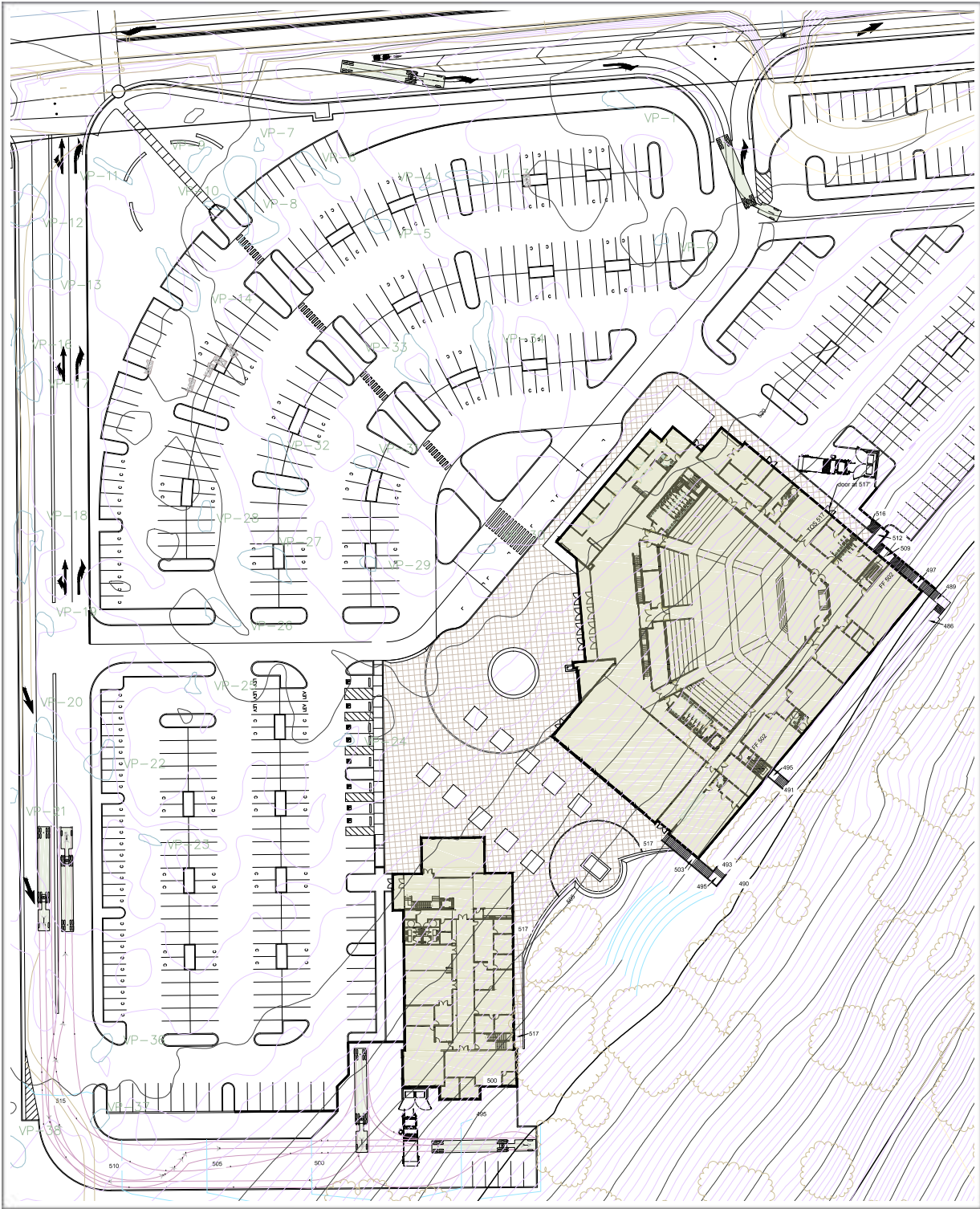


GB Church Site Plan



*Granite Bay SDA Church
Informational meeting*



“Building for Eternity”

Dear Church Family

It is my privilege and joy to be the senior pastor of this great and growing church. I want to begin by saying thank you for your faithfulness and generosity, not only in your financial giving, but also in your commitment to the mission and ministry of our church. Your involvement and ongoing financial support enable us to continue our soul-winning efforts in our local community and around the world.

