

FOR THE FUTURE



WELCOME

Dear Bachelor Creek Family,

It started almost 180 years ago. A handful of people met in a home in Wabash County with a desire to make and grow disciples of Jesus. There were a lot of unknowns in those early years: where do we meet, how will we pay for a building, where is the right location? But as Corrie Ten Boom said: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." The leaders of what would become Bachelor Creek Church said YES to trusting God at the intersection of the now and not yet. They were ready to build a church for future generations that would come after them.

And look at what God has done! Today, Bachelor Creek strategically sits on State Road 15, easily connecting our church to Wabash, North Manchester, Urbana, Roann, Peru, Huntington, Denver, and surrounding communities. Our church has experienced tremendous growth over the last 180 years, and we've always been committed to making room for more to hear, experience, and be changed by the Gospel of Jesus!



Today, our church is once again at the intersection of the now and not yet. Our FOR the Future initiative invites us to look ahead with faith, committed to making room for the next generation, extending our reach, and impacting our community for Christ. This vision is about so much more than a building and a remodel. FOR the Future is about boldly advancing our mission. It's about making disciples of those who will lead long after we're gone. It's about having a daily influence for Jesus—near and far, today and tomorrow. FOR the Future is about trusting God, pouring out our lives before Him, and allowing Him to have full control.

I believe our best days as a church are still ahead of us because we are FOR the Future.

Joel Cogdell
Lead Minister

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Members of Bachelor Creek in front of the church building which was rebuilt in 1903 at our current location.

OUR HISTORY

The year was 1845. Indiana had only been a state for twenty-nine years. The Civil War wouldn't start for another sixteen years. It would be another thirty-five years before Wabash became the first electrically lighted city in the world. On June 14, 1845, a small group of believers in Wabash County gathered together in a home to organize a new church. They desired to pursue the way of Jesus as described in the New Testament.

For the first fourteen years, they met in people's homes and in a schoolhouse, until 1859 when the congregation built its first building at our present location. The building was located along a plank road, so the church was aptly renamed Plank Road Christian Church. Throughout the rest of the 19th century, the church experienced small but steady growth.

In 1903, the church's elders decided to build a new building at a cost of \$3,000. Church members responded generously, completing the project without incurring any debt. The 20th century continued to see numeric and spiritual growth. At some point, the church changed its name to Bachelor Creek Christian Church and then to Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. In 1970, the present building was dedicated, and in 1975, the former brick structure was demolished. Additions were made in 1974, 1986, 1995, and 2012. In 1978, Bachelor Creek became multi-staffed for the first time.

A lot has changed over the course of 180 years. Names have changed, buildings have been constructed and torn down, and people have come and gone, but our mission has stayed the same.



Construction of our current Worship Center that was completed in 1995.

1845

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, originally named Paw Paw Creek Church, was organized in Wabash County, Indiana. A group of believers began meeting in Simeon B. Lloyd's home.

1859

1.58 acres of land at our present location was purchased and the congregation constructed its first building.

1903

The church building was rebuilt to accommodate the congregation's growth at a cost of \$3,000. Members responded generously, raising enough funds to complete the project debt-free.

1994

We undertook an expansion called "Building for Eternity," which included breaking ground on a new Worship Center, dedicated in 1995.

2024

Bachelor Creek launches a two-year generosity initiative called "FOR the Future" with the vision of making a greater impact for Christ for generations to come.



Groundbreaking ceremony in March of 1994 for the new Worship Center. Pictured with shovels from left to right are Jack McKillip, John Leinbaugh, Mike Duggan, and Bob Brodbeck.

One of Bachelor Creek's defining characteristics is that we've always been a forward-looking church. We understand the importance of reaching the lost, raising up the next generation, making room for more people to hear the Gospel, and embracing new opportunities to share our faith. We see that focus throughout the history of our church. In 1994, we expanded our facility to build a new Worship Center. The initiative was called "Building for Eternity." Our congregation understood then, as we do now, that it's not about sticks and stones; it's about flesh and bones. Buildings are tools to help us minister to people and equip believers. They are spaces where people can have their life changed for all eternity.

"Building for Eternity" sounds a lot like "FOR the Future." That's no accident. As much as we're thankful for a rich history at Bachelor Creek, this church has never dwelled on the past. We've always looked ahead at what God is calling us to next.

In fact, the best way we can honor our past is by planning FOR the Future.

WHERE WE

Making & Growing Disciples of Jesus.

MISSION

WE STAND ON **Biblical Truth**

WE CONNECT **Relationally**

WE GIVE **Sacrificially**

WE RAISE UP THE **Next Generation**

WE PURSUE EXCELLENCE **For God's Glory**

WE ARE **FOR Wabash & Beyond**

CORE VALUES

We are a multigenerational church of 1200 growing deep and wide that is leveraging our influence to have a daily impact for Christ in our community and beyond.

