

# CAMANO CHAPEL

## Harbor of Hope Project

*“Growing in Faith” Communication Emphasis*

*A Harbor of Hope for over 50 years*



### “ALL CHURCH FAMILY GATHERINGS”

*Information Pamphlet*

- Gathering - Part 1 ..... 2/11/06, @ 7 p.m., or 2/12/06, @ 9:45 a.m.  
Gathering - Part 2 ..... 2/18/06, @ 7 p.m., or 2/19/06, @ 9:45 a.m.
- Gathering - Part 1 & 2 - (Makeup).....3/5/06, @ 2 - 4 pm.
- COMMITMENT WEEKEND**.....3/18 & 19  
**VICTORY WEEKEND** .....3/25 & 26

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Dear Chapel Family,

Thank you for attending today's All Church Family Gathering.

Camano Chapel now stands at a historic crossroad. Since it has such a significant impact in the greater Stanwood / Camano Island area, I want all families of Camano Chapel to know what's happening with the Harbor of Hope Project. *You matter to us* and are an important part of our church family.

This pamphlet tells about the exciting opportunity we have before us. I hope you will read it through in the week following these presentations.

Thank you for your involvement at Camano Chapel. Thank you also for prayerfully seeking God's leading in the proposed Harbor of Hope Project and Growing in Faith Communication Emphasis.

In Christ,

Pastor Kris

Let's begin!

Listed on the next page are Camano Chapel's Biblical *Purpose, Values, Vision* and *Mission*.

These serve as regular reminders of ...

... *why we exist*, and *what we are to do*.

# STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE, VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

## Purpose

Our **purpose** answers why this ministry exists.

*At Camano Chapel we seek to **glorify** God in who we are and by what we do.*

## Core Values

Our **core values** dictate why the ministry does what it does.

- C** Communicating the gospel of Christ is our responsibility
- A** All that we have belongs to God
- M** Making the family unit strong is a priority
- A** All people are valuable to God
- N** Never change the message, but willing to change our methods
- O** Our ultimate authority is the Word of God
  
- C** Committed to unity, but diversity on the non-essentials
- H** Hope is found in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
- A** All things done to Glorify and Worship God
- P** People are more important than programs or possessions
- E** Equipping every believer to their maturity in Christ
- L** Love our community in which God has placed us

## Vision

At **Camano Chapel**, we desire to be a friend to our community by being ...  
*...A HARBOR OF HOPE ...SHINING LIGHT TO THE WORLD.*

Our **vision** answers what the ministry seeks to accomplish for Christ and stimulates the heart of God's people. For our purpose as leaders seeking to understand a vision for the church, vision is a vivid picture for the Camano Chapel family of God created by the imagination as directed by scripture.

Our **vision** for the individual believer is to:

- Abide in Christ (*John 15:5*)
- Allow God's Word to abide in them (*John 15:7-8*)
- Have a Biblical worldview (*Romans 12:1-2*)

Our **vision** for the "corporate" body of believers is to be a fellowship of people who abide in Christ, allow God's Word to abide in them and view the world by the absolute truth of scripture.

The result would be that Camano Chapel openly teaches faith amongst believers, and intentionally seeks to reach out to our members, our community, and our world with a **HOPE** found only in Jesus Christ.

- H** Honoring and Glorifying God
- O** Observing and Modeling Christ's Love
- P** Proclaiming God's Word to All
- E** Equipping the Family of Christ for Ministry

## Mission

Our **mission** answers what the ministry is supposed to be doing.

In God's strength, Camano Chapel seeks to **Glorify** God (*Matthew 22:37, Psalms 34:27*) by ...  
**Reaching** out to lost and hurting people, (*Matthew 28:19a, and Acts 20:24*)  
**Building** one another up in the faith, (*Matthew 28:19b, and Ephesians 2:19*)  
**Training** believers for ministry (*Matthew 28:20, Ephesians 4:12b-13*), and  
**Sending** out disciples to reach others (*Matthew 22:39, Ephesians 4:12a*)

# WHY BUILD?

For eight years we have delayed building as we have focused instead on *building people*. Now we face a time of decision. **First**, current ministry growth is limited by overcrowding in our Christian Education classrooms. **Second**, new or emerging ministries are restricted due also to limitations. **Third**, based on our November 2003 Site Plan Approval by Island County, our time clock is ticking to begin Phase-one development.

To clarify this in more detail, let me list:

## EIGHT REASONS TO BUILD

1. To expand our ministry so that we may continue to do our part in fulfilling the **Great Commission**. (Matt. 28:19-20)
2. To provide more space and a safe environment for **infants** and **toddlers**.
3. To free up space in existing buildings to better accommodate our **Junior High** and **Senior High Youth**. (ie. the unique needs of these ministries)
4. To provide space for growth in our **current Christian education** ministries. (ie. AWANA, Adult Bible Fellowship, the Camano Bible Training Center, The Lighthouse Homeschool Co-op.)
5. To provide space for **future ministries**. (ie. a "Family Night" ministry)
6. To **build upon** the **past**. (ie. Just as past Camano Chapel believers sacrificed for us to have these current structures, so we also should sacrifice for future Camano Chapel believers.)
7. To avoid **growth plateaus** that can occur when extra space is not available.
8. To provide a facility that will once again be **available for the community**. (ie. Community meetings, basketball, etc.)

Please pray for God's leading and provision in this important time.

# WHY NOW?

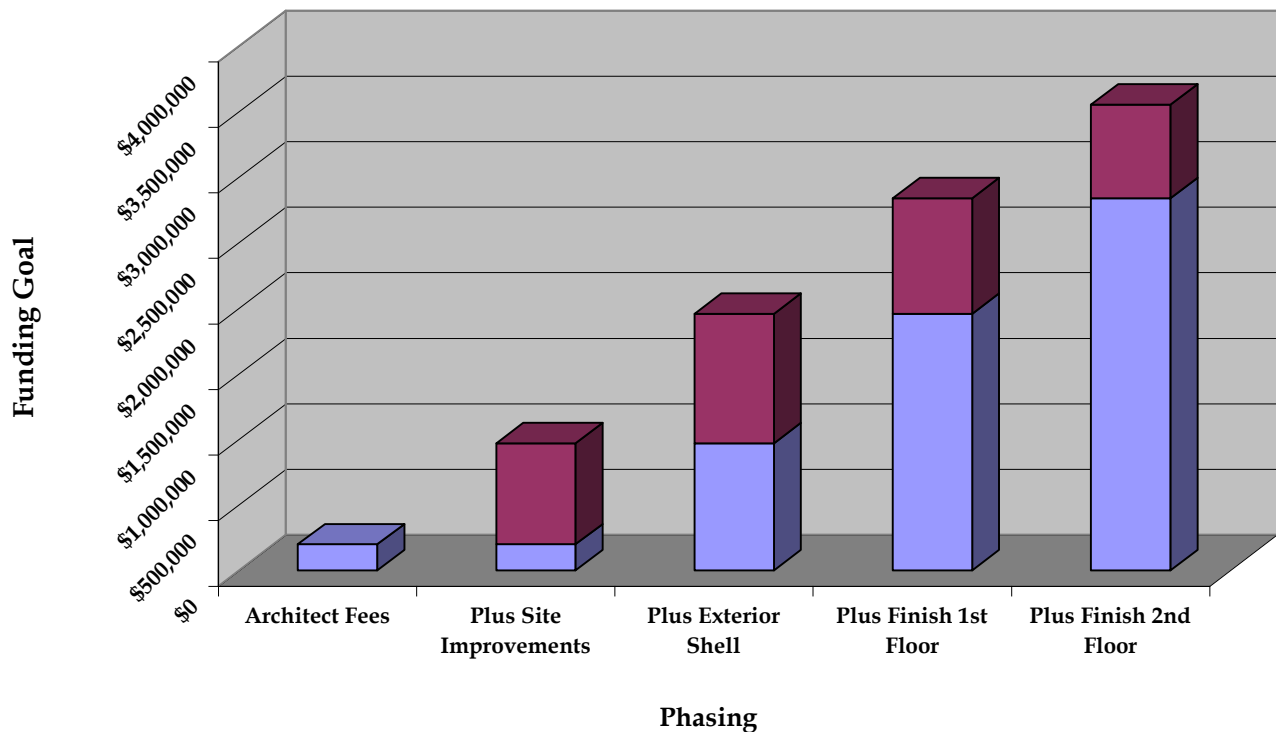
1. Camano Chapel leadership is **committed to build debt-free**. To build debt-free, we must **plan ahead** and **start now**.

In order to build debt-free:

- **It takes time** to *communicate* a plan for the future.
- **It takes time** for the *church family* to build into their *budget* a sacrificial gift above and beyond their regular tithes and offerings.
- **It takes time** to *collect* the *pledged funds*.