When Karen and I decided to make Granite Bay our permanent church home, we did so because it was clear that there is a real desire on the part of the congregation and church leadership to both stand for the truth of God's Word and to be a life-changing presence in our community and the world.

I am filled with anticipation as I see what God wants to do through this church for the people in our community and the many thousands who are learning the truths of the three angels' messages through our church media. In our community, we see people who need a Lighthouse on a Hill to help guide them in raising their children, building strong marriages, and living healthy abundant lives.

That's why I am excited we are entering into a program that will open all-new opportunities for our church to minister to those in our community through the building of a worship facility that is practical, versatile, and worshipful. With the success of this capital stewardship campaign, our church will be able to multiply the effectiveness of our soul-winning efforts, both locally and throughout the world.

Our title for this campaign is "Building for Eternity." This name challenges each one of us to build a worship/ministry center that will have an impact not only for the present but, by God's grace, for eternity. We will do this by sacrificially giving over and above our regular church offerings for the next 156 weeks. Giving in this manner does not simply happen automatically. It is the result of faith, trust, intentional choices, and a life of surrender to the will of God. The commitment needed for the success of this project is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice—from us all. Giving is a spiritual exercise in faith and an investment in God's continuing work of saving souls for eternity.

How grateful we are to be part of this special church family that God has raised up for such a time as this! Thank-you in advance for your sacrificial giving to help make our church a Lighthouse on a Hill, shining forth its rays of truth to the community and the world.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Doug



Questions & Answers

Question: Will Amazing Facts or Granite Bay incur debt on this project?

For 50 years Amazing Facts has functioned as a result of the generous support of individuals who believe in the ministry, and although the ministry's board is reviewing all funding options, the ministry believes this project can be funded completely through sacrificial giving of Amazing Facts supporters, Granite Bay church members, and the sale of current assets. While the ministry is committed to this project, it also needs to continue the day-to-day mission of reaching people with the everlasting gospel.

Question: How much are we trying to raise for the building project?

The estimated cost for the church building is \$18,000,000. Because this is a shared Amazing Facts/Granite Bay Church project, the fundraising goal for our congregation is \$4,000,000.

Question: What is meant by a sacrificial commitment?

A sacrificial commitment is an over-and-above gift. That means it is "in addition" to the gifts you typically give to support our regular church budget. For many of our members, this also means that this will quite possibly be the largest commitment they have ever made to a church project.

Question: What is meant by "not equal giving but equal sacrifice"?

Each person has a varying giving potential due to a variety of factors, such as personal income, property, assets, as well as other obligations. Each family and each individual is being challenged to give until they have changed their lifestyle or sacrificed some of their own personal plans and desires so that God's vision for our church can be realized.

Question: When and how will commitments be made for the building project?

Most members will fill in a commitment card the evening of the church banquet. Most commitments will be over a three-year timeframe. In addition to the church banquet, other opportunities will be given during special building project updates and church business meetings.

Question: How do we make payments to this program?

By designating the amount in the "Building Fund" section of the offering envelope.

Question: Can I change my pledge later on?

Yes. Some will be blessed so that they can increase their original pledge. Unforeseen circumstances might mean some need to lower their overall pledge.

Question: If I should fall behind on my pledge, will the church make efforts to make me pay?

No. You are being asked to pray and ask God what He would have you commit to this project. The purpose of indicating your commitment amount is to give the church an indication of approximately how much we can expect, so that we will be able to plan effectively.

A Wonderful Problem

The Granite Bay Church was founded with the two-fold mission of revealing the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His eternal kingdom. Driven by this mission, Granite Bay has experienced wonderful growth—from 15 members to 500 in less than ten years. We have moved from a school gym to a rented church facility and now to a renovated warehouse, yet we are still out of room. Our children's Sabbath School classes are full to overflowing, our church hall cannot accommodate all the members for fellowship meals and communion services, and our location is not the best for evangelistic outreach to the community.

