



A New Heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put within you...Ezekiel 36:26

I want a new heart! Do you? Do you also long for a heart, and for a community, that is deeper, stronger, and more faithful than ever before? A heart, and a church, full of grace and truth, overflowing with love and goodness!?

This weekend, we begin two exciting initiatives. We begin a sermon series that will last through Easter, and we start a Capital Campaign. Both endeavors have the same name—*A New Heart for the Valley*, because both have the same purpose: to deepen our hearts for God and His mission.

This vision for a new heart began in 2016. Our Session commissioned a task force to develop a Master Plan for our campus in partnership with an architectural firm, Jones Studio. Our congregation, through surveys, town halls, and focus groups expressed a strong desire to integrate our life together and to create a new physical heart for our ministries of worship, welcome, outreach, discipleship, and generational connection. Our staff and leadership believe the plans are beautiful, functional, and inspiring. Great buildings do not guarantee great ministry—any more than wonderful clothes guarantee a wonderful character. But the physical changes envisioned in our Master Plan complement and enhance the spiritual work God is doing among us.

The Master Plan has three phases, and our Session has authorized Phase One renovations including:

A revision of the Sanctuary which encompasses:

- Radial seating that increases intimacy, connection, and flexibility
- A restored and enhanced organ to accompany the choir and congregational singing
- A system that can instantly change the sound dynamics of the worship space, producing ideal conditions for speech, song, choirs, organ, piano, and instrumental music
- A new space for singers and musicians to rehearse
- A soundproof, see-through entrance area

A redevelopment of our Music and Education Building and Plaza:

- A transformation of the Fireside Room into an indoor/outdoor café with an updated kitchen and Welcome Center
- A fellowship plaza which brings together 9 and 10:30AM worshippers, families, children, youth, and all of our adult generations
- A dedicated youth ministry space which brings our teenagers out of the Landes basement and into the center of campus
- Additional rooms for children's ministry and Valley Day School, carved out of storage areas
- Redesigned and technologically-updated adult education spaces
- A re-conception of our outdoor spaces as a park-like oasis, with beautiful landscaping inviting connection with our Creator and with each other

Phase One also includes a remodel of our Administration Building for staff efficiency and visitor welcome, enhancements to the Memorial Garden, and a re-configuration of our maintenance facilities.

The most important things for you to do are to pray, listen, and engage in the coming weeks. New life in Christ requires some moments when communities seek renewal together in order to increase their faith and Kingdom impact.

Several VPC families and our Foundation have already committed more than \$3 million to create *A New Heart for the Valley*. We will be seeking another \$9 million to complete Phase One, this will take generosity on the part of all of us. Ten percent of the funds raised in this campaign will go to mission, deepening our heart for the neediest people in our Valley and empowering our two local mission partners—MentorKids USA and Family Promise. Take a look at the timeline and the answers to frequently asked questions included in this envelope. Look for a brochure this weekend in worship, the visuals around our campus, and the 3D model in the church office. Access the information online and in the devotional and sermon series.

God is at work among all the generations at VPC. We have senior saints, who measure their commitment in decades, not years. We have younger families focusing their lives on faith and service. We have single adults and youth with talents and dedication. We have children full of praise and promise.

It is now time to call them all together, today, for tomorrow. The best way we can honor our past is to move forward towards our future. Many men and women before this moment have worked and prayed, given and dreamed, so that we would have this opportunity to glorify God and build his kingdom together. The best way to honor and remember them is to move forward with the same passion and commitment.

In my lifetime, I have never seen a set of changes anywhere else as transformative as the plans our Session is asking you to consider supporting in the coming weeks. I hope you'll be as excited about the possibilities as we are!

Yours faithfully,



Rev. Dr. David M. Joynt
Senior Pastor



Karen Gill Meyer
Clerk of Session

P.S. God has a great future for VPC—it starts with your heart and my heart! Please pray that God will lead us to create *A New Heart for the Valley!*



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Find more answers at: vpc.church/anewheart

Why is this the right time for a Capital Campaign?

