



115 North Washington Street
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August 15, 2021

Dear Mt. Pulaski Christian Church,

One year ago, August 16, 2020, our church leadership announced that the Family Life Center loan was paid off. A lot has happened over the last year and we continue to look at the future of the church with hope and excitement for all that God is doing and our part in what is to come! On October 24th, we will join together for a celebration... so save the date! We will have a service in the Family Life Center at 10 a.m., then enjoy a catered meal as part of the program afterwards.

Not only are we going to celebrate, but with anticipation and obedience we will look forward to what God is calling us to as a Church community. I want to share with you what the leadership believes is God's vision for Mt. Pulaski Christian Church.

MPCC is where it is today because of God's faithfulness and you all being so willing to follow Him. From the hard work you have put into programs, relationships, mission trips, service to the community, to the faithfulness shown through building the Family Life Center, you all have been a huge part of God's Kingdom through this local church.

As we continue through and come out of COVID, God is calling us once again to boldly follow Him. Not to stay stagnant in where we are, but to grow as a congregation. To develop our church into a place where the kingdom of God flourishes, where we spur one another on into maturity in Christ, where people of all ages and walks of life are brought into the family of God and welcomed with open arms into our family here at MPCC. We believe now is the time to make some necessary changes for the future.

As we move forward, we want to unify our worship services on Sunday mornings. We will continue to have two services and both will be in the same location. We want to worship as one congregation, to share in faith and mentorship between generations, to grow relationships between all members of our congregation! Variations in worship music will include traditional and more contemporary songs that reflect the entirety of our congregation here at MPCC. We plan to use music that helps us to respond in worship in accordance with the general theme of each Sunday, pulling from a wide variety of music, utilizing songs that each and every one of us in this congregation holds dear. We want to do this for the sake of unity. We are stronger together. We can grow and learn from each other. We need each other. So, we will sing songs of praise to Our Lord Jesus that reflects all parts of the church and gives all the glory to Our Father!

Efficiency will also result from mirroring our services. This will save our associate/worship minister, Collin, about six hours per week to work in other areas of need. We would also like to be more efficient with the building space. Currently, we have two rooms used for the same purpose, but at different times. While one is used, the other sits empty. Utilizing our space more effectively will be of great benefit.

Lastly, we hope to improve our evangelistic opportunities through these changes. Unified services provide opportunities for friends and family to attend either service knowing that the difference between the first and second service is merely choosing a preferred time to worship.

Our leadership desires to be fully transparent with the congregation. We believe that our sanctuary building needs upgrades in many areas. To facilitate changes to our building needs, one of our elders, Kevin Letterle, is assembling and heading up a building team. It is our hope that work begins soon. We anticipate construction to continue throughout the fall and winter months. Therefore, the week following our October 24 celebration of our loan payoff of the Family Life Center (details below), we will continue worshipping in the FLC at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Once construction is complete in the sanctuary building, we will be moving both worship services back to the church building.

Our leadership also firmly believes it would be best to complete upcoming building projects debt-free. At this point, we think short-term projects can be completed with the money we have on hand. We will raise additional funds before proceeding on to other projects that might stretch beyond our appropriated budget. We believe that changes are necessary. We look forward to the process of working through some of the details and sharing those ideas with the congregation.

We are asking you to join us in moving forward! We would appreciate your prayers, support, and encouragement as we move forward in this together. Please feel free to contact any of the leadership with any questions.

In Christ,

The Elders (Michael, Myron, Rob, Ryan, Kevin L., Kevin R.), Casey, and Collin

P.S. We want to welcome you to join in our upcoming events and programs. Here are some of the dates and events you may be interested in. For more information, go to mtpulaskicc.org.