In order for our church to continue with its mission of genuine Christian fellowship, truth-centered worship, meaningful small groups, compassionate community outreach, regular evangelistic meetings, and effective discipleship, we need a larger and better equipped facility. This new church building is designed to meet the needs of our growing congregation. It is designed to meet the needs of recording and broadcasting our worship services, evangelistic events, health seminars, children's programs, and outreach training events.

Moreover, our church will become a "factory of faith," where Amazing Facts in partnership with Granite Bay can offer church-growth training for large and small congregations around the world. There are also thousands of small churches around the world that do not have their own regular pastor. These congregations depend on Granite Bay for their Sabbath School classes and worship services. Granite Bay is a church that builds churches! Thousands of local church leaders and members look to our church to provide solid, Bible-based teaching and preaching. This new building will enable us to do even more as a defining voice in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Someday—we don't know when—the doors for proclaiming and sharing the gospel will close, but now we are in a time of historic and unprecedented opportunity to embrace a bold vision for our church in these critical times for our denomination and the world. As Ellen White wrote, "We are altogether too narrow in our plans. We need to be broader minded. ... We must get away from our smallness and make larger plans. There must be a wider reaching forth to work for those who are nigh and those who are afar off" (*Evangelism*, pg. 46).

While time remains, let's do all we can to send the everlasting gospel into all the world ... and watch the power of the Word change live for Christ.

Courage!

Pastor Jëan



Goal Summary

Regular giving is extremely important. It is an easy way to make a significant contribution over a long period. You will be amazed by the ultimate total of an amount given systematically over a three-year period. Even a few dollars given faithfully each week can transform into a substantial gift. Everyone is encouraged to give, no matter the amount or commitment. Give and wait to see what the Lord will do through you! Your sacrificial gift will be a blessing to you and your extended church family.

Although the actual cost of our new church building is substantially higher, our church has three goals for our capital campaign. Our *Victory Goal* is \$3,500,000. Our *Challenge Goal* is \$4,000,000. And our *Hallelujah Goal* is \$4,500,000.

TYPICAL CONTRIBUTIONS YOU CAN MAKE IN			
A 156-WEEK PERIOD			
WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	TOTAL
\$ 5,000.00	\$ 21,666.67	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 780,000.00
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,833.33	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 390,000.00
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 8,666.67	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 312,000.00
\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 234,000.00
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,333.33	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
\$ 500.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 78,000.00
\$ 375.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 58,500.00
\$ 350.00	\$ 1,516.67	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 54,600.00
\$ 300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 46,800.00
\$ 250.00	\$ 1,083.33	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 39,000.00
\$ 200.00	\$ 866.67	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 31,200.00
\$ 175.00	\$ 758.33	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 27,300.00
\$ 150.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 23,400.00
\$ 125.00	\$ 541.67	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 19,500.00
\$ 100.00	\$ 433.33	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 15,600.00
\$ 80.00	\$ 346.67	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 12,480.00
\$ 75.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 11,700.00
\$ 60.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 9,360.00
\$ 50.00	\$ 216.67	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 7,800.00
\$ 40.00	\$ 173.33	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 6,240.00
\$ 30.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 4,680.00
\$ 25.00	\$ 108.33	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,900.00
\$ 20.00	\$ 86.67	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 3,120.00
\$ 15.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 2,340.00
\$ 10.00	\$ 43.33	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,560.00

■ Victory Goal - \$3,500,000 ■ Challenge Goal - \$4,000,000 ■ Halleluja Goal - \$4,500,000



Questions & Answers

Question: How will this new facility help us reach people in our local community?

This new building will give us an opportunity to provide greater local evangelism and ministry to those in our community. We will be able to expand the work we do in health, family, and children's ministries. A larger building will also give us additional space for small group Bible studies and hands-on health seminars, such as cooking schools and health expos. We will also have the ability to record more of our programs for local duplication and distribution. The strong media component of the church will also allow us to minister more effectively to our online members and friends with the ability to livestream our services.