10 YEAR VISION

God is on the move at Bachelor Creek! We are witnessing an unprecedented wave of excitement and growth, fueled by God's grace and the commitment of our congregation. As we reflect on where we stand in 2024, the signs of God's blessings are unmistakable.

Coming out of the challenges of the pandemic, our church has experienced a remarkable surge in attendance and vitality. From averaging 510 attendees for Sunday worship in recent years, we are now blessed to welcome an average of 800 individuals each Sunday—and this number continues to grow! This influx of new faces reflects a community hungry for spiritual connection and a church ready to embrace them with open arms.



ARE TODAY

Our dedication to nurturing the next generation is evident in the joyful milestones we celebrate. Last year, we rejoiced as 18 precious babies were dedicated at our annual Baby Day—an affirmation of our commitment to supporting families in their faith journey. Similarly, our summer camps have seen record participation from elementary, middle school, and high school students, providing transformative experiences that deepen their relationship with Christ.

The impact of our ministry extends beyond numbers. In the past year, 39 individuals made the life-altering decision to be baptized into Christ, embracing new life and a profound commitment to discipleship.

Integral to our success is the united leadership that guides Bachelor Creek. With 15 full and part-time staff members—the largest in our history—working alongside dedicated elders, we are poised to fulfill our mission and vision with renewed vigor and purpose.

In 2022, we launched our impactful FOR movement, a rallying cry that encapsulates our commitment to being “FOR Wabash and beyond.” This intentional focus on demonstrating God's love has elevated our influence within the community. More individuals are joining small groups, engaging in ministry, embarking on mission trips, and extending kindness to others—truly embodying the essence of Christ's message.

Looking forward, our 10-year vision unveiled in 2023 leads us toward a



future where Bachelor Creek emerges as a multi-generational church of 1200 growing deep and wide that is leveraging our influence to have a daily impact for Christ in our community and beyond.

Throughout our journey, our mission remains unwavering: Making and Growing Disciples of Jesus, echoing the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-19. This mission, coupled with our clear vision and values, leads us toward a bold future.

Central to our ethos is biblical stewardship, reflected in our debt-free ministry and our commitment to allocate 20% of our annual budget to support local, national, and global missions—an expression of our desire to share God's love beyond our church walls.

With gratitude for God's abundant blessings and the dedication of our community, Bachelor Creek Church stands poised to step boldly into the future, carrying the light of Christ into every corner of our lives and beyond. Together, let us continue to be instruments of His grace, transforming hearts and lives for His glory.

WHY NOW?

God has given us a compelling vision to impact our church, our children, and our community for Christ. There are times in life when windows of opportunity present themselves. We don't know how long this window will be open, but for Bachelor Creek, the time to take action is now. Our kids and student ministries are experiencing growth, our leadership and congregation are united and aligned, and our burden for our community has never been greater.

At its core, this movement is about helping Bachelor Creek, and the church at large, reach our community and world in the name of Jesus. Whether it be about creating room for more people, improving our digital space, making our physical space more accessible and safe, or helping local mission partners, we are hyper-focused on making sure all people hear about the good news of Jesus.

We believe God will use this journey to deepen our relationship with Jesus and grow our faith. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, the future is bright, and we can't wait to see what God does!

“ A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit. ”

- Elton Trueblood



FOR THE CHURCH

We want every person who walks through our doors to experience an environment that fosters spiritual depth and growth in their relationship with Jesus. We never want our physical or digital space to hinder someone's next steps.

FOR THE CHILDREN

We raise up the next generation. This is a core value of Bachelor Creek. We want to keep our kids safe and make sure they have space to grow spiritually as well as continue to welcome more children into their environment.

FOR THE COMMUNITY

We are FOR Wabash and beyond. We will continue to strive to be a beacon of light in our community and strengthen our partnerships with others who have the same goal.

This is Bachelor Creek; the local church is the vessel through which God grows people's faith and reaches others for Christ. We will unashamedly proclaim the name of JESUS above every other name! We will always stand on biblical truth!

This represents the courthouse in Wabash. We love partnering with our local community. From our Easter-ific Egg Hunt, Jingle Jubilee, First Fridays, and so much more, we are grateful for our partnership to reach and be FOR Wabash and beyond!

The field pays tribute to our rural community. So many farmers represent the hard working people who take pride in what God has called them to do. The community we live in values excellence and fulfillment in a job well done. Bachelor Creek strives to pursue excellence for God's glory!



