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Church Family and Friends,

Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds us, *“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

We believe we are living in a moment where God is inviting us to trust Him for that “immeasurably more.”

For 184 years, God has been at work through Canton First Methodist Church transforming lives, forming disciples, and extending His Kingdom throughout Cherokee County. And now, He is calling us to expand our capacity so that even more lives can be reached, formed, and sent in the name of Jesus.

In the coming weeks, construction will begin on our new Wesley Wing—a space designed for children, students, and adults to grow as disciples who abide in Christ, become like Him, and do what He did. This is not simply about adding square footage. **It is about making room for the work God desires to do in and through His people.**

As construction begins, you will notice changes around our campus—fencing, equipment, and the movement of materials. There will be moments of inconvenience. But even these moments will serve as reminders that God is at work. His power is at work within us. And we move forward not with fear, but with faith.

At the same time, we have an opportunity before us to respond to God’s invitation with generosity. While we have secured a loan to ensure this project moves forward, our desire is to minimize that debt so that we can maximize our investment in ministry for years to come. Because of your faithfulness, we have already raised \$1,127,922, and we give thanks to God for the generosity of this church. **Now, we believe God is inviting us to take the next step, trusting Him to provide as we seek to finish strong.**

In this next phase, we are inviting you to consider participating through a naming gift. These opportunities are not simply about recognition; they are about joining in what God is doing for the sake of future generations. They are about leaving a legacy of faith where lives will be transformed, and disciples will be made long after we are gone.

Very soon you will receive more information about naming gift opportunities. I encourage you to begin praying now, asking God how He may be leading you to participate in this

moment. Our prayer is that God would do more than we can ask or even imagine. And that He would receive glory in His church—both now and for generations to come.

Together, we are not just building a space. We are making room for the immeasurably more that God desires to do among us. **To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.**

In Christ's Service,
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