2. Island County Site Plan approval requires Camano Chapel to obtain permits and **begin construction of Building 1 by November 2008**.
  - This time clock is now ticking!

## Objectives for Building Debt-Free



## MINISTRY NEEDS AND MINISTRY GROWTH

To gain a perspective of current ministries and facility usage, the next page lists over 110 active ministries at Camano Chapel that reach out in love to our church family and community. Camano Chapel is a church family that *really does care* about the needs and hurts of people. It is astounding to realize that much of this good work is being done by volunteers, without pay. Over 300 lay ministers make up the heart of Camano Chapel's ministry to you.

# CAMANO CHAPEL MINISTRIES

## OPEN ARMS MINISTRIES

### Welcome Ministries

- Greeters, Ushers & Parking
- Information Center & "Ask Me"
- "Front Porch Welcome"
- Welcome Events & Classes
- B.E.S.T. Match Coordination
- Small Group Relationships

### Care Ministries

- Prayer (*Prayer Chain & Intercessory Prayer*)
- Helping Hands (*Financial Help*)
- Helping Hands (*Servants for Christ*)
- (*HIS Pantry, Sharing Closet, Meals, Transportation, Home Repair, Holiday Baskets, Hospitality*).
- Absentee Follow-up
- "His Word to Go" DVD Min.

## CARE & TEACHING MINISTRIES

### Spiritual Growth, Care & Encouragement

- Pastoral Visitation
- L.I.F.E. Recovery Small Groups
  - Grief Share
  - Divorce Recovery
- Counseling (*Spiritual guidance or Counseling referral*)
- **Adult Bible Teaching Ministries**
- Preaching and Teaching
- Adult Bible Fellowship (*ABF's*)
- Camano Bible Training Center
- Small Group Bible Study
- Material Resource

### Other

Weddings and Funerals  
Pre-marriage Mentoring  
Marriage Ministry  
Family and Marriage Mentoring  
Singles Ministries  
Equipper Seminars  
Curriculum Resource Library

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Day MOPS (*every Tuesday morning*)
- Night MOPS (*2nd & 4th Monday nights*)
- Semi-annual Craft Night
- Dessert Theater
- Candy Cane Coach
- LifeSpring Classes (*a.m. & p.m. Bible Studies*)
- Woman-to-Woman Mentoring

- Prayer Events & Retreats
- Saturday Only Seminars
- One-to-One Discipleship
- Annual Women's Retreat

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

- God's Band of Brothers
- Special Events
- Trench Meeting (*4th Thursday of the month*)
- Wed. p.m./Sun. a.m. Prayer
- One-to-One Discipleship
- Bible Study Fellowship
- Men's Small Groups
- MnM2B (*Men & Men to Be*)
- Men's Charge-up Weekend
- 20 Something Men's Group

## MISSIONS

- Mission Team Trips and Projects
- Missionary Care and Communication
- Missionary Funding

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

- Worship and Arts Ministry
- Vocal & Instrumental Worship
- Drama
- Coordination of Special Music
- Seasonal Choirs & Ensembles
- Technical (*Audio, Video & Lighting*)
- Outreach Events & Outside Artists
- Community Services
- Weddings and Funerals
- Baby Dedications, Baptism
- Worship Bulletins/Production
- Annual Family Camp

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

- Senior Adult "Bible Study Brunch" (*1st & 3rd Thursdays*)
- Chapelites Ministry
- Seniors Retreat
- Senior Singles

## LIFE DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

### GRADE 9-12

- Sunday School
- Capstone Ministry (*Tuesday p.m.*)
- Chapel Cafe' (*Latte Stand*)
- Basketball / Volleyball
- Fireworks Stand
- Events (*Spring Breakout, Outreach, Fellowship*)
- Mission Trips

- Sr. High Summer Camp (*Summer Breeze*)
- AFO - Student Leadership
- Cell Groups
- AWANA - *Journey 24/7*
- Ministry to our College Students
- Lighthouse Homeschool Co-op
- The E.D.G.E. - *for 20's & 30's*

### GRADE 4 - 8

- Sunday School (*Gr. 4-5, 6 & 7-8*)
- EYP - Experience Youth Program (*Gr. 6-8*)
- SWAT - Student Leadership
- Junior Camp (*Gr. 4-6*)
- Jr. High Camp (*Gr. 6-8*)
- Events (*Outreach, Fellowship - Gr. 6-8*)
- White-out - *winter retreat*
- Introductory Missions (*Gr. 6-8*)
- Cell Groups (*Gr. 6-8*)
- AWANA - (*Gr. 4-8*)

### BIRTH - GRADE 3

- Sunday School
- AWANA - *Truth in Training*
- Mini-Church (*Sunday 11 a.m./ages 3-grade 2*)
- Junior Church (*Sunday 8:30 a.m. service/ages 3-K*)
- Kid's Club (*Saturday 6 p.m./ \* currently on hold*)
- MOPPETS
- Infant and Toddler Nursery
- Jubilation Choir and Drama (*currently on hold*)
- Preschool
- Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten
- Vacation Bible School

## OTHER MINISTRIES

- Office Volunteers
- Facility Care Volunteers
- Elder Leadership
- Administrative Board Leadership
- Camano Chapel Foundation
- Library Ministry

# WHAT IS THE “HARBOR OF HOPE” PROJECT?

**First**, as our vision says, at Camano Chapel, we seek to be ...  
... **A Harbor of Hope ... Shining Light to the World**

This project will help to fulfill this vision.

**Second**, since 1998, Camano Chapel leadership has been working to develop a **master facilities plan** to meet ministry growth in the church as well as work within the building code limitations of Island County.

## PAST PROJECTS

**Third**, the 2000 Harbor of Hope effort represents **Project 1**.

1. This project completed **interim projects** to ensure existing facilities were in good shape before taking specific steps to build additional facilities. *(NOTE: At that time, the new site plan and proposed construction were blocked by revised building code requirements.)*
2. All **interim improvement projects** included in the 2000 Harbor of Hope Campaign were completed which enabled the church to:
  - Remodel restrooms *(Back of Montgomery Hall)*
  - Replace all carpets and vinyl flooring *(Montgomery and Harrington Halls)*
  - Repair critical roof areas *(Harrington Hall)*
  - Paint interior walls, doors and trim *(All buildings)*
  - Upgrade parking
  - Upgrade sound, lighting and video *(Montgomery Hall)*
  - Upgrade technology, computers, network and web site etc. *(Jackson Hall)*
  - Move forward with planning for facility expansion and Site Plan Development, engineering studies, fees and approvals etc.

These improvements brought our existing facilities to a quality standard that is inviting to both visitors and regular attendees, and serves to currently help us fulfill our church’s purpose, values, vision and mission.

### **Summary of Harbor of Hope Funds Received, Spent & Saved Since November 2000** **Funds Received**

Offerings.....	\$526,350.61
Interest .....	\$9,710.78
Stock .....	\$48,715.12
Subtotal of Funds Received <i>(Through 1/31/06)</i> .....	\$584,776.51

### **Expenses / Project Costs**

2000 Harbor of Hope Interim Projects .....	\$301,193.25
Architectural, Engineering & Permit Planning Fees .....	\$132,815.34
Other (ie. Capital Development).....	\$12,232.11
Subtotal of Expense <i>(Through 1/31/06)</i> .....	\$446,240.70

### **Remaining Balance** *(on 1/31/06)*

Saved in the Harbor of Hope Project Account.....	\$138,535.81
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*(NOTE: Detailed accounting of overall receipts and project expenses are available in the church office.)*



**Fourth,** The 2004, “Giving Thanks - Giving Hope” Offering enabled the church to:

- Upgrade sound, lighting and video (*Wayland Sanctuary*)
- Give a 10% tithe to the Haiti Missions trip building project
- Total “Giving Thanks - Giving Hope” Offering received: \$19,781.00

These improvements are now complete and are favorably impacting all ministries and community uses of this facility. (NOTE: Stage improvements and new carpeting were paid for out of the 2005 General Fund.)

We are pleased and grateful for all the improvements made through the original 2000 Harbor of Hope Campaign and the 2004 Giving Thanks - Giving Hope offering. We thank you, our church family, for your ongoing sacrificial gifts to the Harbor of Hope Project Fund and for those who have worked on both planning and work projects.