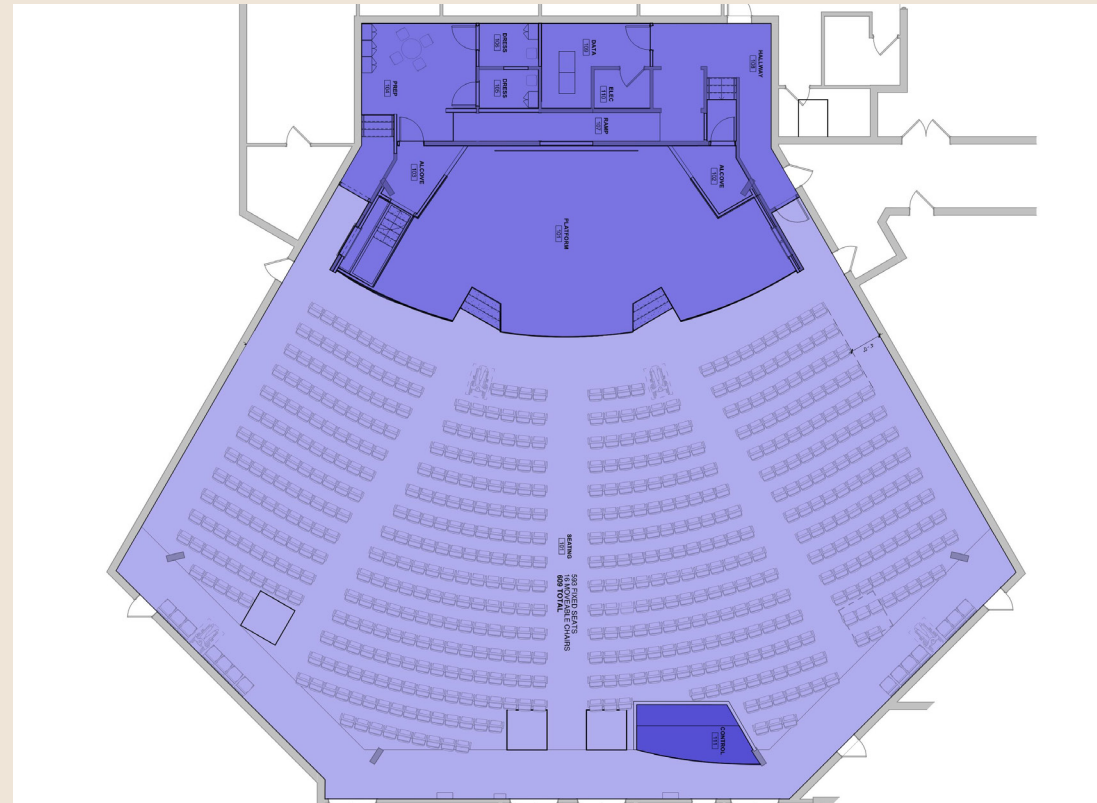
The outline of the logo is the shape of Wabash County.

The playground represents our love of the next generation and the opening of the Bachelor Creek Community Park! We love creating a space where family and friends can gather together. We are committed to raising up the next generation!

Water is a central part of both our community and our faith. We pay tribute to the Eel, Wabash River, and our own Bachelor Creek, while acknowledging the expression of our faith through baptism. We will do whatever it takes to help others find Jesus. We will give sacrificially until the whole world hears!

The sign represents the Welcome to Wabash sign in Wabash. We love that our church is represented by many counties and communities and we love the city in which God has placed us, Wabash! We are thankful for where we are and the people God has placed in our lives as we pursue Him. We value connecting relationally with those around us.

Floor plan of remodeled Worship Center. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.



We want every person who walks through our doors to encounter God in an environment that helps people worship and grow in their relationship with Jesus. We never want our physical or digital space to hinder someone's growth. Our Worship Center is 30 years old and has served us well. Many of the furniture and fixtures in this space are original and the wear and tear is noticeable. As a church that pursues excellence for God's glory, the need to update our facility is clear.

Some of the barriers in our current Worship Center include an outdated and failing sound system, inconsistent experiences online, limited to no handicap accessibility, and restricted seating with pews. In order to address these issues, we are intentionally pursuing a full remodel in this space.

BACHELOR CREEK ROCKS! THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. OUR CHURCH HAS AWESOME FACILITIES AND WE ARE ALWAYS CHANGING TO BE FOR THE COMMUNITY!

-ADAM & DANIELLE RENBARGER



According to Lifeway Research, 83% of people who visit a church for the first time watch online before attending in person. We understand that online is the new front door to the church. To create an engaging and welcoming online experience, we are upgrading all our AVL (Audio, Visual, Lighting) components. This includes a new sound system, three broadcast quality manned cameras, a single center LED screen for video, and house lights that will create a more intimate worship environment. These improvements will enhance both our in-person and online experience.



Rendering of new Worship Center. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.

WE JUST LOVE THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE. WE LOVE THE STAFF AND BEING HERE. AFTER WE VISITED IN APRIL OF 2023, WE NEVER WENT ANYWHERE ELSE. WE FEEL AT HOME.

