

ROOTED

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Christ Presbyterian Auburn

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IS A GENEROSITY INITIATIVE

WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING

A CHURCH HOME

ON OUR 20 ACRES

ON NORTH COLLEGE STREET.

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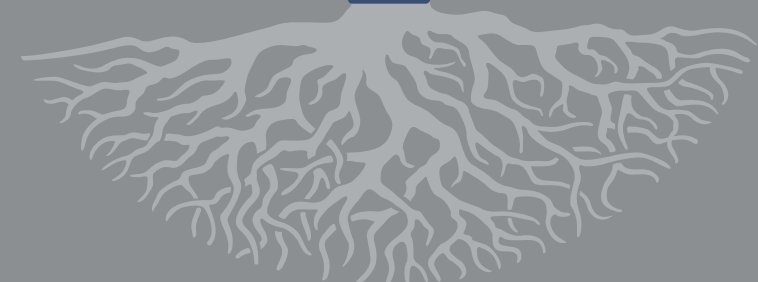
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A LETTER FROM PASTOR ERIC

Dear Family and Friends of Christ Pres,

“Eric, do you realize we are building for years we shall not see?” It’s been over seven years since I first heard those words. The precious woman who said this, wasn’t talking about a building. She was talking about our participation in God’s kingdom work at Christ Presbyterian Church in Auburn. She, like many of you, realized that the work of planting a church was much like planting a tree. Those who plant aren’t always the ones who share the fruit and the shade the tree will later supply. This church was planted by those who came together to pray for those who would come after us.

These are exciting days at Christ Presbyterian Church of Auburn! After seven years of worshipping together at the Alumni Center, the Lord seems to be calling us to deepen our roots in Lee County. We hope the enclosed information will pique your interest and answer your questions about the next chapter in the life of our church.

The theme of our generosity initiative is “Rooted: For Years We Shall Not See.” The theme is drawn from Paul’s words in Colossians 2:6-7 “as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” This verse summarizes the work the Lord called us to undertake seven years ago, and the work we must continue into the next season in the life of our church.

We desire to plant roots and to see the fruit of God’s grace grow in our own lives and in the lives of those who come after us. This is a joyous opportunity to invest in the future kingdom work of God through our church. “Rooted” will require the participation of everyone at Christ Presbyterian in Auburn, and many saints beyond our church family. I hope you will join us as the Lord takes us to new places of gospel growth.

Yours in Christ,



Eric



OUR VISION

We want to be an outward-facing, Christ-exalting, ordinary means-of-grace, winsomely reformed church, serving our members, Auburn’s rapidly growing population (2.5 families move here every day!), and thousands of college students who come from all over the world.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

While we’ve flourished in the Alumni Center, the time has come to put roots in Auburn soil as a landmark for faithful gospel ministry. For the glory of Christ, we want to be able to gather together and invest in future generations, children, families, and college students.

2018: SEEDS PLANTED

The Southeast Alabama Presbytery, a collection of 38 PCA churches, planted Christ Presbyterian. After a few meetings in homes, Christ Pres moved to the Alumni Center for Sunday worship.



2020: ROOTS SPROUTED

First elders were elected and pastor called. In the Presbyterian form of government, a plant becomes a self-governing church once qualified elders are nominated from within the congregation, trained, and elected.



2022: GROUND PROVIDED

By God’s grace, we purchased 19.7 acres of land on North College Street, 1.5 miles from campus. The original purchase price was \$4.8M. God, through various provisions, has made it possible for us to pay down the debt to approximately \$800,000.



Our Story of God’s Kindness

2025: GENEROSITY INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

because we believe we are...

Called to love our city

Auburn is growing and so is our church! We want to be a warm, welcoming church home that provides rich opportunities for growth and gathering for our current and future members.

Called to love the university

College is a formative season of life and we want to include students in the life of our church through intergenerational ministry contexts. We trust this investment in today's college students will result in the formation of tomorrow's church leaders.