## PROPOSED PROJECT

**Fifth,** The Proposed Harbor of Hope represents Building 1

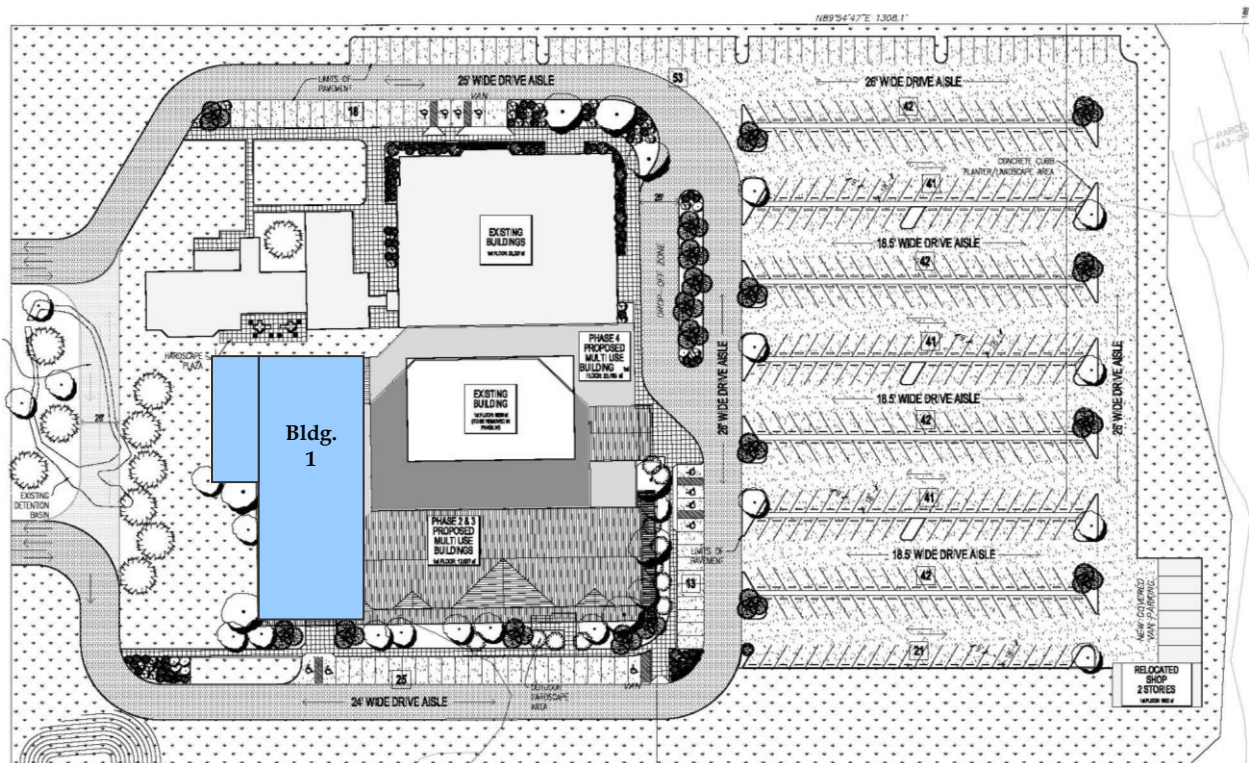
1. **Building 1** is the future construction of the **second Christian Education Building**.
2. Planned site work and construction are now allowed under a **one-time opportunity** for a facility **phasing plan** granted by our November 2003 **Island County Site Plan Approval**.

The project phasing and objectives include:

**Off-site and on-site improvements** required by Island County:

- A **left turn lane** off West Camano Drive.
- Expanded **driveways** and **drainage** as illustrated by the Master Site Plan.

### Master Site Plan (including off and on-site improvements)



**Building 1, Phase: 1, 2 & 3** (a 24,571 sq. ft. addition) is what we seek to start as funds are available.

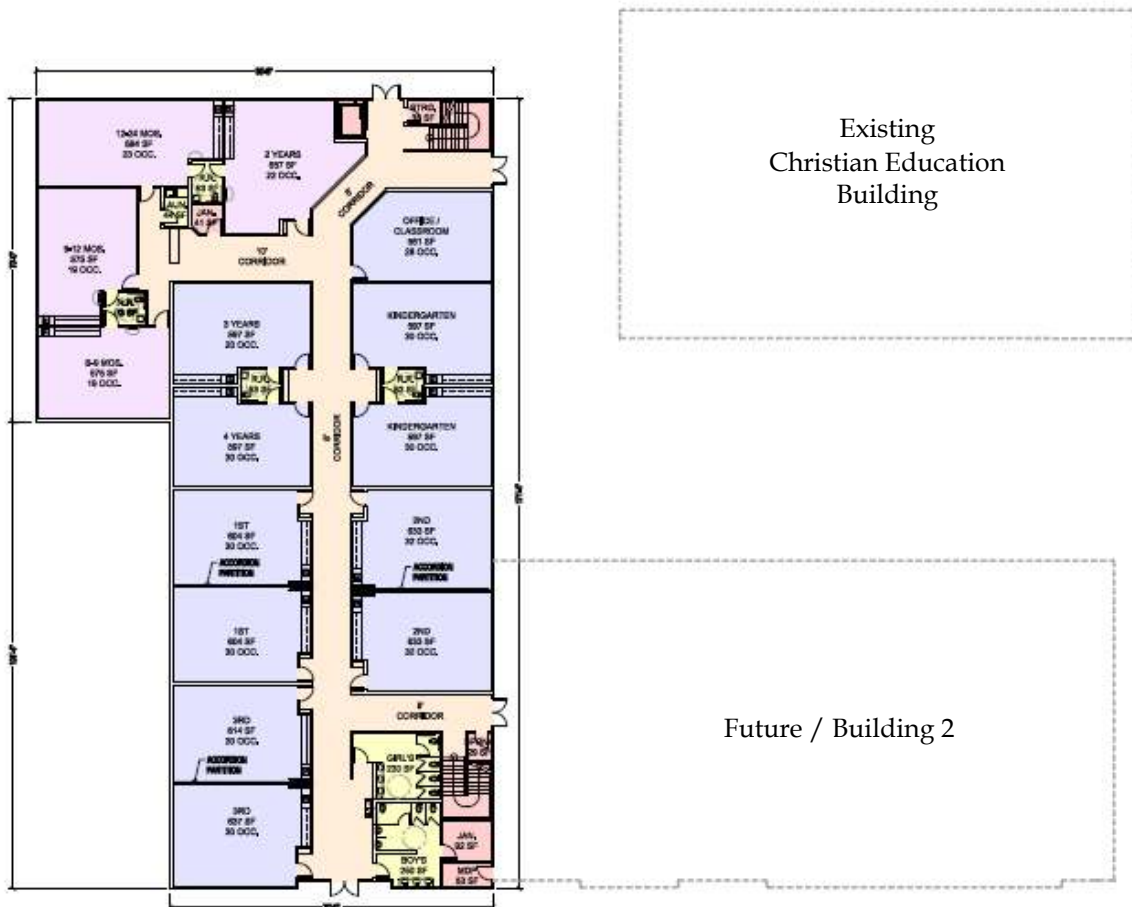
- Phase-1 will construct and finish the **exterior shell** of Building-1.

