

BUILDING UP REACHING OUT



STAUNTON ALLIANCE CHURCH



... a people **BELONGING TO GOD**, that you may **DECLARE THE PRAISE OF HIM** who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Our History →

Staunton Alliance Church began as an extension work in 1976 when a few families committed themselves to begin holding regular services in the home of Alan Carter, who had been granted a Christian Worker's License by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He acted in the capacity of Lay Pastor for 18 months. At this time, the church called a full time pastor and moved into rented facilities on New Street. While there, we received our formal charter as "Staunton Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance" on March 25, 1979. There were 23 charter members.



After experiencing three more relocations, it became clear that we needed our own building. Land was purchased, construction completed, and we moved into our new building in January of 1986 here at 560 New Hope Road. With the blessing of God, our congregation continued to grow which produced a strain on existing facilities.

The addition of two trailers helped alleviate the initial strain, but an expansion of our building was necessary.

In 1997, an expansion committee formulated a comprehensive development program including the need for public utilities (water and sewer). Three years later, the congregation approved a 90' x 80' addition and took three year stewardship commitments for the project. Construction was completed in May of 2001, with the intent to finish the upper level of the facility as a new sanctuary in the future.

God's Faithfulness →

Staunton Alliance has been doing ministry in Staunton and Augusta County for over 35 years. What began as a home Bible study in 1976 has grown to the ministry that you see today. What we often forget is we who are the present "caretakers" of the ministry owe so much to those who have gone before us. There are stories of God's miraculous provision in paying off the original building, lives in the community who were changed because of the gospel, and a history of mission heartbeat for both the community and the world.

Today, I believe God is calling us in new ways to trust Him together. These days we've been reminding ourselves of the why and what God is wanting us to do as a community. What God

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"God's Faithfulness" continued

began years ago, He wants us to continue to pursue with renewed commitment and passion.

Our desire is to see a new generation of workers birthed through our ministry, like Ben Landes, Caitlin King, Nathan and Liesel Fitzgerald, among others. Our commitment to global missions is evident in our support of international workers like the Bakers in Nepal, Castros in Thailand, the Youngs with Campus Crusade, and many others.

We want to continue to expand our global outreach by establishing ongoing "partnerships" with countries like Bosnia and others as God leads. Our own community is in need of the gospel and Christ-like service which we will continue to serve with ministries like Nehemiah Project, Verona Food Pantry, Thanksgiving outreach, but also to develop new strategies to reach un-churched families in our city.

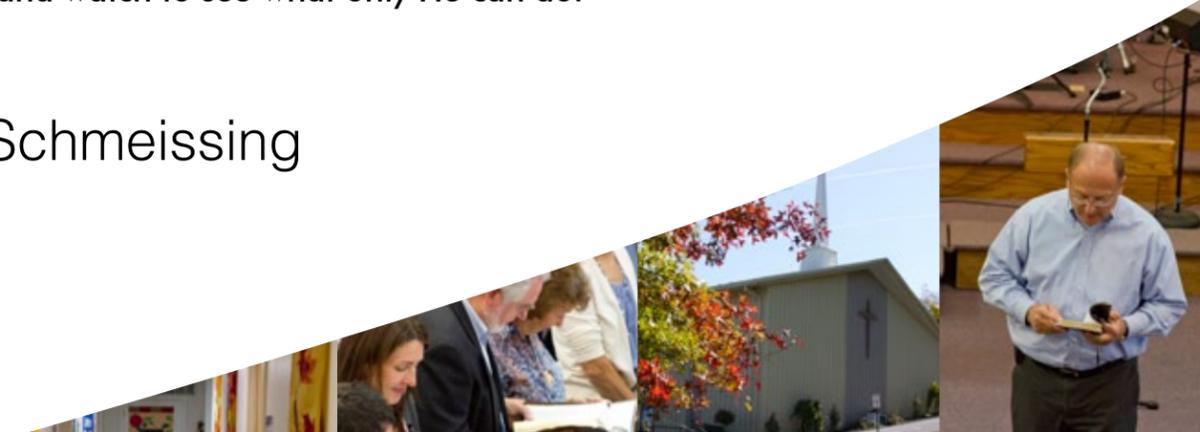
Through the years, Staunton Alliance Church has been enabled by God to give over \$1,000,000.00 to Missions and Ministries outside the church.

The building we have been given has served both us and our community well over the years. We at SAC have a proven history of not making the "building" our focus, but rather the ministry that we and others are able to do. At the present time, we are facing a season when God is challenging us to finish what we began 10 years ago, and to trust Him as a body for a task too big to accomplish without His miraculous provision. We believe this project is imperative for us to serve more effectively and in expanded ways.

Reading the story of Gideon recently reminded me that it isn't the strength of our numbers that God needs, but rather the willingness of our hearts. We want to challenge you to continue to pray for God's leading in this endeavor. In order for us to finish this final piece of our "master plan" it will require the participation of all. I believe that you and I have the opportunity to see God do miraculous things as we trust Him together. Let's continue to unite around Him and watch to see what only He can do.

