



## Q&A For Building Our Home

### **Q. How much will the building cost?**

- A. The building will take place in two phases:
- Phase 1 will have 318 seats in the worship space, a large central hall for gathering, seven kids classrooms, a large kids worship theater (divided into three additional rooms), and a playground. **The estimated cost for Phase 1 is \$3.2 million.**
  - Phase 2 will build offices for staff, adult classrooms, a kitchen area, expanded kids space (three additional classrooms), and a sporting/events pavilion. **The estimated cost for Phase 2 is \$2.8 million**
  - **Total Estimated Cost: \$6 million**

### **Q. How will Two Rivers pay for the building?**

- A. "Building Our Home" is a fundraising campaign during which we will invite our church family to prayerfully consider how God is leading them to contribute over the next three years. The building will be paid for through the combination of these funds and a loan amount yet to be determined.

### **Q. What is Two Rivers philosophy towards giving? What is Two Rivers' philosophy on debt?**

A. We believe debt can be a tool if used with wisdom. For example, if you own a home you probably have a mortgage. You thoughtfully determined an appropriate amount of debt you could take on for your family to be in your home. We are consulting with a finance firm associated with our denomination, the EFCA, on best practices for churches of our size and budget. We are considering appropriate ratios of debt to income in order to determine the amount of debt we are willing to carry. We do not want to build something we cannot afford to live in. So there is a cap on what we are willing to borrow.

### **Q. What does this mean for church members?**

- A. As God loves a joyful giver, we ask members and attenders to pray about what they feel God is leading them to give.

### **Q. When do we plan to build an actual church building?**

- A. Timing will depend on the fundraising campaign and cash flow. We could break ground as late as January 2024. This timing will be updated at the conclusion of the initial campaign phase.

**Q. Who will determine the design of the church building?**

- A. A team made up of 2RC members are using their gifts and talents to work alongside contracted professionals to make recommendations concerning the design of the building.

**Q. If I want to contribute to the building, how can I give?**

- A. You can give three different ways:
- **Online.** Simply go to your Realm account, or 2RC.org to set up an account. Once you are set up you will choose “Building” Fund from the “Fund” drop down menu.
  - **During service.** Drop off in the giving boxes on Sunday mornings. Make sure to designate your gift as “Building our Home” Fund.
  - **Write a check.** Make out to Two Rivers Church and designate it as “Building our Home”. Checks can be dropped in the giving boxes on Sunday mornings or mailed to the church office:

6303 Ooltewah Georgetown Road  
Ooltewah, TN 37363

We ask that you prayerfully consider this as an offering above and beyond your regular tithe. ***The general fund (the day to day operational budget) will continue to operate on your tithes.***

**Q. Are donations tax deductible?**

- A. Two Rivers is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible (see a tax professional to determine how donations will impact your indicated tax situation). A summary of giving will be mailed to you at the beginning of the year for tax purposes.