### Building 1, Exterior Shell (Phase-1)



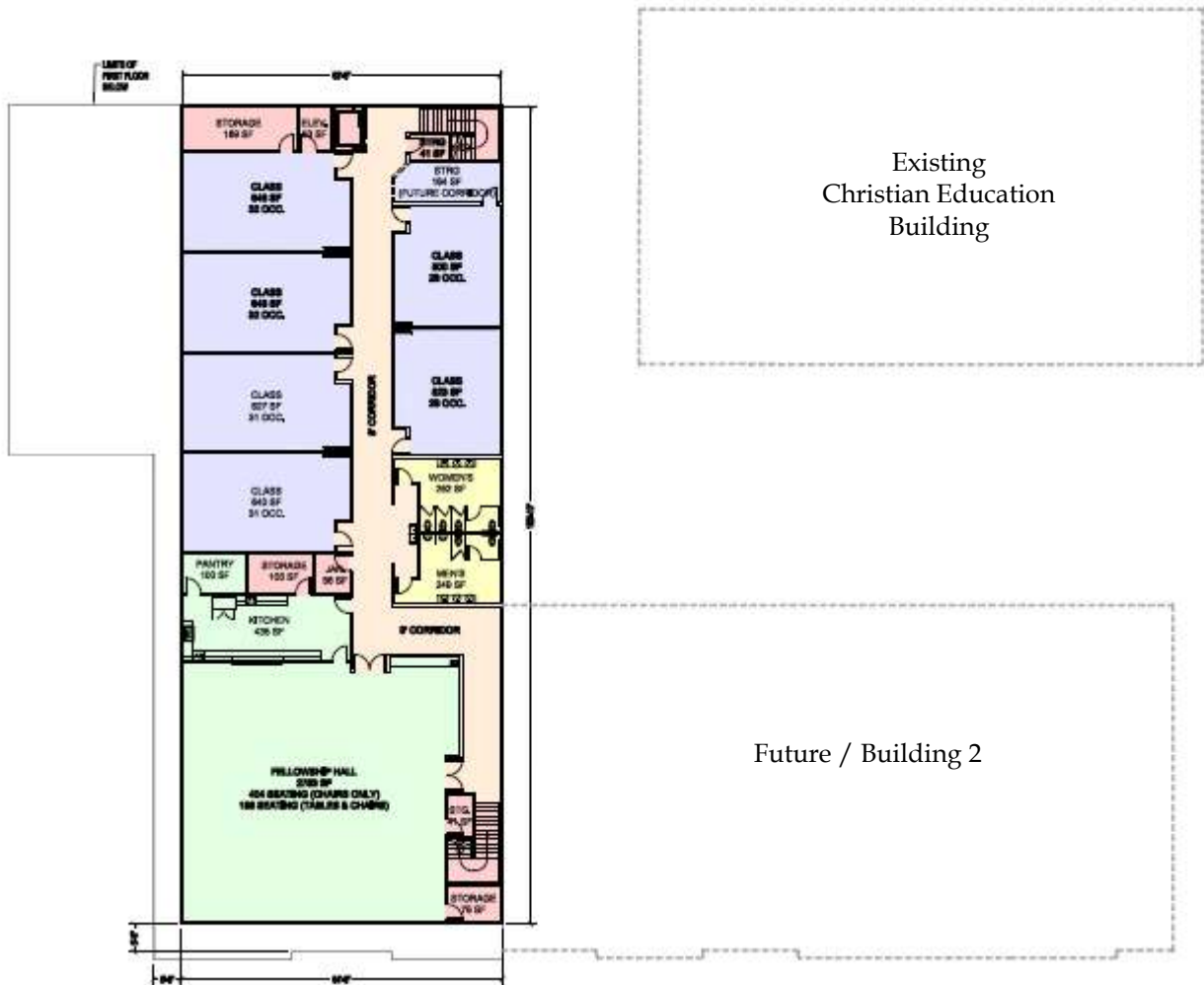
- Phase-2 will complete the first floor (14,011 sq. ft.) for **Birth - Grade 3 ministries**.

### Building 1, First Floor (Phase-2)



- Phase-3 will complete the second floor (10,560 sq. ft.) for additional classrooms, adult Christian education ministries and larger group gatherings.

### Building 1, Second Floor (Phase-3)



### 3. Use of Existing Buildings

- Completion of Building-1 creates **interim space** in our existing buildings for:
  - Junior & Senior High Ministries**
  - As well as **general classrooms**
- Every floor finished benefits other ministries

**NOTE:** For an explanation of what has occurred since the November 2003 Site Plan Approval, refer to Attachment "A", beginning on page 19.

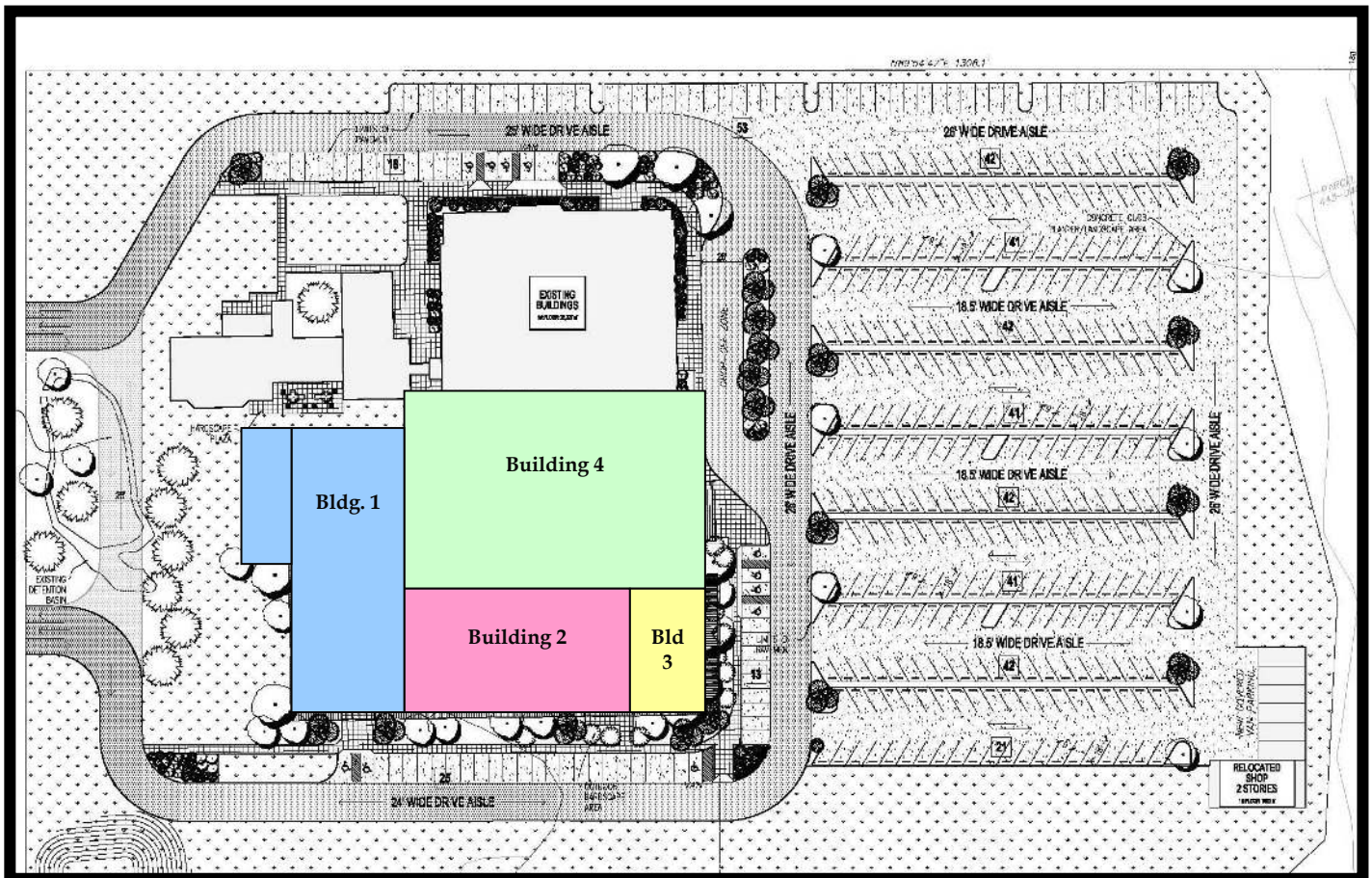


## FUTURE PROJECTS

**Sixth**, You may find it helpful to briefly see and understand how the current project fits into the overall Harbor of Hope Project “Master Plan.” **“LORD WILLING” and as God leads, we will prayerfully consider ...**

1. **Buildings 2 & 3**, (an additional 24,294 sq. ft. wing to Building 1), in 5 to 10 years:
  - Phase-1 will complete the **exterior shell** of Building-2&3
  - Phase-2 will complete the **first floor** (12,637 sq. ft.) for additional class rooms, a music room and church offices.
  - Phase-3 will complete the **second floor** (11,657 sq. ft.) for **additional classrooms** and a **dedicated Junior and Senior High Youth Center** and **church offices**.
2. **Building 4** (a 23,785 sq. ft. addition) - Likewise, as God leads, we will prayerfully consider **Building 4** in 10 to 15 years:
  - This addition will complete the master-plan with a **multi-purpose Worship Center** with capacity seating for approximately 900 to 1000 people.

### Outline for Buildings 2, 3 and 4



## VIEW OF FUTURE PROJECTS Master Plan Looking Northeast



## Master Plan Looking Northwest



**Finally**, these additions are planned and will be designed in light of our commitment to *excellence, not extravagance*.

We believe buildings are to be **tools for ministry**, not monuments. So our additions are designed for **maximum ministry** at **minimal cost**.

# WHAT IS THE “GROWING IN FAITH” COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS?

## Four Purposes

### 1. **To help one another grow to Spiritual Maturity.**

By challenging people to – Abide in Christ – Allow God’s Word to abide in them – and develop a Biblical world view. (i.e. become like Christ ... who lived a life ... of faithful commitment, sacrificial love, and generous giving.)

#### Examples:

- Through weekend worship participation & instruction
- Through midweek Small Group participation for purposes of Bible study, prayer, fellowship and ministry to one another.
- Through a family devotional guide
- Through personal testimonies
- Through sacrificial, cheerful giving and service

### 2. **To motivate one another to focus on the Great Commission as our primary task of the church.** With God’s help, we desire the “Growing in Faith” emphasis to turn our hearts “outward” toward reaching people in our community with the love and message of Jesus.

