



**REFRESH  
RESTORE  
RENEW**

# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South Peoria Church Family,

God is good all the time! We are so blessed by the God of our salvation in Jesus Christ & what He is doing in our lives. Looking back over the last 6 years I am in awe of how God has grown us spiritually & physically as He provides for His Church. There is so much to celebrate, but first I want to talk about brisket.

Brisket is the most difficult meat to smoke because it takes an immense amount of preparation, focus & care. When I smoke brisket, I start by spending a few hours trimming & seasoning the meat & preparing the smoker for the ideal outcome. Once my smoker hits 175 degrees I place the brisket on the smoker. I then spray it down every 45 minutes with a concoction of apple cider vinegar, Cherry Coke, Worcestershire Sauce & some secret spices. After 4 hours, I flip the brisket & continue to spray it down every 45 minutes for another 4-7 hours. Then I wrap the brisket in peach butcher paper & increase the smoker temp to 225 degrees. I then babysit the brisket until it reaches the internal temp of 199-201 degrees. It needs to be babysat because every piece of meat cooks at different rates & the grease from the brisket could easily ignite, engulfing the brisket, causing it to become a burnt lump of charcoal. It is easy to make a mistake at any point in this process & ruin an expensive piece of meat. The most common mistake in smoking a brisket is to become distracted & lose focus. You see, amazing smoked brisket requires some stellar bbq sides like homemade baked beans, cornbread & mac-n-cheese. However, when these sides take my focus off the brisket, it never fails; I mess up the brisket. Therefore, when I smoke brisket, I must focus on my sole mission of brisket & leave the mac-n-cheese for others to prepare. Now, I know you are probably wondering why Pastor Jeremiah is writing so much about BBQ, but there is a specific point to be found here.

I am confident God has created & called South Peoria Baptist Church for a specific purpose that is bigger than anything we could ever imagine. This is our brisket & it will require immense preparation, focus & care. It will require all of us working together for the glory of God by using the gifts, talents & passions God has given us. There is no small part of South Peoria; each of us play a vital role. God has been preparing us for the next season of our mission by establishing a clear vision, providing the right staff members, empowering our elders & deacons, raising up leaders & growing South Peoria. This next season is going to be a time to Refresh, Restore, & Renew our lives, our campus & our priorities to accomplish what God has called us to do.

What a blessing it is to have a place we can worship, grow, give & serve together as a church body. As members of SPBC, we prioritize our spiritual health, but we are also responsible for the physical upkeep of our property so we can continue to meet for fellowship, as well as minister to our community. The purpose of this campaign is to raise the funds needed to renovate our facilities to match our vision. We have work to do, Church, but we must always be mindful of & aligned with the vision God has given us & remember that the capital campaign is so much more than just fundraising & construction; it's about equipping The Church to share the Gospel with the world. It is such a privilege to be obedient & give toward the mission of South Peoria, to be real people that live to lead others to find life in Christ! All the time, God is good!

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremiah



# OUR PLAN

- Repair/Replace Underground Water Mains
- Repave Parking Lot & Extend Security Fencing
- Upgrade Exterior Lighting & Signage
- Repair & Upgrade Courtyard & Landscaping
- Extend & Enclose Porticos
- Repair Ceilings & Renovate Classrooms
- Renovate Fellowship Hall
- Renovate & Upgrade Bathrooms Throughout
- Upgrade Sound System & Soundproof Sanctuary
- Repair & Possibly Convert Office into Classrooms
- Remove Building 4 & Possibly Replace with Modular

# OUR GOAL

## Refresh, Restore, Renew

Raise \$1 Million over the next 24 months

# OUR PATH

## Equal Sacrifice, not Equal Gifts

Reaching our goal will not be easy, but it is attainable, Lord-willing, for a congregation our size if we're willing to commit ourselves to sacrificial giving. Please be in prayer regarding your ability to give above & beyond your regular tithe & for South Peoria Baptist Church as we continue to prepare for a faithful future!

## GIVING GUIDE

Weekly Giving	Monthly Total	Annual Total
\$10	\$43.33	\$520
\$25	\$108.33	\$1,300
\$50	\$216.66	\$2,600
\$100	\$433.33	\$5,200
\$250	\$1,083.33	\$13,000
\$500	\$2,166.66	\$26,000
\$1000	\$4,333.33	\$52,000

\* Amounts are suggestions only & can be given at any frequency & adjusted as necessary. To sponsor a specific project in full please contact Dave Sain on the Budget & Implementation Team.