-TERRY & REBECCA SMITH



It is very important to us that we remove any barriers from people coming to Jesus. Presently, our stage and baptistry are inaccessible for individuals with mobility issues. Our remodel plans include reconfiguring and lowering our stage, installing a ramp, and relocating the baptistry. These changes will allow all people to utilize this space as the Spirit moves and creates opportunities for everyone to respond to Jesus.

Currently, our Worship Center has a seating capacity of 500 with pews, but practically it is less than that. Statistics show that people spread out more in pews, thereby limiting the number of people able to find a seat. With theater seating, our capacity expands to 609, a 22% increase. In addition to creating more space, our current pews have several stains and tears. The upgrade will allow for more modern and comfortable seating for all.

As a church that stands on biblical truth, nothing is more valuable than worshipping God. As we look to the future, each of these upgrades facilitates a greater atmosphere of worship. The configuration of the stage, the relocation of the baptistry, the central screen, and the position of the seating will allow individuals to engage deeply and celebrate fully. We are also excited about the possibilities of inviting others inside this space during the week through conferences, worship nights, and more.

Rendering of new Worship Center. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.



Adult classrooms in purple located off the lobby. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.

ADULT CLASSROOMS

This remodel also includes plans to relocate our adult classrooms from the back to the front of the building—an intentional move designed to enhance convenience and accessibility for our entire community.

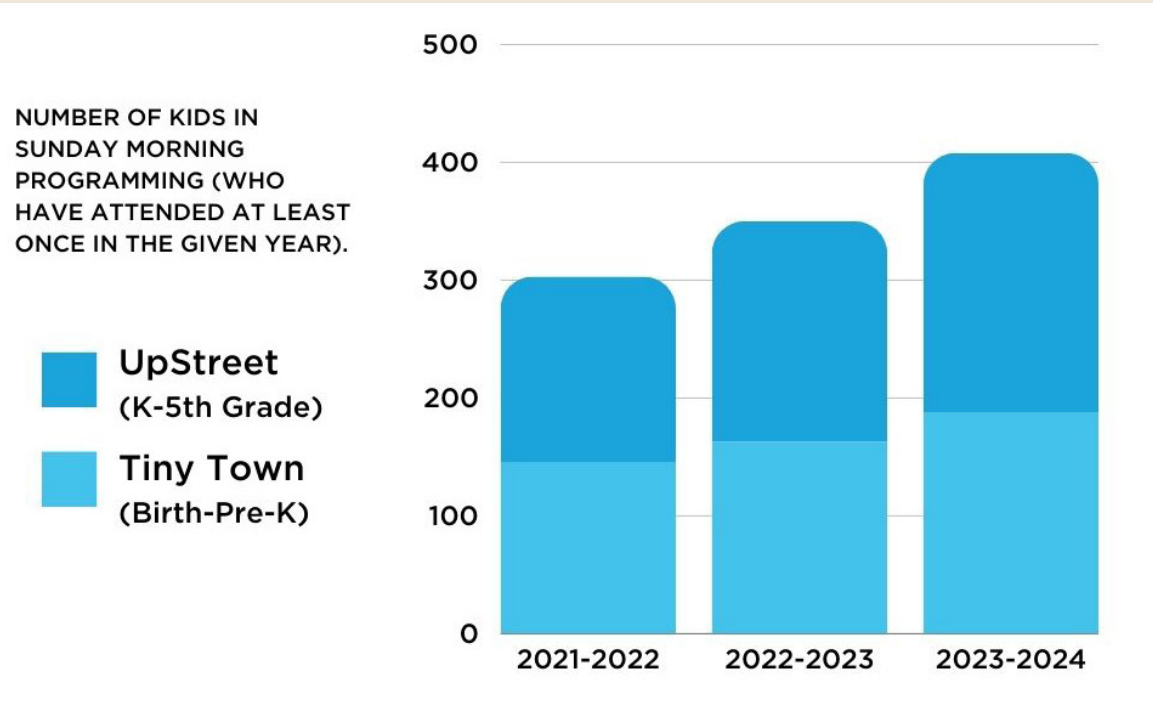
By creating a dedicated hallway directly from the lobby to these classrooms, we are prioritizing ease of access, particularly for our older adults who currently navigate through the entire building to reach their classrooms. This strategic relocation will significantly reduce travel distances and ensure that our classrooms are easily reachable on Sunday mornings and during the week for outside groups.

Our vision extends beyond Sunday services; we aspire to transform Bachelor Creek Church into a vibrant 7 day-a-week facility. This repositioning of adult classrooms aligns with our goal of offering a welcoming space for a variety of gatherings, including community organization meetings, recovery groups, and more throughout the week.