### 3. **To raise the funds to construct Building 1 of our Christian Education addition.**

By having **ALL CHURCH FAMILY GATHERINGS** February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>; February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>; and March 5<sup>th</sup> to communicate important Harbor of Hope information, and by having a **COMMITMENT WEEKEND**, on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> where every family and individual in our church can make a cash gift and a 3-year giving commitment to the Harbor of Hope Project.

### 4. **To celebrate together.**

By having a **VICTORY WEEKEND** on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – an opportunity to announce how much Camano Chapel families have committed to the project, express our thanks to God and enjoy fellowship with each other.



# HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

In order to plan for and start construction debt-free we have **3 different financial objectives**:

1. **In order to complete Objective 1 - (design work), \$200,000 is needed.** This is the minimum we must raise to complete final architectural, civil engineering and traffic engineering plans and construction documents. This amount should be within our means in that over half this amount is already on deposit in the Harbor of Hope Project Account.
2. **In order to complete Objective 2 - (site improvements), a total of \$969,800 must be given or committed.** At this level, we will also be able to complete off-site road/left turn lane improvements on West Camano Drive as required by Island County as well as on-site grading, drainage, parking, driveway and landscaping as required by Civil Engineering. This amount should also be within our means as it represents an amount just below our annual church budget, an amount considered attainable over a three year period of time.
3. **In order to begin Objective 3 - An initial total of \$1,957,362 must be given or committed.** At this level, we will also be able to construct the shell of Building 1 - Phase 1, completing the exterior only so as to appear complete from the outside. This amount should also be within our means representing an amount approximately two times our annual General Fund Budget. If a total of **\$2,839,731** is given we will be able to complete Phase 2 - finishing the first floor. With an amount of **\$3,554,455** we will be able complete Phase 3 - finishing the second floor. Our history has shown that every time we move into a larger space, the number of children, youth and adults attending Sunday school increases at the same time.

## Estimated Cost Breakdown

<u>Objective 1 - Design Costs</u>	<u>Estimated Cost / Item</u>	<u>Running Total Cost</u>
Architectural Fees	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b><u>Objective 2 - Site Improvements</u></b>		
1 Off-site road improvements on West Camano Drive as required by Island Co.	\$150,000	\$350,000
2 On-site driveway and drainage improvements as required by Civil Engineering	\$619,800	\$969,800
<b><u>Objective 3 - Construction of Building 1</u></b>		
1 Complete Exterior Shell - Phase 1	\$987,562	\$1,957,362
2 Complete 1st Floor - Phase 2	\$882,369	\$2,839,731
3 Complete 2nd Floor - Phase 3	\$714,724	\$3,554,455

Note: These costs do not reflect future inflation or the positive impact of Gifts-in-kind.  
(ie. Volunteer labor or donated materials)

# HOW CAN WE GIVE?

Over and above our regular tithe, we can by faith:

**1. Give An Initial Cash Gift:**

- Ask God for creative ways to increase your gift.
- Involve your whole family in raising a specific amount. (i.e. From savings, tax refunds, stock dividends, garage sales, an extra part-time job, reducing expenses, deferring a major purchase or project, etc.)

**2. Make A Commitment To Give:**

- You can give far more when it's spread out over time.
  - Weekly for 156 weeks (and/or)
  - Monthly for 36 months (and/or)
  - Yearly for 3 years
- Please take advantage of this option, as well as giving cash.

**3. Give In Other Ways:**

- Consider giving non-cash assets (such as appreciated stocks, securities, real estate or other tangible assets).
- Consider naming the Foundation of Camano Chapel as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, or individual retirement plan.
- There are many tools available now that can enable you to include your church in your estate *WITHOUT* depriving your heirs of anything.
- For gift planning information or assistance, feel welcome to call the church office.

**4. Our Total Gift:** (Cash + Commitment = Total Gift)

**Lord willing** ... we can by faith make the above commitment **until the last nail is in!**

**What it will take to raise \$3,555,000**

<u># of Donors</u>	<u>\$ Gift/mo.</u>	<u>\$ Gift/yr</u>	<u>\$ Gift/3 yr.</u>	<u>1 yr Commitment</u>	<u>3 yr Commitment</u>
300	\$15	\$54,000	\$162,000	\$180	\$540
150	\$30	\$54,000	\$162,000	\$360	\$1,080
100	\$60	\$72,000	\$216,000	\$720	\$2,160
75	\$90	\$81,000	\$243,000	\$1,080	\$3,240
60	\$120	\$86,400	\$259,200	\$1,440	\$4,320
45	\$240	\$129,600	\$388,800	\$2,880	\$8,640
30	\$500	\$180,000	\$540,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
15	\$800	\$144,000	\$432,000	\$9,600	\$28,800
12	\$1,000	\$144,000	\$432,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
8	\$1,250	\$120,000	\$360,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
4	\$1,500	\$72,000	\$216,000	\$18,000	\$54,000
<u>2</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>	<u>\$144,000</u>	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>\$72,000</u>
801		\$1,185,000	\$3,555,000		

**Disclaimer:** As in any building program, all funds that are raised will go to the construction costs for the new building. If, in the event, it becomes clear that God has closed the door on the possibility of construction:

1. The administrative board will prayerfully seek God's will for a plan to reallocate the funds raised.
2. The administrative board will then present this plan to the church membership for their affirmation.



# MY PERSONAL GIVING COMMITMENT

## *A Guide for Discerning God's Will*

The most important decision you will make during the "Growing in Faith" Emphasis will be the decision about your own giving commitment.

As you begin praying about your commitment, please keep in mind that our theme is "**EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS.**" Obviously, God has not given everyone the ability to give the same amount in dollars. However, God does call us to make the same *quality* of commitment.

As you pray and consider what your commitment will be, remember - this program involves *not only a cash gift* on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, but whatever amount God leads you to *commit to give over the next 36 months*. Most of us can give far more than we initially think by giving it over a three year period.

There are two basic approaches to giving:

1. **I can give based on REASON.** This means I look at what I have, figure out what is "reasonable," and commit that amount. It takes no faith to give by reason. Reason asks, "What can I afford?"
2. **I can give based on REVELATION.** This means I determine my gift by praying, "Lord, what do You want to give through me?" This requires faith. When you make giving a matter of prayer, your decision becomes an act of worship. Revelation giving is asking "How much am I willing to trust God?"

Paul said of the Macedonians, "*They gave not only what they could afford, they gave even more than they could afford!*" **2 Corinthians 7:3**

## SUGGESTED STEPS FOR DETERMINING GOD'S WILL

1. **Begin by praying every day,** "Lord, I **want** to give sacrificially. Now please show me **how** to give a gift that will stretch my faith." If you're married, pray together with your spouse.
2. **Give yourself time!** Don't rush your decision. You'll find that the longer you genuinely pray "Show me **how**," the more ways God will show you. Then you'll be able to give more than the first amount that popped into your head.
3. **Plan a family conference** to discuss ways to give. Ask your family members to be thinking of ideas in advance. Be sure to involve your children, no matter how young they are. This is a great opportunity to teach giving and faith.

4. At your family conference, *read the following Bible promises* and instructions and make a list of what you learn:

*Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24-25; Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2;  
2 Corinthians 8:1-12; 2 Corinthians 9:6-12; Matthew 6:19-20.*

5. During your family conference, *ask yourselves aloud these questions:*

Regarding our cash gift:

- How much cash could we gather by March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006?
- Is there anything we could sell or convert to cash?
- Do we have any tangible gift (*ie. stock etc.*) we could give?

Regarding our 36 month commitment:

- Are there ways we could *decrease our expenses* in order to make a larger commitment?
- Are there ways we could *increase our income* in order to make a larger commitment?

6. Decide as a family the total amount you'll give, hold hands and have a prayer of commitment similar to this:

*"Father, this is a big step for us. We're asking You to strengthen our faith and help us grow spiritually through giving. We thank You for all You have given us. We know we wouldn't have anything if it weren't for You. We want to be cheerful givers. We're claiming the promises You've said in Your Word that You'll take care of our needs if we trust You. Thank you for this opportunity to grow. Thank you for our church. Help us to reach our goal to build the first building. In Jesus' name, Amen!*

## Communication Event Dates

- Staff - November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Board and Elders - December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Ministry Leaders - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006
- Church Family - February 11 & 12; 18 & 19 and March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

## Celebration Event Dates

- **COMMITMENT WEEKEND** - Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
- **VICTORY WEEKEND** - Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you for prayerfully considering what God would have you give.**

## ATTACHMENT "A"



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RE: Camano Chapel Expansion Narrative

Dear Jeff:

Attached to this transmittal you will find the Camano Chapel Expansion Project written narrative of changes. We will be addressing only those areas of the narrative which have changed, other areas of the narrative not mentioned in this narrative revision will be considered unchanged from the previous project narrative approved in December 2003.