God bless you,

Pastor Bill Schmeissing



Our Vision Today →

Stewardship is about “faithfulness” in using God-given resources for the purpose of God’s mission and glory. Our BUILDING is a gift from God, which He would want us to be faithful in using it to its fullest potential. It is not something to be treasured as an end in itself, but rather a “tool” to help us effectively do eternal ministry. We believe that our history of developing workers for the harvest and our desire to reach to the ends of the earth will continue to grow as we make room for more.



We will maintain a strong heritage of engaging in Global Missions; developing strategic partnerships and sending out short term teams. Yet God also wants to express Himself through Staunton Alliance in our local community. Our desire is to directly connect with our community through a relevant family ministry that responds to people’s primary concerns, reveals Christ’s love, and encourages them to participate in the ministry of the church.

We share many of the same concerns as the local community; concerns for adequate food and shelter, parenting skills, finding spiritual training, childcare, time for recreation/leisure, companionship, personal health, problems in schools, caring for elderly parents, and day-to-day financial worries. After all we are a part of the same community. With one distinction though; through a saving faith in Jesus Christ, we have God with us as we face the challenges of this world.

Since knowing and obeying God’s Word is fundamental to all true success, the work begins with us. “Building Up, Reaching Out” reflects the call for children, youth, and adults of Staunton Alliance to be trained and equipped for ministry and outreach. A newly forming Community Impact Team will encourage and promote contact with residents of Staunton/Central Augusta to meet needs, build relationships, introduce the gospel, and welcome people to Staunton Alliance. Primarily, it will coordinate select programs and events to be provided by the church corporately and regularly communicate all community outreach efforts to be supported and celebrated. We continue also to link arms with existing local ministries to serve the community, like the Verona Food Pantry, Rebuilding Together, and Valley Mission. Staunton Alliance seeks to be a refuge of truth as we make Christ known to our community and the world.

Our Building →

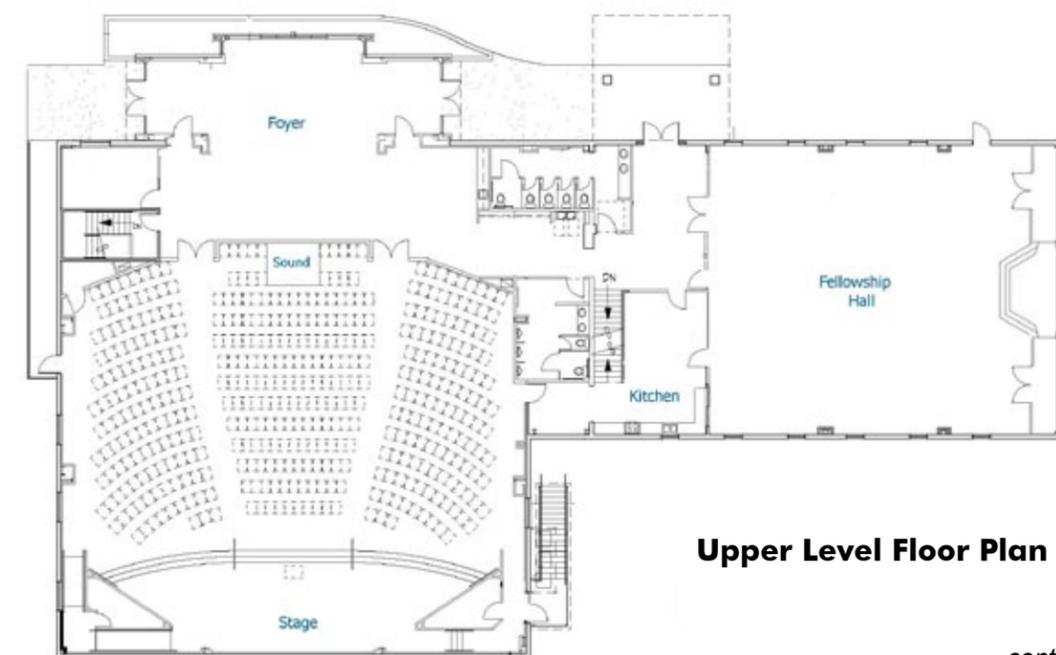
The master plan better aligns our facility with the desire to “Build Up” by organizing and equipping dedicated space for children’s ministries, and scales adult classrooms to fit our teaching model. It also creates a new fellowship hall supported by a much more functional kitchen. Not to mention that we will praise and honor God in a worship center that makes room for the community to join us.



Over the past ten years, the expanded classrooms and nursery downstairs have provided much needed relief to children, youth and adult ministries, while the use of the unfinished upstairs grew from limited casual use to a varied regular programmatic use. This past August, local building inspectors clarified the status of our occupancy permit, restricting all use of the unfinished room, effectively leaving us without a fellowship hall, recreation area, and the general program space we’ve come to rely on.