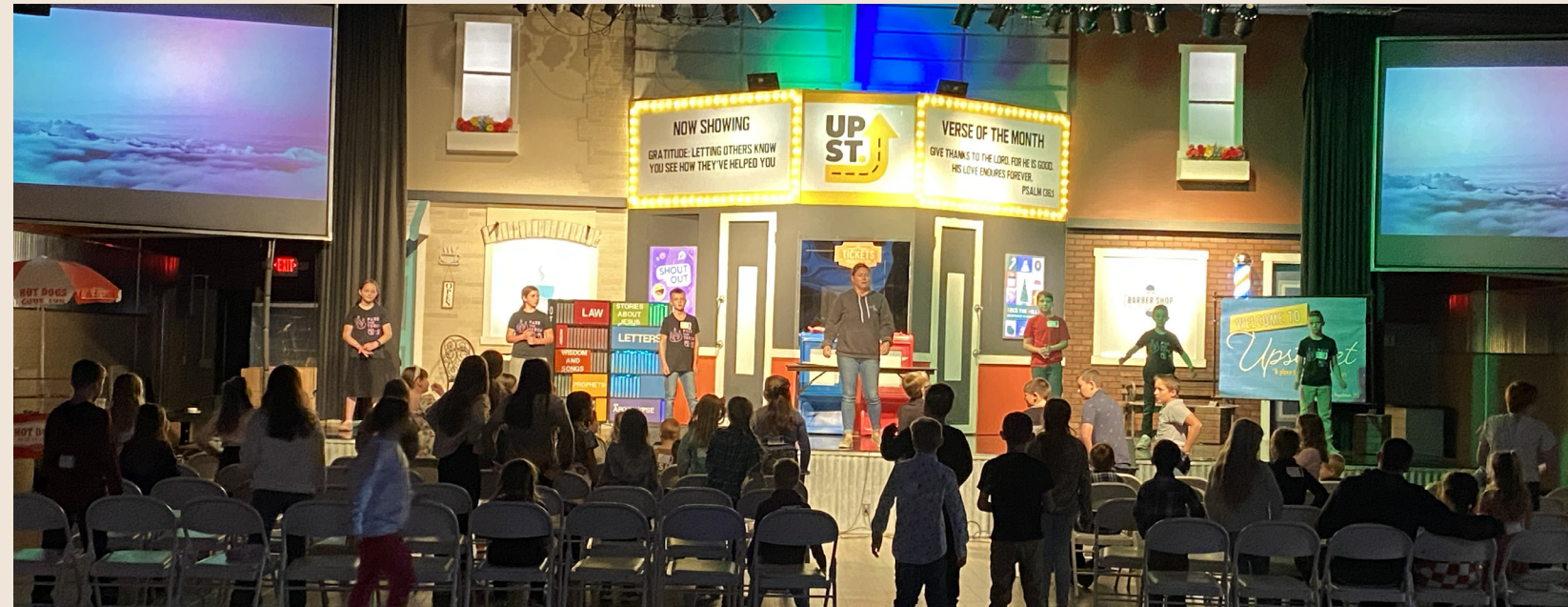
WE VALUE PROTECTING, SERVING, RAISING AND INSTRUCTING IN OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. WE'RE EXCITED FOR THE FUTURE HERE AT BACHELOR CREEK.

-RYAN & TRACY SHORT



As you can see in the chart above, we are growing! Seeing growth in our children's areas is a blessing, but we are starting to feel the crunch in some of our large and small group spaces. As we continue to anticipate growth, the new addition and renovated spaces will help meet current and future needs.

Furthermore, a new, centralized check-in station will streamline the process for families, creating a more efficient and family-friendly experience. Parents will appreciate the convenience of a single location for checking in their children, making drop-offs smoother and quicker.



Looking ahead, this remodel paves the way for future growth and expansion of our Next Gen ministries. By repurposing existing spaces and adding a new wing, we can accommodate the evolving needs of our growing church family. This includes demolishing outdated areas like the current bi-level Tiny Town space to make room for modern, accessible facilities that align with our vision for inclusive ministry.

Rendering of new elementary wing and playground. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.



2-3 year olds in Tiny Town.



Elementary students in UpStreet.



High School students in The Loft.

FOR THE COMMUNITY

We are FOR Wabash and beyond. God has positioned us uniquely to connect many communities together. As we have prayed and dreamed about how to make a greater impact for Christ in our community, we believe our location presents many advantages. We have discovered 1 in 5 individuals in Wabash County are under the age of 18, that we are ranked 58 out of 92 counties for favorable health outcomes, and that only 65% of residents live close to a park or recreation facility. This places us well below the state and country averages (77% and 84%). On Sunday mornings, our children currently have no outdoor play opportunities. Our playground was recently removed due to safety concerns, rotting, and disrepair.



I LOVE BACHELOR CREEK'S FOR MOVEMENT. IT'S SO UPLIFTING TO KNOW THAT THE LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS CHILDREN AND WHILE SO UNDESERVING, HE INVITES US TO BE A PART OF THAT PLAN IN SERVING THE "LEAST OF THESE."