The project changes listed below constitute a change in direction and vision on behalf of the church from the previously submitted and approved plan. The intent of the new design is to capitalize on a financially obtainable new building scheme that meets the immediate and future needs of the church, while providing Camano Island with an attractive new building that blends in with the existing rural architecture. The previously submitted and approved design was not financially obtainable for the church. As the population of Camano Island and surrounding areas continues to grow, the church finds itself in the immediate need for expansion opportunities. We feel that this new plan will meet these immediate and future needs. The proposed changes have been carefully paired with what was previously approved from a Master Site Plan standpoint. We have not really changed new building placement or vehicular circulation and parking. It was our intent to keep the site changes to the absolute minimum, including impervious area, building area, parking and circulation layouts, drain fields and detention basins. Our focus has been on the architecture, which is also the focus of this narrative.

Thank you for taking the time to review this written narrative of changes to the Camano Chapel Expansion Project. Please feel free to call me at (800) 552-7137 ext 1069 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Josh Felix,  
Lead Architect

Camano Chapel Written Narrative  
of  
Project Revisions to Approved Submittal  
Camano Chapel - 867 S. West Camano Drive, Camano Island, WA

**1. Introduction to Project Revisions and Narrative.**

The purpose of this narrative is to address revisions to the approved Master Site Plan for the Camano Chapel Expansion Project. The building architecture and construction sequencing have been modified since the approved submittal in December of 2003. The previous building design was not financially feasible, and as such could not be built. From a site, land-use, traffic and SEPA standpoint so much work had gone into the previous submittal that the decision was made to keep site related changes to an absolute minimum. As you will see in the proposed revised Master Site Plan (drawing sheet 1 of 8) the site layout, parking configuration, drain fields, detention basin, site ingress/egress are all in the same location. We have laid out the new building configuration as close as possible to the previously approved Master Site Plan, which has allowed us to keep vehicular circulation and parking design nearly the same. Impervious area calculations have seen a slight decrease due to efficiencies surrounding a single building design, and are addressed in item 4 below.

**2. Building Construction Phasing Sequence Changes**

The overall Camano Chapel expansion project will now be completed in four (4) separate and distinct building phases, culminating in one (1) building in final build-out. The previous submittal was geared around a three (3) phase build-out of separate buildings. Staging the building construction sequence around a single building at final build-out allows us to build in efficiencies at each construction step, thereby reducing overall long term building and maintenance costs. As we will show in elevation drawings (drawing sheets 4 and 5) we have taken strides to provide building articulation and proportional massing to provide a building that in phase 1 through final build-out will be aesthetically pleasing and in context with Camano Island's rural architectural styles. The proposed revised construction sequence for the project is as follows:

**Phase 1:** Includes the construction of a two story Classroom/Fellowship Hall/Nursery building. Building to have a 14,011 SF footprint and an overall area of 24,611 SF. This multi-use building will accommodate the immediate needs of this growing church. The building will consist primarily of a classroom type configuration, easily expandable and changeable. Please see drawing sheet 2-3 of 13 for Phase 1 building floor plans and usage SF breakdown. Also included in this phase of construction will be the installation of a left turn pocket off of West Camano Drive, the decommissioning of existing detention basin, installation of new detention basin, decommissioning of existing North driveway access, installation of new south site ingress/egress, revised vehicular circulation and parking plan, relocation of the existing shop building and necessary removal of asphalt req'd to complete driveway/circulation and impervious area compensation. The existing CE building will remain in place through Phase 3 of construction. Building code data: Group E and A-3 mixed occupancy, Type II-B construction, fully sprinklered.

The projected date range for completion of Phase 1 is 2006-2007

**Phase 2-3:** Includes the construction of a two story Classroom/Assembly/Administration building. Building to have a footprint of 12,637 SF and an overall area of 24,294 SF. This multi-use building is tied to the Southeast corner of Phase 1 building via use of a roof overbuild which will occur in Phase 2. This building will house the remainder of the classroom and small group assembly spaces req'd. No site work expected, except site work directly tied to the footing and foundation design of the new building. Building code data Group E and A-3 mixed use, Type II-B, fully sprinklered.

The projected date range for completion of Phase 2-3 is 2010-2012

**Phase 4:** Includes the construction of a single story dedicated Sanctuary building. Building to have an overall footprint of 23,785 SF. Existing CE building to be demolished in this phase, reducing existing building area by 8,268 SF. Sitework improvements. All sitework improvements completed in Phase 1 of construction have been geared to the construction of this dedicated Sanctuary space. Phase 4 improvements include the installation of vehicular drop-off areas at the main entrance (east) of the Phase 4 building.

The projected date range of completion of Phase 4 is 2016-2018.

### **3. Architectural Design Changes**

The building design is centered around the sequential completion of one building, rather than a clustering of buildings on the site. The building architecture is more rural agrarian than the previous submittal. As shown in the elevation drawings, sheets 4, 5 and 9, the materials palette includes painted cement fiberboard horizontal lap siding, standing seam metal roofing, accent stucco finish, precast rock veneer to present a building that is consistent with current construction on the Island. In addition to a varied materials palette, the design centers around the use of shed roof walk way canopies and roof articulation to break down the mass of the overall building. The use of a consistent, symmetrical glazing plan defines the horizontal elements of the building, while capitalizing on the views it also breaks down the height of the building. Through construction phases 2 and 3 the building architecture is fairly consistent on the visible West, South and North facades. The East façade is not developed until phase 3, where the main entrance to the building and drop off canopies are defined. Again, the use of shed roof exterior walkways and descending, overlapping entrance canopy structures tie the East façade to the other visible building elevations. All mechanical equipment will be screened from view in roof top mechanical wells, which will be placed on the east side of the Phase 1 building roof ridge, hidden from the main elevation. The Phase 4 building will consist of a flat roof building, that will be hidden by Phase 1-3 construction. All mechanical equipment for this phase of construction shall occur on the roof of this structure. Please refer to the elevation drawings for all building heights and materials. Color boards will be created upon acceptance of overall elevation geometry, but shall be earth tones consistent with newer construction on the Island and harmonious with existing buildings on the site.

### **4. Impervious Area and Overall Site Coverage.**

The previously submitted and approved design had a total impervious area of 141,964 SF, with a not to exceed amount of 17% of the entire site for a not to exceed total of 149,472 SF. The impervious area included all structures, paving, sidewalk, etc. As mentioned earlier the vehicular circulation and parking are nearly identical to previous plan. The previous overall building coverage (including existing buildings and proposed new construction) was 83,176 SF. The proposed revised design, through design efficiencies associated with a one building approach, has lessened the overall building area to 76,007 SF. This revised building area calculation has reduced our overall impervious area coverage to 141,506 SF or 16.3% of the total 19.97 acre site. A breakdown of the original and proposed area calculations for structures, parking, paving and sidewalks accompanies this document, please refer to this spreadsheet for tabulated data.

**Camano Chapel Expansion Project**  
 Tabulated Data and Design Data Comparison

Design Data (Modified Design Final Buildout)	
Overall site size SF	670,095 SF
Existing buildings SF	27,150 SF
Proposed building footprint SF (all phases)	50,433 SF
Parking/driveway paved SF	49,133 SF
Sidewalk area	14,756 SF
Parking gravel SF (pervious)	132,085 SF
Overall impervious area SF	141,472 SF
Percent impervious area	16.30%
Open space SF	481,663 SF
Percent open space	55.4%
Parking stalls (standard)	412
Parking stalls (handicap)	11

Building Design Data through Phasing (Modified Design)	
Phase 1	
Existing building footprint SF	35,478 SF
Building footprint SF	14,017 SF
Building area overall SF	24,017 SF
Total site impervious area SF	100,027 SF
Percent impervious site coverage	11.0%
Building height FT	Varies 35'-6" max.
Construction timeframe	2006-2007
# Of on-site parking EA	423

Building Design Data through Phasing (Original Design)	
Phase 1	
Existing building footprint SF	35,197 SF
Building footprint SF	23,155 SF
Building area overall SF	24,017 SF
Building height FT	Varies 35' max.
Construction timeframe	2004-2000
# Of on-site parking EA	420

Building Design Data through Phasing (Modified Design)	
Phase 2-3	
Existing building footprint SF	49,429 SF
Building footprint SF	12,637 SF
Building area overall SF	24,294 SF
Total site impervious area SF	173,556 SF
Percent impervious site coverage	13.1%
Building height FT	Varies 35'-6" max.
Construction timeframe	2010-2012
# Of on-site parking EA	No additional parking