Our Goal



Multipurpose Sanctuary



Designated Children's Ministry Welcome Space



Multipurpose Meeting Spaces



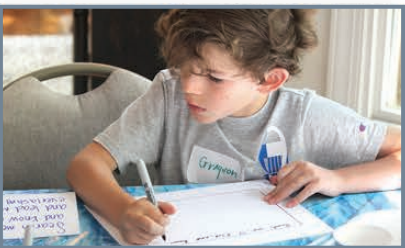
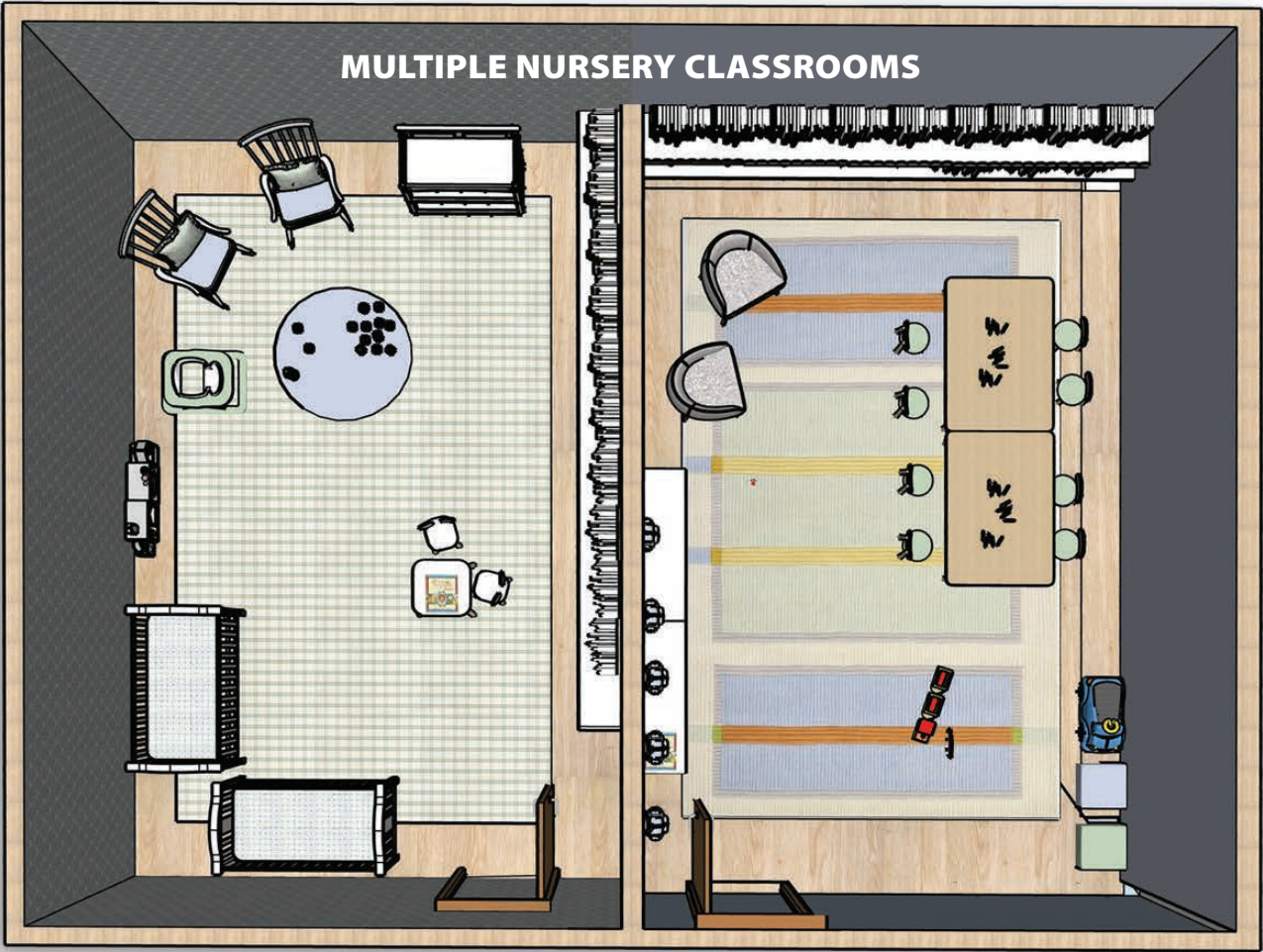
Welcome Lobby and Landscaped Courtyard



Staff Offices



Multiple Nursery Classrooms



Lord willing, our new church will be built on our 20 acres on N. College Street.



