

## NORTHEAST Church of Christ

## PART OF OUR STORY

In 1969, Charlie and Marie Proctor and others pooled money to purchase the property on which the church building now stands. Church met in a Montgomery school as the building was under construction (completed 1973). Ernie Gill was the pulpit minister in the early years, followed later by Grady Smith (1982 to current). The position of youth minister was first added in 1996 with Tim Tripp. Currently Nick Hutchens, starting in 2015, serves as our youth minister. There have been three large additions to our building since the beginning (1992, 1999, & 2007).

Members of the Northeast church of Christ began meeting together in the late 1960s in a local school, with members making substantial financial sacrifices to purchase undeveloped land at this location. The land purchase was subdivided for development of the adjoining neighborhood, with 14+ acres retained by church members to construct a building for meeting together to worship. The auditorium and original west classroom wing and fellowship room were constructed in the early 1970s. By the early 1990s, there was a need for additional classroom space. The west classroom wing was expanded and the all-purpose room was added. With Gods' blessing and the addition of Tim Tripp as youth minister in 1996 our continued ministry, mission, and numerical growth through the 1990's drove the need for additional auditorium space, classroom space, office space, and parking. The original auditorium was expanded and additional classrooms and offices were added east of the auditorium.

As we were blessed with continued growth through the early 2000s, we quickly faced the need for additional classroom space and parking. Through prayer and discussion, the elders led our members through an examination of our growth trends and building expansion options, ultimately deciding on a multi-phase building expansion. The initial phase for additional parking, classroom space, consolidated office space, and repurposed classroom space was begun in 2007 and completed in 2009. Future plans include additional parking and the possibility of a multi-purpose building addition capable of seating 800-900 for a single worship service, with an adjoining kitchen to support a variety of fellowship events.

In 2017 we re-worked the original sections of our parking lot, adding more spaces, a drop off loop, and improved drainage. In 2018 we did a refresh of our KidMin wing. Not only did we make physical changes we also added a student check-in procedure and adopted a new inclusive and engaging curriculum. 2019 we rebuilt our front auditorium stage area and began phase one of our lobby improvements.

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One of the blessings out of Covid was the push to implement live streaming. During the early shut down period of Covid we started out filming our entire worship service and posting on YouTube for our members to view from their homes. That led to us overhauling our technology for worship and implementing a three camera livestream in June of 2020 and it is still going strong. We use ProPresenter worship software in conjunction with Planning Center online for our worship service and volunteers. The office uses Church Community Builder, a church management system for the administrative side of our operations. In February of 2021 we relaunched our updated Northeast website and in January of 2022 relaunched an updated Northeast app.

The future? Staying open to His direction with a sense of hope!