Question: Didn't Ellen White caution us against "megachurches" and encourage us against building such large buildings?

We always want all of our plans to be in harmony with Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. Part of our extensive planning process has included a deep and prayerful study of inspired counsel. As a general rule, Mrs. White does discourage us from congregating together. The reason for that counsel is complacency and stagnation. But this becomes problematic only when members seek after a large church where they don't have to serve or be involved in outreach. However, there are specific circumstances in which Mrs. White counseled the construction of large facilities for maximum outreach and impact. For example, James and Ellen White, along with their son Edson, were involved in the design and fundraising efforts for the Dime Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Michigan. It was dedicated on April 20, 1879, with a seating capacity of 3,200. That first Sabbath, 3,649 people were in attendance. We prayerfully believe that our planned worship center is a similar exceptional situation. We need a large church to help supply the volunteers needed to provide high-quality ministry programs for a local and broadcast audience. As Mrs. White would recommend, we want a church full of dedicated volunteers partnering together to share the message globally.

Question: Who is going to take Pastor Doug's place at Amazing Facts when he retires or if something should happen to him?

God has been with Amazing Facts since it was founded in 1965. The first speaker, Joe Crews, didn't have a successor waiting in the wings for the first 29 years he led the ministry. But when a new director was needed, God provided. We believe He will do the same when Pastor Doug is ready to retire or should he become unable to serve. If a new president is needed for Amazing Facts and both entities agree to continue having the ministry president serve as senior pastor of the Granite Bay Church, his selection will include input from the congregation.

Question: What will be the financial relationship between the church and Amazing Facts?

The Granite Bay Church will use the Amazing Facts worship facilities for regular worship and church activities and will be responsible for their share of utilities and CAMs. A media evangelism fund will be included in the Granite Bay budget to be given to Amazing Facts to help offset media and pastoral expenses provided by Amazing Facts. If Amazing Facts were to sell the church facilities, a percentage of the profits of the sale of the church building will be given to the Granite Bay Church in proportion to the contribution made by the church to the capital campaign. Amazing Facts and Granite Bay will continue to maintain a cooperative relationship for the furtherance of the proclamation of the gospel, both locally and around the world.

A Church on a Mission

In late 2007, in preparation for the establishment of a new church in Granite Bay, a group of dedicated members from Sacramento Central Church became involved in a church plant mission, which began congregating in the home of one of the members. With God's tremendous blessing and the prayerful, dedicated efforts of all involved, the church has since grown from 15 members to more than 500 members.

After meeting in a member's home for several months, the church plant moved to a school gym for weekly services. About a year later, the growing congregation then moved to a local community church in the Loomis area for the next six years. After outgrowing the community church, the next move for the congregation was to the current location, where again the church has outgrown our current facilities.

The Granite Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church is now one of the most visible Sabbathkeeping Churches in the world, providing a Sabbath School program, worship services, and evangelism training programs for thousands who might otherwise have no church programming. The pastoral staff and members are committed to faithfully proclaiming the three angels' message in this last generation, and we sincerely believe these new modern facilities on the hill will greatly enhance our ability to broadcast the wonderful message of Jesus to a perishing world.

Please remember to keep the Granite Bay Church in your prayers as we continue to move forward with this exciting building project—and the mission of preaching the everlasting gospel to those in our neighborhood and around the world.



A Call to Service

In Mark 16:15, Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” **Building for Eternity** is a God-sized dream that speaks to the heart of every true believer.

From the very beginning, our church has had a strong emphasis on soul-winning. We have focused on the mission of evangelism—believing that our church is not here simply as a place for church members to congregate, but as an outreach center for our local community and the world.

I’m always encouraged to meet people who have been watching our services online and are coming to a better understanding of the Bible. Someone recently emailed our church, “I want to let you all know that the work you are doing is exceptional. Your services have opened my eyes to fully understand God for myself, and as I continue to receive His Word I am thankful for your programs. May God continue to bless your ministry and pray for me that God will guide me to follow His will.” Every week it is my privilege to give Bible studies to those who are seeking to know God’s will for their lives.