"I'M IN"



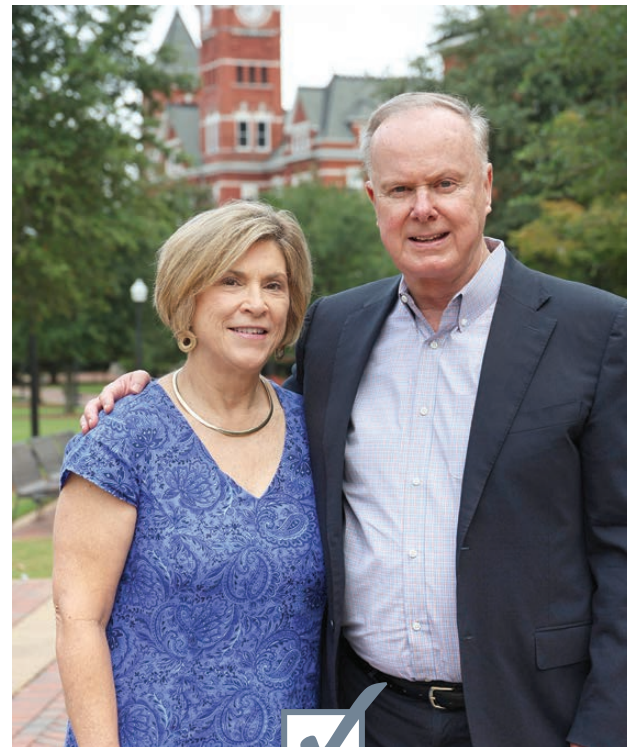
Betty Thomas
(Founding member)

An unexpected blessing of my latter years has been to have the opportunity to be involved in the new PCA church plant in Auburn—Christ Presbyterian Church—taking me back to my roots of many years in Auburn. There is a quote that has encouraged me greatly in this new experience from the beginning: “We build for the years we shall not see” from an Amy Carmichael book. It is my prayer that the Lord will bless the future days of Christ Presbyterian Church as He has these first seven years. May Christ Pres be used for the increase of His Kingdom in Auburn and around the world for generations to come! “For all things come from Thee, and from Thy hand we have given Thee” (1 Chronicles 29:14).

Wayne and Mary Alderman

(Founding members; Wayne serves as an elder)

We are very thankful to be a part of Christ Presbyterian Church and a congregation with a culture that is outward facing. It is a church that sees so many ministry opportunities in our city and our campus whether they are college students, young married couples or retirees. We are thankful for the opportunities God has given our church to serve others and we pray that He will continue to bless this church and continue to provide as we serve Him and our city and campus.



The Stories of Christ Presbyterian



Jeff and Kathryn Korotky

(Parents of college students)

We are so thankful for Christ Pres. As parents, it has given us tremendous peace knowing college kids have a church family to love and shepherd them while they are away at school. Each Sunday, students hear sound preaching of God’s Word, and through the multi-generational Digging Deeper groups, students have a true ‘family away from home’ that encourages them and strengthens their faith during such pivotal years of their life.

Richmond and Catherine Gunter

(Founding members)

Our family has seen the Lord’s hand at work through Christ Presbyterian—through faithful Biblical teaching, the warmth of a loving community across generations, and the gift of watching our children grow to cherish the truths of the Gospel. We praise God for this church family and look ahead with hope to a permanent home on North College Street, where Christ Pres will continue to be a light for Christ in Auburn and impact lives for generations to come.



"I'M IN"



Scott and Beth Sprayberry

(Founding members; Scott serves as an elder)

We have great memories of those early days when a small group began praying about the need for a conservative, Bible-teaching Presbyterian church near Auburn's campus. It was exciting to see how God was leading and to trust Him with the future. Every Sunday is a blessing as we worship together and praise God for all He has done to grow and sustain the church.