**OUR PAST** – In the early 1990's Coy & Esther Wilkerson gathered a small group of people to pray about a new church in Peoria, Arizona. Quickly this group began to flourish, meeting in homes, schools & recreation halls. In 1993 a small property was purchased & remodeled, & James Hayes was called to pastor. Within a year, South Peoria Baptist Church (SPBC) outgrew their space, so they purchased a new lot at 91st Avenue & Olive. They began construction, moving into the brand-new building in 1996. Over the next ten years, growth continued & SPBC expanded into multiple buildings. In 2016, Pastor Jeremiah Hayes began leading the congregation.

**OUR PRESENT** – Despite the difficulties and setbacks wrought by the Covid-19 pandemic, South Peoria Baptist Church continues to thrive. Membership is growing at a steady pace amongst all ages & SPBC is becoming healthier, both financially & spiritually. Members are giving obediently & generously. They are excited to hear God's Word preached on Sundays, are fellowshiping with other believers in Life Groups throughout the week & are dedicating their homes for God's purposes. Our children's ministry has grown to include dedicated staff who not only teach our children but focus on parents growing into confident spiritual leaders within their homes. Our Special Needs ministry has more than doubled in 2022.

**OUR FUTURE** – South Peoria Baptist Church has always been affected by the growth of our surrounding areas, which show no signs of slowing. As the city of Peoria continues to expand, it is SPBC's goal to welcome our neighbors with open arms & impact our community with the Gospel. Our buildings need to be refreshed, restored & renewed because we desire to see people refreshed, restored & renewed. Our mission is to be real people who live to lead others to find life in Christ, & our prayer is that we can continue that mission for generations to come. Our purpose is to bring Glory to God, serving Him faithfully through obedience to His will.



SPBC THROUGH THE YEARS

# LETTER FROM COMMITTEE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

A monetary commitment can be difficult no matter the season, but particularly in today's ever-changing economy. There is no doubt in our minds that as we raise funds for this endeavor, circumstances will change & pledges will need to be revised; some increasing & others decreasing. However, we also have no doubt that refreshing, restoring & renewing South Peoria Baptist Church should be a financial priority for us all.

As the world continues its chaotic spiral, we wish to ensure the longevity of our church home for ourselves & our families, our friends & neighbors, even strangers we haven't met yet. We wish to ensure that this little plot of land continues to serve the city of Peoria as a beacon of light in the darkness, & that the foundations are strong as we stand as a pillar of truth in a world that often doesn't know the meaning of the word.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider what you are able to give during the course of this campaign, & that you will see it not as a burden but as an opportunity to share the gospel & invest in the future of others with the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ. We also pray that through our combined sacrifice & generosity, God will continue to bless us as a church body & as individuals, by increasing our faith & trust in Him as we obey Him.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Justus  
*Capital Campaign Committee Chairwoman*

"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."  
*2 Corinthians 9:7*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **When will the work/construction begin?**

A few essential projects have already begun to ensure no further damage to our property, although a majority of the work will not start until after the campaign has launched.

## **Who determines what projects need to be completed & take priority?**

The Budget & Implementation Team is equipped with industry professionals who understand accounting & construction. Together, they will determine which projects will best serve South Peoria Baptist Church & in which order the work should be completed to maximize your giving.

## **Will any project begin before there are sufficient funds to complete that project?**

The projects will begin as the funds are received. Thanks to some generous donations prior to the official launch of this campaign, we have already completed & paid for the replacement of underground water mains.

## **How will I know how my donations are being spent?**

The Capital Campaign Team is committed to keeping everyone up to date with the progress of our fundraising as well as with the actual completion of construction. We will send letters, show videos & make announcements during Sunday morning worship to ensure we celebrate many milestones together as a church family & thank God for His incredible provision.

## **Can we use church members to complete elements of the work to save on expenses?**

To ensure no issues with liability, insurance, warranties, etc. the Budget & Implementation team will only be accepting bids from licensed/professional contractors. Church members who own businesses that meet these qualifications are eligible for consideration.

## **Will construction affect Sunday morning services?**

Unforeseen circumstances are always a possibility while under construction, but it is unlikely South Peoria's main worship services will be affected by our planned projects. Ministries that occupy buildings 1 & 2 will inevitably encounter some changes and/or displacement, but temporary alternatives will be discussed & made available prior to any disturbance.

## **Besides giving above my normal tithes & offerings, how can I get involved?**

The importance of prayer during a campaign like this cannot be overstated. Please pray for SPBC as we seek to reach & influence our local community. Pray for our members, that all would be obedient to the Lord's calling on their life, & pray for opportunities to cast the greater vision with those around you.



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