-PAUL CORDES

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW PLAYGROUND AND HOW IT WILL PRESENT NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS DURING THE WEEK!

-ADAM & SARAH SCHAAF



Rendering of Bachelor Creek Community Park playground. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.



For all of these reasons, we feel led to provide Bachelor Creek Community Park to our community. This initiative will feature two different playgrounds, one designed for 2-5 year olds and another for 6-12 year olds. The playground will include accessible features and a rubber surface that will allow those in wheelchairs and with limited mobility to move freely.



Rendering of Bachelor Creek Community Park playground. All drawings and images are conceptual and subject to change.

Bachelor Creek Community Park ensures a fun, safe, and engaging place for our kids to play on Sunday mornings, during youth events, and other church activities. Beyond this, we see this park as a gift to our community. We anticipate regular operating hours for those in our community to utilize the playground and pavilion. We hope that parents, families, and community members will schedule play dates, get-togethers, picnics, parties, and more.

This playground will also serve as a way for us to have conversations inviting individuals to know Jesus. In a day where some people are hesitant to step into a church building, Bachelor Creek Community Park will welcome and invite others to take a next step. We are passionate about stewarding our location to fulfill our vision of a 7 day-a-week facility.

Our FOR value extends from our campus into the heart of our community. All too often today, people in the world know more about what those in the church are AGAINST than what they are FOR. Instead of perceiving believers as being people of grace, love, and acceptance, they see them as angry, pessimistic, and intolerant. Certainly, as believers in Christ we are called to state the truth about the condition of the world and its problem with sin...but the Bible is clear we are also to love others, extend grace, and live at peace with one another.

Today, we are called to do the same...in our work lives, our relationships, our community, and our world. In this hypercritical and cynical world, we are called to be a group known for who and what we are FOR. It's a powerful strategy for church...but more importantly, it's a revolutionary way to live.

Because of this, we have pursued an intentional presence in our community, which has resulted in a greater influence for Christ. In the past few years, Bachelor Creek has sponsored, supported, and led many downtown outreach events. A few of these include the Downtown Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza, Jingle Jubilee, and the annual Easter-ific Egg Hunt (pictured below). We have also hosted block parties at Meadowbrook Apartments, constructed houses with Habitat for Humanity, and participated in countless community service projects.



2024 Easter-ific Egg Hunt at Paradise Spring in Wabash.

WE LOVE BEING FOR WABASH AND INVOLVED IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY ALONGSIDE OUR CHURCH. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR ALL BCCC DOES TO BLESS OTHERS AS WE STRIVE TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.

-LARRY & CINDY HOFFMAN



Pictured: Ryan Keim, Lighthouse Mission board member Kristi Clark, Lighthouse Mission Director Jenny Ritzema, and Joel Cogdell

In addition to sponsoring downtown outreach events, we partner with local ministries and organizations to share Jesus with our community. These organizations are able to meet specific needs. Bachelor Creek is honored to come alongside them and support the work they are uniquely called and qualified to do. One of these partnerships is with Lighthouse Mission, located downtown on the corner of Cass St. and Canal St.

Lighthouse Mission is responsible for the mortgage and operates out of a building called Lighthouse Crossing, home to four local ministries (Lighthouse Mission, 85 Hope, F.I.S.H., and Advantage Housing). Lighthouse Mission provides clothing, household items, hygiene products, etc. for people in need. 85 Hope is a free medical clinic that provides primary medical care and other healthcare services to uninsured and under-insured, low-income adult residents. F.I.S.H. provides food for families and individuals in need, gives encouragement and assistance in obtaining permanent help, and acts as a referral agency to other resources in the area. Advantage Housing focuses on homeless prevention by meeting the housing needs of the underserved in North Central Indiana.

For the last two years, Bachelor Creek has been paying the monthly mortgage for Lighthouse Mission. Our leaders saw an opportunity to make a greater impact and show these organizations that we are truly FOR them. In January 2024, we had the honor to bless our community and Lighthouse Mission by paying off their mortgage in full. Jenny Ritzema, the Director of Lighthouse Mission, said this, "Our partnership with Bachelor Creek has transformed the ministry of Lighthouse Mission. This partnership has allowed Lighthouse to reach more people than we ever have as we strive to clothe, feed, and house God's people who are in critical situations as we show the love of Jesus. Together with BCCC, we are truly the hands and feet of Jesus to the city of Wabash."

This bold step of faith is an integral piece of our For the Future initiative. This payoff ensures these local organizations the freedom to invest and meet the needs of our community while Bachelor Creek Community Park ensures good stewardship of our church facility and a welcoming place for anyone to meet.