Moses Douthit

(Member since 2021)

The pastors, Sunday School teachers, and the whole church family all help me understand more the love of Jesus. A new building will be better than the Alumni Center—more room to run and play, maybe a basketball hoop, maybe a playground. But mostly it'll be a good place to learn and send out missionaries.



The Stories of Christ Presbyterian



Brawner, Lauren and James Little

(Former college students)

It would be an understatement to say that Christ Pres was one of our biggest blessings as college students. Our friends, community, and mentors have forever shaped our faith and the standard of what it feels like to call a church home. The members of Christ Pres profoundly impacted our day to day lives and walked with us through our seasons of dating and engagement and have supported us from afar during marriage and parenthood. There is truly nothing like visiting Christ Pres and seeing these loved ones again.

William, Niland, and Hampton Skinner

(William served as an intern in 2019 and will serve as a pastor to Lake Martin Mission Church)

I am thankful to God for the ways he used Christ Pres in my life. Christ Pres was the first Presbyterian church that I was a member of, and without a doubt has been the most personally impactful congregation I have been a part of. Even before becoming a member, the body of Christ took me in relationally, disciplined me and trained me in what it meant to follow Christ. In 2019 the session brought me on staff to serve as a pastoral intern. The church was very young, and because of the abundance of opportunity I was able to gain a wide variety of pastoral experience that I would not have received elsewhere. I and my future congregation are indebted to Christ Pres for their care, discipleship, and guidance that the Lord used to equip me for the work of gospel ministry.



GENEROSITY JOURNEY

The Generosity Journey is a tool designed to help you move money from being an idol to money being a tool for God’s kingdom. The Journey focuses on the condition of our hearts further transforming us into the likeness of Christ. Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps you slowly ascend to get to God, but rather a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. The Apostle Paul encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

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Consistent Giver

This type of giver is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes this might be a reason for someone to set up recurring gifts online or to become disciplined in giving through the weekly offering.

Initial Giver

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

Sacrificial Giver

This type of giver begins to ask the question, “Am I giving in a way that changes me? Am I giving in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me?” A Sacrificial Giver’s commitment to giving actually governs the rest of his/her lifestyle. A Sacrificial Giver has a giving commitment that is “larger than their current situation” so that they have to adjust the rest of their expenditures to meet that commitment.

Intentional Giver

This type of giver begins asking the question, “Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?” This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects on how they feel about it in relation to other things they spend their money on.

Lifetime Giver

A Lifetime giver is no longer asking the question, “God, how much are you asking me to give?” A Lifetime Giver is asking the question, “God how much are you asking me to keep?” They ask this so that they can release the rest into Kingdom purposes. Much like a Sacrificial Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a Lifetime giver makes a lifetime or longterm giving commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the likes.

Your Impact

- Our vision for Christ Pres is expansive as we seek to build a home large enough to accommodate our increasing membership, our college students, our second-home regular visitors, and our growing community.
- Construction costs are substantial, but we trust our God who is able to do far more abundantly than we can ask or think. We are hopeful and expectant that the Lord will deal bountifully with us, as He has done since the earliest days of our congregation.
- God has been at work in Auburn long before we were planted and will be at work in all the years that we will not see. We desire simply to work alongside Him unto the end that we are formed into a joyful and generous people - for the glory of God and for the good of Auburn.
- This is a defining time in the life of our church family. Our hope is that this campaign becomes far more than a project about money - it is an invitation to take part in God’s work in Auburn, even into the years that we will not see.

Next Steps

- We are asking all who love the ministry of Christ Pres Auburn to...
- Pray regularly and fervently for this endeavor. Take a few minutes each day using our prayer guide.
 - Decide how you are able to make a financial commitment that is over and above your regular giving.
 - One-time year-end gifts as we approach the year’s end.
 - Monthly gifts over a 3-year period.
 - Non-cash gifts like stocks, securities, or other assets.
 - Participate in the life of the church as much as you’re able in this season.
 - Commit to hearing every ROOTED sermon in October and November.
 - Join a Digging Deeper small group to further connect with other members as we consider our future together, fueled by one another’s generosity.

My Potential Giving

A little consistency builds into a sizeable amount. Each of us can give far more than we think possible by giving it over a three-year period.

