

What Does Success Look Like?

While enhancing and expanding our current facilities, and developing our property for our surrounding community are important for our vision, completing these projects is not tantamount to our definition of success. Let us explain. Our concerns are with the internal life of our church family and with loving our neighbors as ourselves. The projects that we've laid before you are for the sole purpose of serving those essentials.

If our church family isn't more deeply connected with one another and called into a more meaningful relationship with Jesus or, if we are not opening our hearts to our neighbors, these efforts will not be successful, however enhanced our facilities might be. Nevertheless, the physical improvements and expansion of our current facilities along with the development of our property for greater community access will, we believe, assist us in successfully fulfilling our vision of nurturing the internal life of our church AND displaying the love of Christ to our neighbors. In this process, we will work hard to ensure that we aren't distracted from these real goals.

Our image of success. Imagine that our property is used daily by those in our surrounding community. Imagine folks from the adjacent apartments walking the trails, sitting out on the patio with their families. Imagine that you could invite your neighbor to join you at CrossBridge on a pleasant afternoon. While the kids played on the playground, you could enjoy a conversation, have a Bible study, or pray together. Imagine that you had a place for community Bible studies, seminars, or neighborhood meetings. Can you imagine what just might happen when a church dares to risk developing spaces that are open for all? Do you think folks' notion of church would begin to change? For us, all of these, and more, possibilities is what "success" looks like.

What if we don't raise the necessary funds to complete all projects—won't that be a failure? We have this strange notion that, even if we don't raise the necessary funds to make all improvements to, or expansions on, our property, the process will help our church focus on our vision of Love.Change.Together.In Christ. If we grow closer together, become more clear about our vision of developing disciples who love one another in community, and become more passionate about serving the unchurch in our community, this process will be successful whether or not we complete the proposed projects. Again, the vision is larger than bricks and mortar. So, whatever financial resources God provides through us, we will develop our property—to the extent allowed by those finances—to further advance our vision of Love.Change.Together.In Christ. In addition, we as a leadership are trusting God to provide the resources to make our vision a greater reality.