PRIMARY GOAL

Our primary goal is 100% engagement. As a church, our desire is for a deep faith that is fully relying on God. We wish to embody Jesus' heart of generosity. This is a generosity that exceeds money, but one that gives abundantly more through our time, talents and resources for the sake of the kingdom. Our hope is that the entire church body would be engaged and committed to what God is doing through our prayer, service, giving, and commitment to making and growing disciples of Jesus.

SECONDARY GOAL

In order to achieve all of the objectives in our FOR the Future initiative, we must raise \$2.1 million. The estimated total cost for this project is \$5.5 million; however, we have received a generous, anonymous gift from several families that will cover approximately 2/3 of the cost! As a church that is currently debt-free, we prioritize biblical stewardship and aim to complete this project 100% debt-free.

**WHAT'S NEXT****PRAY**

Join us as we embark on a 21-day prayer journey as a church. Pray that God would use our efforts to make and grow disciples. Pray that He would do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

COMMIT

Commit to what God is calling you to do during this season at Bachelor Creek. Devote yourselves fully to God's work and allow Him to stretch and grow your commitment and generosity to the Kingdom.

GIVE

When the time comes, be prepared to give to help FOR the Future become a reality. It's not about equal gifts but equal sacrifice.

LEAD

Be a champion for Bachelor Creek and our FOR the Future initiative. We have much to celebrate and be thankful for here. Use your influence to encourage others to catch the vision as they take steps of faith and commitment.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY**Sunday, May 19, during our worship services.**

OUR COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT CARD

This is an example of the commitment card you will receive on Sunday, May 19. Please take time to think and pray through this and what it will mean for your journey with God over the next two years. You will receive a hard copy to fill out in person on Sunday, May 19.

FOR THE FUTURE

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What I/we would normally give in a year
(regular tithes & offerings)

My/Our expanded annual generosity as
part of our FOR the Future initiative

x 2 years }

\$

MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR FOR THE FUTURE COMMITMENT

\$

June 2024-June 2026

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TWO-YEAR GIVING CHART

Our FOR the Future campaign will run for a scope of two years. As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, we encourage you to use this gift chart as a resource that challenges you. Use it as something to inspire you towards greater generosity for the Kingdom of God.

TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, we encourage you to use this gift chart as a resource that challenges you. Use it as something to inspire you towards greater generosity for the Kingdom of God.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$12,500	\$300,000
2	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$240,000
4	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$240,000
6	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$180,000
12	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$833.33	\$240,000
24	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$416.67	\$240,000
32	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$312.50	\$240,000
40	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208.33	\$200,000
50	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$83.33	\$100,000
75	\$1,000	\$500	\$41.67	\$75,000
Many	\$100-\$1,000	\$50-\$500	\$5-\$40	\$45,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL				\$2,100,000

ONE FUND

What is a one-fund?

You may have been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your normal offering to complete special projects. Perhaps you gave to the “Building Fund” as you continued to give to the General Fund. We believe it is healthier and simpler to give to a single fund.

The FOR the Future initiative will last two years. During those two years, every gift given to Bachelor Creek will be used both to continue our ongoing ministries and to invest in the vision God has given us for the future. Both priorities will be part of a single budget set by our leadership, in response to commitments we make during the FOR the Future initiative.

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DAY PRAYER EMPHASIS

THE CHURCH | WEEK 1

Day 1: Looking Forward

As we embark on this bold journey, let us embrace the future with hearts full of faith, knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Pray for unity among our congregation as we navigate the remodel and updating of our Worship Center. Ask God for strength and courage to embrace the transformations ahead.

Day 2: Pursuing Excellence

Our commitment to pursuing excellence for God's glory requires dedication and effort. Let us strive to honor Him in all we do, including the upgrades to our worship center.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23

Pray for wisdom and discernment as we make decisions regarding the renovation and upgrade process. Ask God to guide us in prioritizing excellence and honoring Him in every detail.

Day 3: Unity in Diversity

As we come together as a diverse body of believers, let us celebrate our differences and find unity in our shared mission of making and growing disciples of Jesus.

"...so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

Pray for a spirit of unity and harmony to permeate our congregation, transcending differences and fostering a deep sense of community and belonging FOR all.

Day 4: Staying Rooted in Scripture

In times of change, let us anchor ourselves in the unchanging truth of God's Word. May His promises guide us and sustain us as we navigate the seasons of transformation.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

Pray for a renewed hunger and thirst for God's Word among our congregation. Ask God to deepen our understanding of His truth and empower us to live out His Word in every aspect of our lives.

Day 5: A Heart of Worship

As we prepare to upgrade our worship center, let us cultivate hearts of worship that honor God's presence and glorify His name, both now and in the future.

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

Pray for a revival of worship in our congregation, that our praises would rise as a pleasing offering before the throne of God.