See the **Gift Schedule Chart** on this **Sample Commitment Card** for examples of giving levels.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Typical commitments made over a 3-year period:

Monthly Pledge	Yearly Pledge	3-Year Pledge Total
14,000	168,000	500,000
10,000	120,000	360,000
8,500	100,000	300,000
7,000	84,000	250,000
2,800	33,000	100,000
2,000	24,000	72,000
1,400	16,800	50,000
1,000	12,000	36,000
700	8,500	25,000
500	6,000	18,000
250	3,000	9,000
125	1,500	4,500

This giving schedule is for quick calculation of monthly, yearly and three-year giving. No one should feel confined to this schedule.

Commitments can be funded in various ways:

- Gifts of appreciated securities (directly or via a donor advised fund)
- Qualified Charitable Donations from IRAs
- Annual cash gifts from bonus compensation
- Monthly or quarterly cash gifts

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The giving period for ROOTED
will run from November 2025 to November 2028.

Commitment Cards will be received on
Commitment Sunday, November 9, 2025

In faith and dependence on God’s grace, I/we rejoice at the opportunity to participate in **ROOTED** to advance the vision of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email(s) _____

My/Our Commitment Is:

☐ After prayerful consideration, I/we agree to participate in the ROOTED initiative for the next 3 years with my/our contribution over and above my/our regular tithing.

☐ At this time I/we cannot contribute, but will pray for the campaign.

\$ _____

3-Year Total

I intend to contribute:

\$ _____ **Monthly**

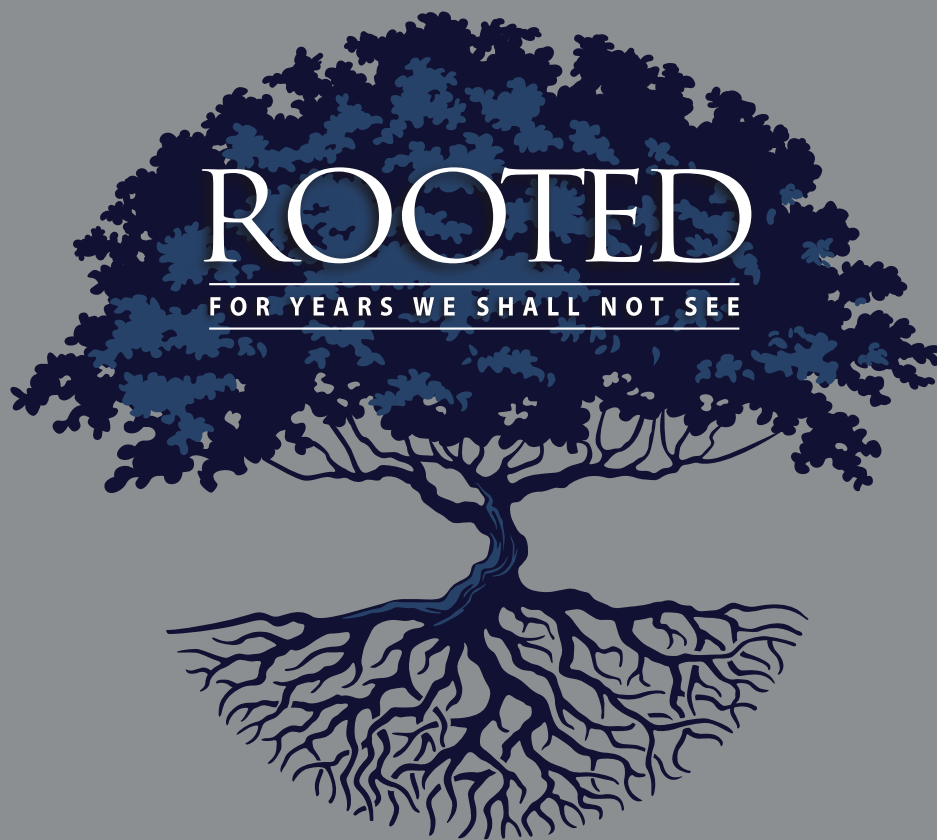
\$ _____ **Yearly**

\$ _____ **Other**

☐ I intend to give through a donor advised fund, RMD, or other non-personal account

Note: This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

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