Building Design Data through Phasing (Original Design)	
Phase 2	
Existing building footprint SF	54,547 SF
Building footprint SF	7,400 SF
Building area overall SF	14,800 SF
Building height FT	35'
Construction timeframe	2006-2012
# Of on-site parking EA	No additional parking

Building Design Data through Phasing (Modified Design)	
Phase 4	
Existing building footprint SF	53,766 SF
Building footprint SF	23,785 SF
Building area overall SF	23,785 SF
Total site impervious area SF	141,506 SF
Percent impervious site coverage	16.3%
Building height FT	Varies 35'-6" max.
Construction timeframe	2016-2018
# Of on-site parking EA	No additional parking

Building Design Data through Phasing (Original Design)	
Phase 3	
Existing building footprint SF	61,947 SF
Building footprint SF	18,000 SF
Building area overall SF	24,000 SF
Building height FT	35'
Construction timeframe	2012-2017
# Of on-site parking EA	No additional parking

January 5, 2006

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Dear Jeff:

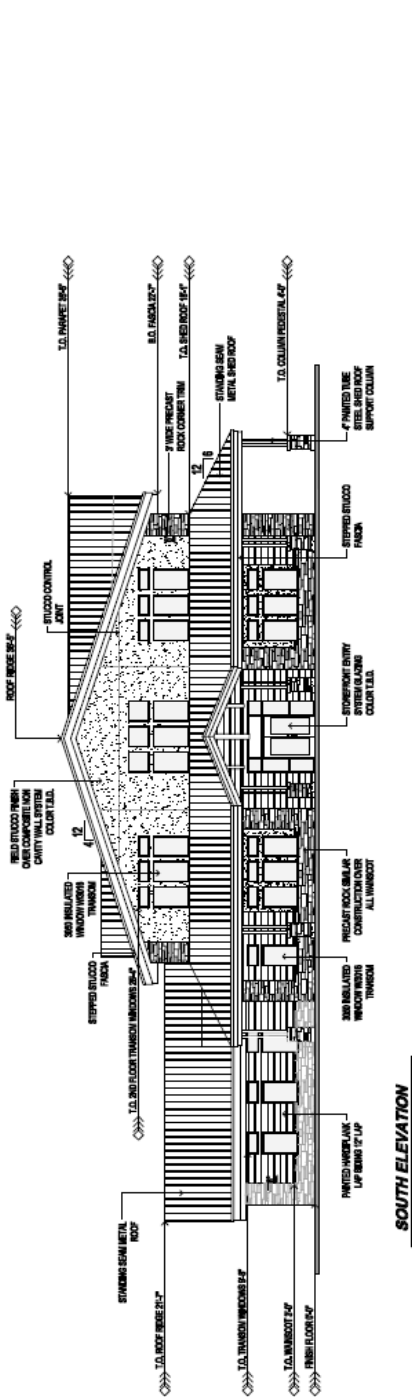
Attached to this correspondence you will find revised West and South elevation drawings for Camano Chapel. These revised elevations were generated as a result of your email stating several concerns that you had primarily regarding the West façade of the building. We have incorporated several new design elements to downplay the "commercial" feel of the building and help increase the residential scale of the West elevation. We are going to be discussing these points in our upcoming conference call this afternoon, but I wanted to list these for your reference and review before that time.

1. Addition of overbuild dormers to the upper standing seam roof line. These dormers will allow functional natural light into the classroom areas below, while helping to break down the expanse of exposed standing seam roofing. These dormers impart a more residential appeal to the building, and front the major exposure to vehicular traffic on West Camano.
2. To address the long horizontal lines created by the shed roof, and contrasting material palette we are proposing two elements. First, we are breaking the exterior wall lines with contrasting stucco wall projections that align themselves under the dormers above. The wall projections will be 2" beyond the rock wainscot on the first floor and 1' beyond the stucco wall face on the second floor. These wall projections help break the straight lines of the shed roof, while adding visual vertical contrast to the exterior walls. Secondly, we have added a gabled roof break to the mid-span of the shed roof. We have incorporated timber truss accent framing in this gabled opening to help add residential character to this opening. To maintain consistency with the South elevation, we have added a similar gabled/trussed entrance canopy over the South entrance.

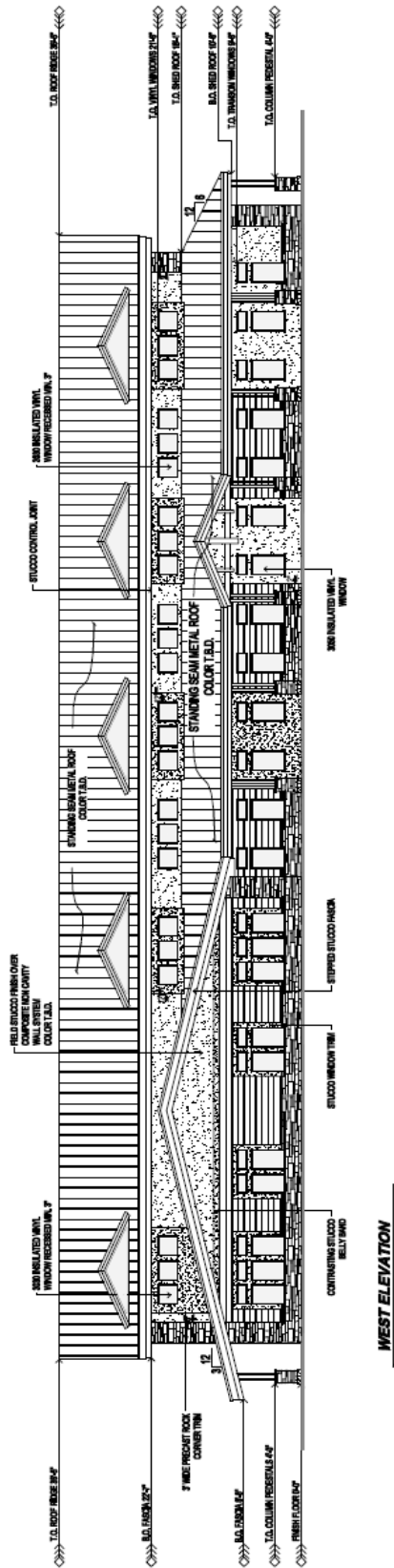
I look forward to discussing these new elevations with you and Jon in our upcoming conference call this afternoon. If you have any questions prior to that please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Josh Felix



**SOUTH ELEVATION**



**WEST ELEVATION**

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# ATTACHMENT "B"

## FAQ's - Frequently Asked Questions

### ABOUT THE OVERALL DECISION AND TIMING OF THE PROJECT

1. **Are the leaders saying - "YES, we are committed to this building project?"**

*First, by faith we have said YES by our action to move forward with the planning of both the project leading up to this point as well as in committing to this communication plan. We absolutely believe Building 1 is needed now.*

*Second, by faith we have said YES by making personal and sacrificial commitments, first by staff on 11/20/05, by the Elders and Administrative Board on 12/4/05, and by lay ministry leaders on 1/22/06 and 1/29/06. Bottom-line ... the Board and Staff are committed and sense our ministry leaders are equally as committed, showing God's affirmation of this project through His people.*

*Third, we have seen God's hand in this project through the following events:*

- *Faithful congregational giving for interim projects and project planning from 2000 - 2005.*
- *A bequest which paid for the purchase of 3.5 adjoining acres in August 2001.*
- *Site Plan and Variance approval by Island County in November 2003.*
- *Plan Amendment approval by Island County on January 6, 2006.*
- *Unity of our Administrative Board:*
  - *Through each phase of planning and project simplification*
  - *In committing to build by faith ("pay-as-we-go") and debt-free.*
  - *In committing to a congregation giving plan without the use of an outside consultant*
- *Continued growth in number of and participation in week-day ministries.*

2. **Do we have a timetable for each objective that can be shared?** *Tentatively, Yes.*

*Lord willing ...*

- **Objective 1** – *Architectural, Traffic and Civil Engineering..... Spring/Summer 2006*  
– *Island County Permit Application & Approval ..... Fall 2006/Winter 2007*
- **Objective 2** – *Off-site and On-site Improvements..... Spring/Summer 2007*
- **Objective 3** – *Phase 1, Construction of Outside Shell..... Spring/Summer 2008*

*Lord willing ... we will proceed more quickly as sufficient funding is received for each objective.*

3. **Is there anything else I/we can do?** – *YES, please pray ...*

- *There is still much for God to show us in order for this to all come to fruition.*
- *For those working on the planning of this project (ie. Architects, Builders, Board Members & Staff)*
- *For favor of Island County when we get to the permitting process (ie. in about 6 to 8 months)*
- *For God's resources to confirm His Will (ie. through the sacrificial commitment of our people)*
- *That the outcome of this project will bring more people to Christ and to His glory and honor.*

