

PREVAIL NEXT

Building Expansion/Renovation Frequently Asked Questions

PREVAIL NEXT AT A GLANCE	
Estimated Phase 1 Cost	Approximately \$2.3 Million
Already Pledged	Nearly \$1 Million
Funds Received	\$676,690
Additional Worship Seating	104 Seats
New Journey Kids Classrooms	4
Multipurpose Activity Space	1
Additional Parking Spaces	88
Construction Timeline	September 2026 - January 2027

WHY WE'RE EXPANDING

Why are we expanding now?

Since opening our current facility in 2019, Journey has experienced sustained growth in worship attendance, Journey Kids, discipleship ministries, outreach, and online engagement.

Even after adding a third worship service, we have space constraints in our worship auditorium, children's ministry space, parking, and gathering areas.

We believe now is the right time to create additional ministry capacity so we can continue reaching people effectively while preparing for future growth.

What will Phase 1 include?

Phase 1 has been designed around Journey's three greatest facility needs: worship seating, children's ministry space, and parking.

The project includes:

- Approximately 104 additional worship seats

- The full Journey Kids addition, including four new Journey Kids classrooms, bathrooms, and a sensory room.
- A multipurpose activity space that will be utilized by Journey Kids and Roots Student Ministry, and provide space for meetings/events. This space becomes part of the new lobby in Phase 2.
- 88 additional parking spaces
- Removing the existing house from the property
- Technology and security improvements
- Infrastructure that prepares the campus for future expansion

Why was the project changed from the original plan?

The plan is the same, but we will accomplish it in 2 phases.

The full PREVAIL NEXT vision is a comprehensive campus expansion with an estimated cost exceeding \$5 million. After months of prayer, planning, financial analysis, and consultation with Alliance Construction, we concluded that a phased approach to this expansion would allow Journey to address today's greatest ministry needs while remaining financially responsible.

Phase 1 focuses on today's highest priorities - worship auditorium seating, parking, and additional children's ministry space.

Phase 2 will complete the plan by adding a new worship auditorium, a large lobby with a cafe and comfortable gathering spaces, and additional restrooms. Phase 2 will also repurpose the current worship auditorium into a multipurpose ministry space utilized by our children's and youth ministries, with the balcony becoming a dedicated youth space.

Did we consider other options?

Yes.

Throughout the planning process, we evaluated numerous possibilities, including purchasing another building, constructing an entirely new facility, redesigning the project, renovating more of the existing building, and delaying portions of the expansion.

After careful prayer, discussion, and financial analysis, we believe the current plan provides the greatest ministry impact while exercising wise stewardship.

Why not wait until we can build everything at once?

Waiting would postpone ministry opportunities that already exist today.

This Phase 1 plan allows us to address our greatest facility needs immediately and works towards the full campus master plan. Rather than delaying expansion until the full plan can be completed, this approach allows Journey to continue reaching more people now while remaining financially responsible.

Does this mean we will go to two services?

Not necessarily. Once construction is complete we will assess this possibility.

THE PROJECT

Will there be less lobby space?

Yes—until we complete Phase 2.

To expand the current worship auditorium, a portion of the current lobby will become additional seating. While this means the lobby will be smaller during Phase 1, this is only an interim step.

What is Phase 2?

Phase 2 completes the rest of the work of the campus master plan. It includes a new worship auditorium, a large lobby with a cafe and comfortable gathering spaces, and additional restrooms. Phase 2 will also repurpose the current worship auditorium into a multipurpose ministry space utilized by our children's, youth and outreach ministries, with the balcony becoming a dedicated youth space.

No construction timeline has been established for Phase 2. As with every step of PREVAIL NEXT, we will move forward in God's timing as He provides the opportunity and resources.

Will Phase 1 still be useful when Phase 2 is built?

Absolutely.

Every improvement made during Phase 1 fits into the full, master campus plan. The expanded worship space, Journey Kids classrooms, parking, and supporting infrastructure all prepare Journey for the future and will continue serving the church for decades to come.

How long will this expansion serve Journey, and why will we eventually need Phase 2?

Based on Journey's recent growth trends, we believe Phase 1 will provide several years of additional ministry capacity. Over the past three years, Journey has averaged approximately 13.6% annual growth. If that trend continues, the expanded worship auditorium created in Phase 1 will likely reach practical capacity within three to four years.

While no timeline has been established for Phase 2, we want to be prepared to continue reaching people as God continues to grow His church. Every improvement completed during Phase 1 is part of the long-term campus

master plan, ensuring that today's investment continues serving future generations rather than being replaced later.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

How much will Phase 1 cost?

Phase 1 of the PREVAIL NEXT Expansion Project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.3 million.

Alliance Construction has worked diligently to provide the greatest ministry value possible while maintaining responsible project costs.

How will the project be funded?

Nearly \$1 million has already been pledged through the PREVAIL NEXT campaign, with \$676,690 already received.

The remaining cost will be funded through continued campaign giving and financing.

Journey Community Church currently carries no debt, maintains healthy cash reserves, and has a proven history of faithful financial stewardship, including paying off our previous 20 year loan in just six years.

Where are we at with securing financing?

We received preliminary approval and the loan is in processing. Formal approval is expected in August.

Will the expansion increase our operating expenses?

The expanded facility will result in modest increases in operating expenses such as utilities, maintenance, and insurance. These costs have been considered as part of our long-term financial planning.

CONSTRUCTION

When will construction begin?

Construction is expected to begin in early September, 2026. If all goes according to plan, the parking lot expansion will be completed by the end of October, the worship auditorium expansion by the end of November, and the Journey Kids wing addition by early January.

We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility during construction and look forward to celebrating together in the expanded space.

Will there be disruptions to Sunday worship?

Our goal is to minimize disruptions as much as possible.

The project has been carefully designed so that Sunday worship services can continue throughout construction.

There may be temporary adjustments, but we will communicate any changes clearly and well in advance. Our priority is to ensure that worship services, Journey Kids, and the guest experience remain as smooth and welcoming as possible.

Why does the house need to be torn down?

The house must be removed to make room for additional parking and a stormwater retention pond (which is required due to the increased size of the parking lot).

LOOKING AHEAD

Wouldn't planting another church solve our space limitations?

Church planting has been part of Journey's vision for many years and remains one of our long-term goals.

However, planting another church would not solve the space needs at our current campus. The purpose of church planting is not to create more room for an existing congregation, but to reach people in a different community with the hope of Jesus.

We've talked about planting a church for years. Why haven't we planted one yet?

Over the past several years, we have met with potential church planters and sent individuals through the Converge Assessment Center to explore church planting. While we have actively pursued these opportunities, God has not yet made it clear who the right church planter will be. Please join us in praying that He will raise up and send the right person in His perfect timing.

Who can I contact with additional questions?

Email office@journeydepere.com and an Expansion Team representative or church staff member will get back to you.

What excites the leadership team most about PREVAIL NEXT?

The most exciting part of PREVAIL NEXT isn't the building—it's the ministry that will happen inside it.

Every classroom represents another child learning about Jesus.

Every additional seat represents another opportunity for someone to hear the Gospel.

Every parking space makes it easier for a first-time guest to visit.

Every square foot exists to help people Start, Strengthen, and Share their journey with God.

We believe God has incredible things ahead for Journey Community Church, and we are grateful to take this next step of faith together.