Day 6: Empowered by the Holy Spirit

May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's mission with boldness and conviction, trusting in His guidance and leading every step of the way.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Pray for the Holy Spirit to light a fire in our hearts, equipping us to be effective witnesses for Christ in our community and beyond.

Day 7: Trusting God's Provision

In the midst of uncertainty, let us place our trust in God's provision, knowing that He is faithful to provide for all our needs according to His riches in glory.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

Pray for God's provision to abundantly flow into our church, enabling us to fulfill His vision for the upgrade and renovation process.

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DAY PRAYER EMPHASIS

THE CHILDREN | WEEK 2

Day 8: Investing in the Next Generation

Let's commit ourselves to raising up the next generation, creating environments where kids and students can encounter the love of Jesus and grow in their faith.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Pray for the leaders and volunteers serving in our kids' and student ministries, asking God to anoint them with wisdom, patience, and love as they pour into the lives of the next generation.

Day 9: Creating Safe Spaces

May our church be a safe and nurturing environment where children and students feel valued, accepted, and loved just as they are.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14

Pray for the safety and protection of all children and students who enter our church, asking God to surround them with His divine hedge of protection.

Day 10: Equipping Parents and Caregivers

Let's come alongside parents and caregivers, equipping them with the resources and support they need to raise children who love and follow Jesus.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance to be upon parents and caregivers, empowering them to be spiritual leaders in their homes.

Day 11: Cultivating a Love for God's Word

May our children and students develop a deep love for God's Word, finding joy and delight in studying and applying its truths to their lives.

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"
Psalm 119:103

Pray for a hunger and thirst for God's Word to be ignited within the hearts of our children and students, drawing them closer to Him with each passing day.

Day 12: Fostering Authentic Relationships

Let's create opportunities for children and students to build authentic relationships with one another, rooted in love, grace, and acceptance.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

Pray for the formation of genuine friendships among the children and students in our church, where they can encourage, support, and uplift one another in their faith journeys.

Day 13: Impacting Future Generations

Let's sow seeds of faith, love, and discipleship into the lives of our children and students, trusting that God will use them to impact future generations for His glory.

"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:4

Pray for a generational legacy of faith to be established within our church, where children and youth rise up as passionate followers of Jesus, influencing their peers and future generations with the love of Christ.

Day 14: Giving Sacrificially

Today, let us reflect on the sacrificial love of Jesus, who gave everything for our salvation. As His followers, may we emulate His selfless example by giving sacrificially of our time, talents, and resources for the advancement of His kingdom and the blessing of others.

"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.'" Mark 12:41-44

Pray for a heart that is willing to give sacrificially, following the example of the widow who gave all she had. Pray for God to reveal areas in your life that you can give more generously and sacrificially, trusting in His provision and faithfulness.

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Day 15: Becoming Agents of Change

Let's become agents of change in our community, boldly shining the light of Christ and bringing hope to those in need.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Pray for opportunities to be instruments of God's love and compassion in our community, impacting lives and transforming hearts through acts of kindness and service.

Day 16: Reaching the Unreached

May our hearts be burdened for those who have yet to hear the gospel, spurring us on to share the good news of Jesus Christ with boldness and conviction.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14

Pray for divine appointments and open doors to share the gospel with those who have not yet encountered the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Day 17: Serving the Marginalized

Let's extend a hand of compassion and love to the marginalized and vulnerable in our community, reflecting the heart of Jesus who came to seek and save the lost.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

Pray for wisdom and discernment in identifying the needs of the marginalized in our community and for God's provision to meet those needs with compassion and grace.

Day 18: Building Bridges of Hope

Let us build bridges of hope and reconciliation in our community, fostering unity and understanding among diverse groups and backgrounds.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

Pray for God's peace to reign in our community, breaking down barriers of division and animosity, and fostering a spirit of unity and reconciliation.

Day 19: Praying for Local Leaders

Let us lift up our local leaders in prayer, asking God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and a heart for justice as they serve our community.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Pray for the elected officials, community leaders, and law enforcement officers in our city, asking God to guide their decisions and actions for the well-being of all residents.

Day 20: Supporting Local Ministries

Let us come alongside local ministries and organizations, partnering with them to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community.

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

Pray for God's blessing and provision upon the local ministries and organizations we're blessed to partner with in serving our community, that they may be empowered to carry out their missions with excellence and impact.

Day 21: Giving Generously

As we conclude our 21 Days of Prayer, consider the abundant generosity of our Heavenly Father, who lavishes His blessings upon us without measure. As recipients of His grace and provision, may we respond with hearts overflowing with gratitude and generosity toward FOR the Future.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Pray for a spirit of generosity to permeate our congregation, inspiring each person to give generously according to the abundance of blessings they have received from God. Pray for a deep understanding of the joy and fulfillment found in giving generously, knowing that God blesses those who give with open hearts.



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