Quite often the question is asked, “How much should I give to the church?” Perhaps you find yourself asking the same question regarding our church building project. What I encourage people to do is to begin with prayer. The common prayer is, “God, what do you want me to do for the building campaign?” But I want to encourage you to pray a different prayer—“God, what do you want to do *through me?*”

The difference in these two prayers is an acknowledgement of who is in charge and an acknowledgement that God owns everything. We are merely stewards of the resources He has placed in our hands.

As you pray, I know that God will speak to your heart. As He speaks to your heart and you act in obedience to His will, ask Him to multiply your commitment and pour His blessings upon this building project for the furtherance of the mission He has given our church family.

It will take all of us to build our new church. Together with Christ, we can do it—and together we will do it!

Forward in faith!

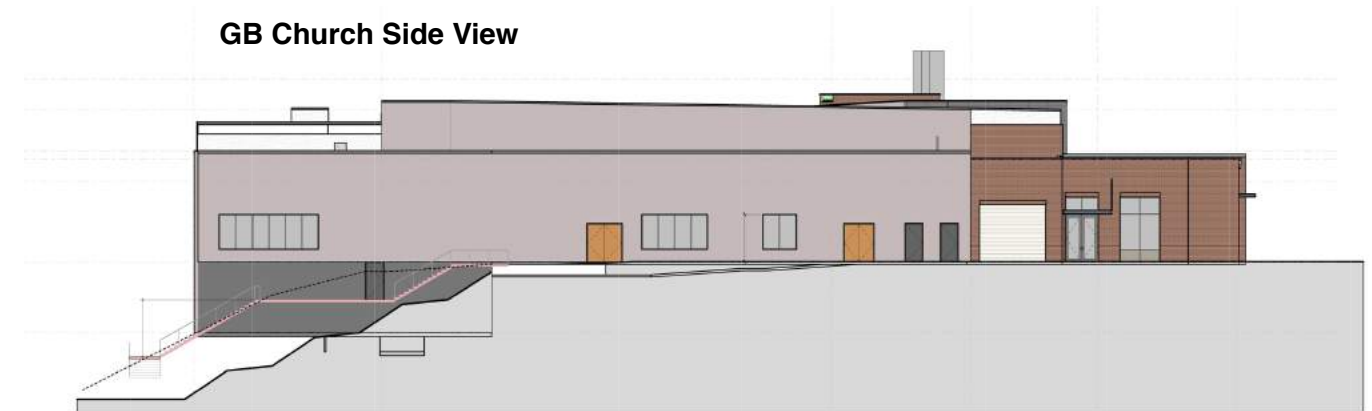
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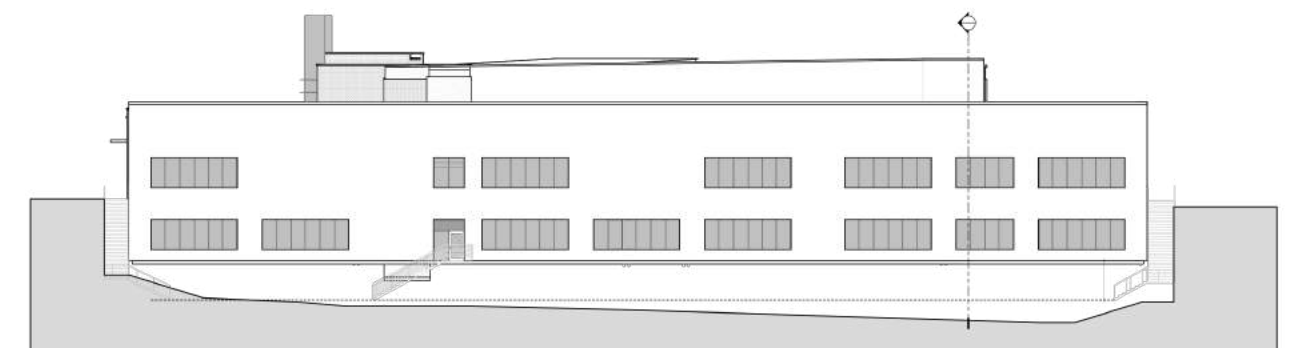
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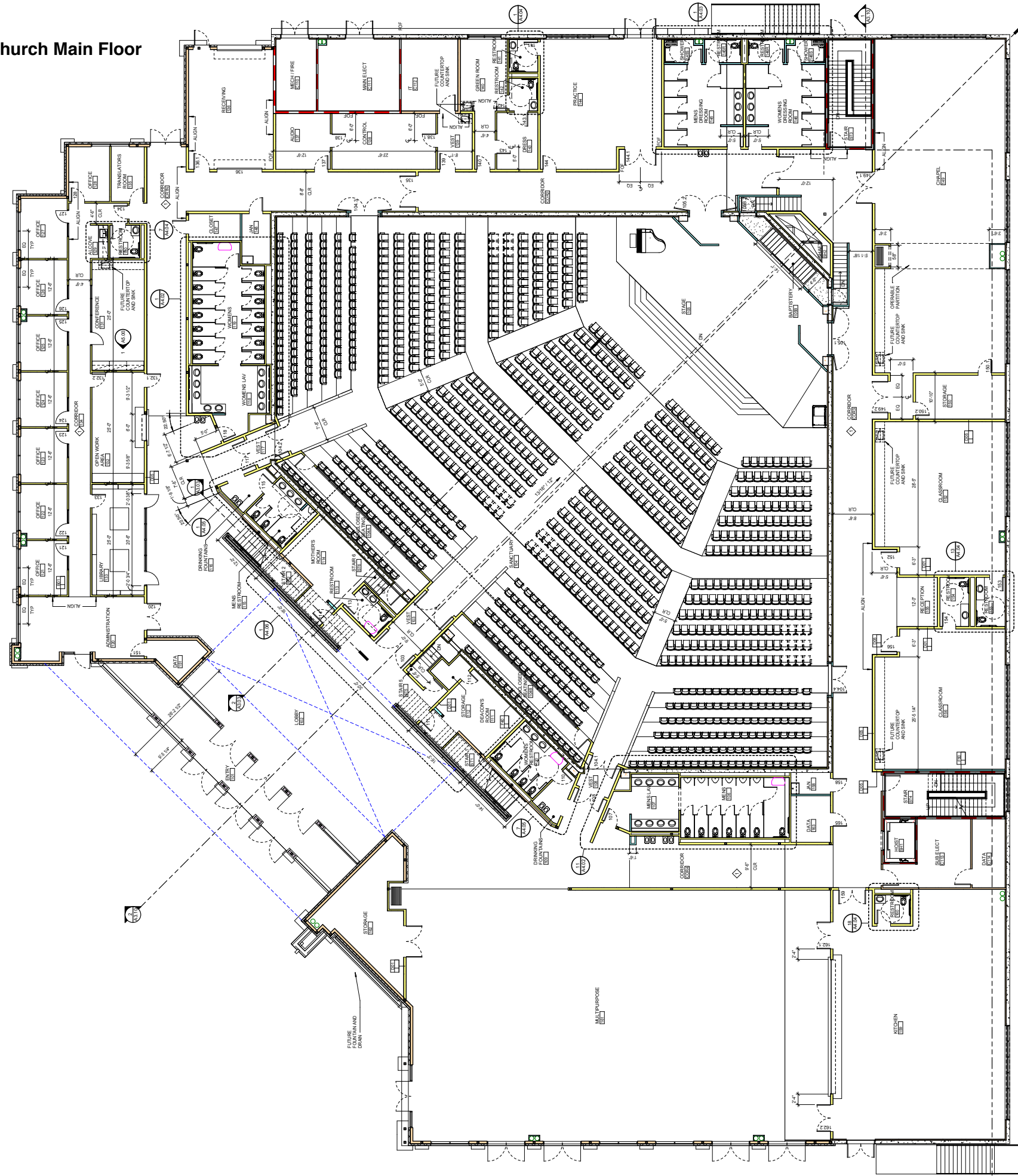
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GB Church Back View



GB Church Main Floor



GB Church Lower Floor