VPC is growing! VPC finished 2017 with both net growth in membership and a budget surplus. Our first new member class of 2018 welcomed 17 people. In the last two years our Children's Ministry, Valley Day School, and Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) ministry have grown at a tremendous pace. The choir and music programs continue to flourish. The time is right to renew some of our oldest buildings and prime the heart of our campus for an acceleration of ministry in the coming decades.

COSTS AND GIVING

How much will Phase One of A New Heart for the Valley cost?

The total cost of Phase One is approximately \$12 million. Please see opposite side for cost breakdown.

Will I be asked to contribute? If so, when?

You will hear about the Capital Campaign through April, and we hope every VPC member and friend will consider making a gift or pledge to the campaign (over and above any Faith Giving) by May 6. Pledges can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually over three years. We trust that you will seek God's guidance and grow in faith through giving at whatever level God lays on your heart.

Can I give through my will or estate?

Yes, if certain criteria are met. Call Kris Bahr the church office for more information: 480-991-6424.

What if we don't raise all the money, will the church take on long-term debt?

No. The master plan is flexible and we will only build in correspondence to the amount raised.

What if we raise more than needed?

What great optimistic faith! Such a generous response would allow VPC to implement Phase Two (and possibly Phase Three), give more to mission, and get closer to a fully realized Master Plan!

MISSION

Are we giving to mission in this campaign?

Yes, absolutely! We want to follow God's call to be generous to those less fortunate than ourselves. Two of our major mission partners, MentorKids USA and Family Promise, have a vision to expand their ministries to the south of VPC in Scottsdale's Paiute neighborhood. VPC has a leadership opportunity to make a timely and significant impact in our community.

SANCTUARY

Will the organ be restored, replaced, or modified?

A task force evaluated issues and options with regard to the 1968 Reuters organ that has served us well for 50 years, but is sorely in need of repair. It was determined that restoration and enhancement is the preferred option.

Will Sanctuary seating be improved?

New seats, incorporating ergonomic design standards, will be comfortable, inviting, and efficient. New radial (semicircle) orientation of the chancel and seating will provide improved sightlines and intimacy while maintaining the current seating capacity.

Find more answers at: vpc.church/anewheart

A New Heart for the Valley Costs and Timeline

Construction Costs*

Sanctuary (organ, audio system, seating, modifications)	\$2,500,000 - \$2,800,000
Nursery, Classrooms, and Student Ministry wing	\$2,500,000 - \$3,800,000
Fellowship Plaza and Landscaping	\$1,650,000 - \$1,650,000
Administrative Offices, Memorial Garden, and Facilities	\$1,050,000 - \$1,300,000
Mission Partnerships: MentorKids USA, Family Promise, and others	\$1,000,000 - \$1,000,000
Contingency, Construction Escalation, Municipal, and Architect Fees	\$2,000,000 - \$2,000,000
Total	\$10,700,000-12,550,000

*Construction elements allow us to adjust spending based on dollars raised

Timeline

Late 2016

- Master Plan (MP) development commissioned by Session
- MP task force of nine VPC members chosen; led by Jim Unruh

2017

- Jones Studio chosen for MP design
- Congregation-wide survey and Town Hall meetings for MP input from VPC community
- Focus Groups held for specific stakeholder and ministry area feedback
- October: Session approves MP after presentation, discussion and revision
- December: Several generous campaign gifts totaling \$2M+ committed

2018

January

- Session approves capital campaign to raise funds for Phase 1
- Keith Kerber (ordained Presbyterian minister and professional fundraiser) hired to manage the capital campaign

February

- Valley Presbyterian Foundation pledges \$1M to campaign
- Jim & Candy Unruh and Dave & Carol Eaton agree to co-chair campaign
- *A New Heart for the Valley* campaign kicks off with Lenten sermon series

March

- Campaign Committee and staff make presentations throughout VPC community
- Early pledges are accepted

April

- Presentations continue
- Final letter asking for campaign commitments

May

- *A New Heart for the Valley* Commitment Sunday, May 6
- Pledges and gifts tabulated, total announced

October 2018 – January 2019

- Window for anticipated start to construction