### ABOUT THE OVERALL PROJECT

1. **Who will be the Project Overseer?** – *While not determined at this stage, Building God's Way and Ryan Construction has an established organization structure for the ministry of construction including job descriptions and overseer screening criteria. We will carefully select an overseer from our church family that fits their recommendations.*

2. **How will we determine the best use of existing facilities once we occupy portions of the new building?** – *We know and understand many needs for space exist within current ministries (ie. Grade 4 through 12 ministries, ABF's etc.). The board will likely assemble a focus group (or taskforce) of some board members, staff members and lay ministry leaders to review needs and make recommendations.*

3. **What part of construction needs to start by November 2008?** – Site work & construction must begin on Building 1.
4. **Are the represented costs estimates or firm bids?** - Estimates only at this point. Costs do not reflect future inflation or the positive impact of Gifts-in-kind. (ie. Volunteer labor or donated materials)
5. **Does starting by November 2008 guarantee building 2, 3 and 4?** – YES and NO. All structures were approved under the Site Plan Approval, (in November 2003) and the plan amendment (in January 2006). However, each building will be permitted (guaranteed) individually by separate building permit applications.
6. **Do we have to have all drainage and site improvements done before Building 1 starts?** NO – but they must be complete by the time we occupy of any portion of Building 1.

### ABOUT GIVING TO PAY FOR THE PROJECT

1. **Will pledges/commitments be legally binding or will I be able to change my 36 month commitment, if I need or want to?** – Of course! Unforeseen circumstances may cause you to want to *increase or decrease* your giving commitment in the future. At any time during the 36 months all we ask you to do is request another commitment card and turn it in with your revised commitment! We anticipate we will receive revised cards increasing the amount originally committed, due to one of God's miracles!
2. **Will people be able to volunteer their labor, materials or supplies on the project as well as give financial commitments?** – YES, Building God's Way and Ryan Construction welcome this and will screen volunteer labor and all "Gifts-in-Kind". This will take place closer to the point of construction.
3. **What does "Equal Sacrifice ... Not Equal Gifts" mean?** – To "*sacrifice*" means to willingly give the best I have for a greater purpose. While we all cannot give the same amount, we all can sacrifice somehow. This way everyone can have a part. For some, a "*sacrificial*" gift given over 3 years may be a \$540 (or \$15/mo.). For others, a "*sacrifice*" may be closer to \$72,000 (or \$2,000/mo). God will impress a specific amount on your heart if you sincerely ask Him to speak to you.
4. **What does "Over & Above Giving" mean?** – Our Harbor of Hope project giving needs to be *in addition* to our regular tithes, offerings and missions giving otherwise our ministries and missionaries will suffer.
5. **What is the difference between a "fundraising" campaign and a "giving" emphasis like "Growing in Faith"?**  
 - A BIG difference! The purpose of a "*giving*" emphasis is to challenge each of us to give out of our own resources. In a "*fundraising*" campaign, you collect money from individuals who have purchased a product or service. A giving emphasis always results in personal spiritual growth -- a fundraising campaign just raises money. The "**Growing In Faith**" Emphasis was designed to:
  - Stretch our faith,
  - Build our hope in God's promises,
  - Deepen our love for Christ & His Church, and
  - Teach us Christ-like generosity.
 By learning to sacrifice personally for the cause of Christ we all will grow toward spiritual maturity.
6. **If I am a single parent with several kids and almost no income, but I want to be a part of building our church. How can I give?** – First, we commend you for your *heart's desire* to give. It reminds us of the poor widow Jesus honored for her faith in giving in Mark 12:41-44:

*"Jesus sat near the Temple Offering Box and watched the people put in their money. Many rich people gave large sums of money. Then a poor widow came and put in two copper pennies. Jesus said, I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people together! They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had; she gave all she had to live on."*

From this moving example of sacrifice, Jesus taught three important truths:

- In giving, your **attitude** is more important than the **amount** you give.
- IF we really trust God, it is always possible to give **something**.
- God measures **our faith** by comparing what we've given with what we have left over after we've given.

This is why our theme is "**Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts**". As you pray about what a genuine "sacrifice" will mean to you, we urge you to read the Bible story of the **miracle** that happened when another single parent gave away what little she had (1 Kings 17:8-16). God took care of her the rest of her life. And God is still doing miracles today in the lives of those who dare to trust Him!

There are many ways to give, if one is willing to give. Pray about giving what you can in cash on March 18 & 19. Then make a faith commitment to give an additional amount over the next 36 months. Then **watch** God fulfill His promise to meet your needs (Phil. 4:19).

7. **When do I make my commitment?** - The weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
8. **How do I make my commitment?** - First you need to prayerfully decide how much you can give "up-front" as a cash offering and then once again prayerfully consider and decide the amount of your 36 month pledge. This pledge is in addition to your cash offering. Write both amounts on your commitment card, add them together for your total, (Cash + Pledge) and sign your commitment card. **Please PRINT your name, address, and phone number on the bottom right corner of your card, if there is no label on it.** Enclose both your check (and/or cash) AND your commitment card in your Harbor of Hope Envelope and bring it with you to one of our worship services on either March 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend church on that weekend, please, mail your envelope in advance of that weekend, so your gift can be included in the **Victory total**.
9. **When will we begin contributing to our Harbor of Hope commitment?** - March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.
10. **When will we begin construction?** - When God has supplied the cash and commitments to pay for the:
  - **Architectural design** - we will contract to begin architectural service and permitting.
  - **On-site and off-site improvements** - we will contract to begin site-work.
  - **Exterior shell of Building I** - we will contract to begin construction.
11. **How will I designate my Harbor of Hope commitment each week?** - New offering envelopes have been printed with separate designations where you can indicate what part of your offering is going toward your Harbor of Hope pledge and what part is your regular offering.
12. **Can each member of our family make a separate commitment?** - Yes! Even young children can learn the values of commitment, generosity, faith, and sacrifice by signing their own commitment card. Extra cards and envelopes are available at the church office.
13. **Will my commitment be kept confidential?** - Absolutely, yes!
14. **Is it OK to make a commitment to give an amount that I don't have right now?** - Yes! That is called FAITH! It pleases God. Hebrews 11:6 says: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him".

15. **May I give a gift in memory of someone?** – Yes. Simply write “In memory of”, and persons name on your commitment card. An acknowledgement will be sent to the family of the person remembered that the memorial gift amount will be placed into the Harbor of Hope Project account.
16. **How do I decide what to give?** – “My Personal Giving Commitment – A Guide to Discerning God’s Will”, (found on page 17), provides sound Biblical encouragement for faith giving. As you prayerfully consider this information, you’ll be able to arrive at a specific amount to give. The amount will almost always be larger than the first number that pops into your mind since it will be a step of faith. Ask yourself:
- **Have I first prayed** (individually and/or as a family) – “Lord, what do You want to give through me/us?”
  - **Is my gift** – what I think I can afford or is it what God wants to give through me?
  - **Does this amount really stretch my faith?** – 2 Corinthians 9:8 says: “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (NIV)
  - **Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice?** – 2 Samuel 24:24 says “I will not sacrifice to my God an offering that costs me nothing!” (NIV)
  - **Does this amount express the level of thanksgiving** I have for how God has blessed my life & family? – Psalm 54:6 says: “With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord.” (RSV)
17. **How can we discover creative ways to increase my cash gift** – The Harbor of Hope offering we give on March 18 or 19 will be both a cash offering and a commitment to give over the next 36 months. Obviously, the more we are able to give in cash up front, the sooner we will be able to build.

At first thought, most people do not think they have much cash lying around to give. **But with a little creativity... and by taking advantage of the 9 to 10 weeks we have until the offering ... each of us can probably come up with a sizable cash gift.** Together it will all add up.

Here are some creative ideas Camano Chapel families suggest you try:

- Eliminate eating out for the next month. Save that cash to be added to your offering.
- Hold a garage sale to convert unused items in your garage or closets into cash.
- Take a second, part-time job for one month.
- Have everyone in your family locate spare change in your house, collecting it all in one giant piggy bank.
- Postpone a major purchase or project for a few more months in order to give more.
- Use your God-given talents to create art and make craft items that could be sold to raise additional cash for the offering.
- Give stock dividends, stocks, bonds, or tax refunds.

Basically, there are two approaches to finding more cash to give:

- Look for ways to reduce your expenses.
- Look for ways to increase your income.

By using a combination of these two approaches during the next month, you’ll be able to give far more cash than you thought. Be creative! Imagine... if 500 families in our church each found an extra \$500 cash to give through these ideas - **that alone would total a quarter million dollars!**

**Be sure to pray for one-another, as we consider this important faith step together!**