Today, our needs are to:

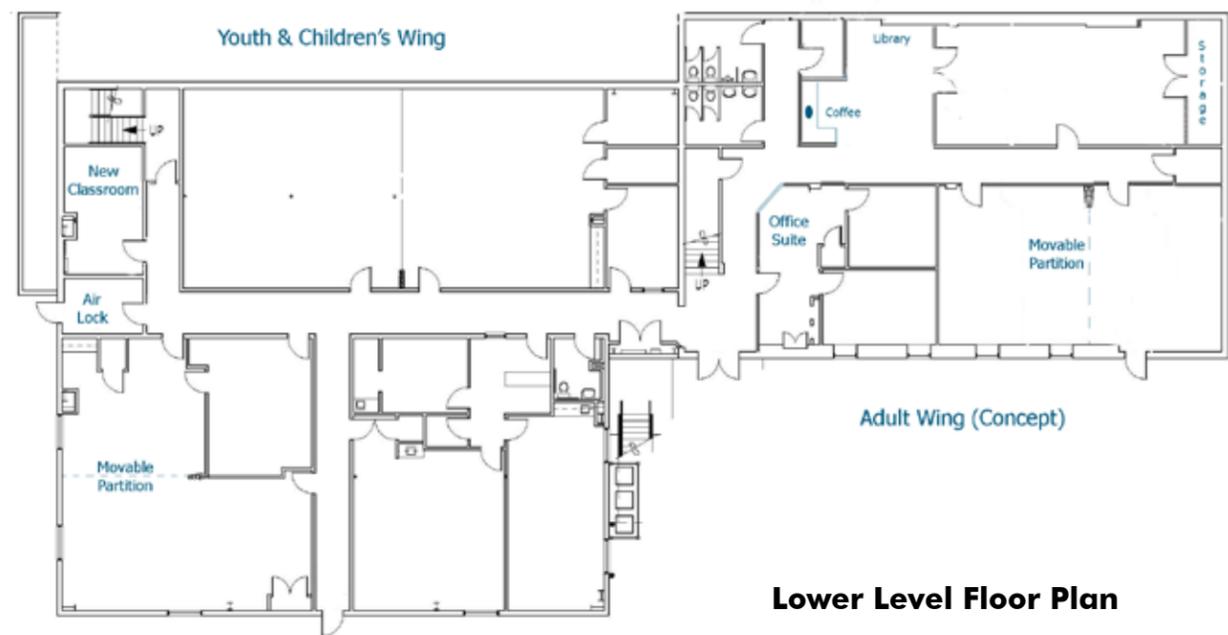
- Complete the Worship Center (new sound equipment, chairs, etc.).
- Expand the gathering area (foyer) and restrooms.
- Remodel and equip the kitchen.
- Transform the existing sanctuary to serve as a multi-purpose room.
- Renovate and develop the Adult Education Wing (lower level).



Upper Level Floor Plan

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"Our Building" continued



Lower Level Floor Plan

Our Challenge

We have the opportunity to take a step of faith by trusting God to supply the funds for this building project. "Building Up, Reaching Out" is a three-year sacrificial giving program designed to provide contributions over and above our ongoing operating and mission obligations. Simply finishing the sanctuary the project starts at \$775,000. With the additional phases of equipment, kitchen remodel, and renovation of the adult education wing, the full project comes to \$920,000. After applying the cash on hand (approximately \$100,000) already in the Building Fund, our campaign goals are as follows:

Victory Goal	\$675,000	Sanctuary, Restrooms, & Foyer
Faith Goal	\$725,000	Remodel and Equip Kitchen
Challenge Goal	\$820,000	Renovate Adult Education Wing

We invite you to partner with us by making a financial commitment, a step of faith as God directs and provides. This is not a contract, nor is it a pledge which anyone will insist on your fulfilling. It is a prayerful commitment between you and the Lord, to be fulfilled as He provides the resources.

Our Privilege

Giving is a privilege that we can do with joy and gratitude for what God has done. As you prayerfully consider your plan for giving, please remember:

- Your gift is a gift to God; an investment in His ministry.
- Your gift will be in addition to your regular contribution.
- Your commitment should be made after prayer for guidance and in a spirit of sacrifice.
- Your commitment may anticipate an increase in income over the next three years.

Gift Chart

		It All Adds Up		
<u>Monthly</u>	=	<u>Monthly</u>	=	<u>Annually</u>
\$25	=	\$200	=	\$2,400
\$50	=	\$250	=	\$3,000
\$75	=	\$278	=	\$3,336
\$100	=	\$300	=	\$3,600
\$150	=	\$400	=	\$4,800

Please remember we are asking you to:

Pray

Ask God to show you all He has placed you as a steward over.
Ask God to lead you in your response to this invitation.

Respond

In obedience as God has led.

Rejoice

As we move forward in realizing God's provision. This chart can be helpful in determining your total commitment to the campaign. For many, the reality is their commitment may vary from year to year. That is why we have multiple lines on the commitment form. You could commit one amount for one year and a different amount for each of the next two years. The important thing to remember is that it all adds up. Your participation, along with those from the rest of our church family, is vitally important to helping us reach our goal. Thank you for Praying, Responding and we invite you to Rejoice as God provides the needed funds.





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