

Love Grows Here

Together We Build

Let's make history -- again.



We've Come this far. With your help, we'll go all the way.

FINISH STRONG. BUILD FREE.

Over the past few weeks, we've celebrated our history, cast a vision, and opened our hearts to the future of Nacoochee Methodist. The campaign is moving forward—but we're not done yet.

OUR MISSION, OUR SPACE

The mission of Nacoochee Methodist Church is "to know Christ and make Him known to all." Our new sanctuary will provide the space needed to fulfill that mission more fully. With expanded facilities, we will be able to host larger events, welcome more people, and strengthen our disciple-making efforts.

While a building is simply a structure, a sanctuary becomes something more—a place where ministry happens, where lives are shaped, and where disciples of Jesus Christ are formed.

SPACE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CONNECTION

Beyond the worship space itself, the new sanctuary includes a spacious Narthex—over 600 square feet of gathering area for conversation and fellowship before and after services. A convenient coffee bar and water fountains will be located within the Narthex, and direct access to both open and covered patio areas will offer beautiful views overlooking the Nacoochee Valley.

This isn't just about more square footage—it's about creating space where relationships deepen, where newcomers feel welcomed, and where the body of Christ can gather in fellowship. It's about building a church that serves not just this generation, but the generations to come.

THE POWER OF EVERY GIFT

Every dollar given today is one we won't have to borrow tomorrow. And that means every gift makes a permanent difference.

Your support helps us:

- Build debt-free or with greatly reduced borrowing
- Invest more in ministry and community outreach
- Strengthen our church's capabilities for future generations
- Give generously to missions (10% of all campaign funds)

WHAT IS AN RMD AND HOW CAN IT HELP BUILD A SANCTUARY?

If you've participated in a 401(k), IRA, or similar retirement plan since the mid 1970s, you may have built a nice nest egg. Once you turn **73**, the IRS requires you to begin taking **Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)** each year for the rest of your life. Failing to withdraw the required amount can result in a **25% penalty** on the portion you should have taken.

Your RMD amount is based on your account balance and your age. For many people, this begins around **3.5% at age 73** and gradually increases to about **6.5% in the mid 80s**. These withdrawals count as taxable income at both the federal and state level.

HOW RMDs CAN SUPPORT BUILDING A SANCTUARY

Depending on your situation—and with guidance from your tax preparer—you may be able to use your RMD to support charitable work, including your church.

One little-known option is the **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. This allows you to direct your IRA custodian to send all or part of your RMD **directly to a qualified charity**. Your church qualifies. When done correctly:

- The amount sent to charity **does not count as taxable income**
- You also **cannot claim it as a charitable deduction**, but in most cases you wouldn't need to.

It is essential that the funds go **directly from the custodian**

to the charity. If you receive the money first, it becomes taxable.

WHY MOST SENIORS DON'T NEED THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

Because of recent tax law changes, most seniors no longer itemize deductions—they take the **standard deduction**, which has grown significantly. For 2025, a married couple filing jointly could receive up to **\$46,700** in deductions.

Since the standard deduction is so high, claiming charitable contributions usually provides **no additional tax benefit**. That's why a **QCD** can be so valuable—it reduces taxable income directly.

In many cases, including your RMD in your income may not significantly increase your tax bill. That leaves you with a meaningful question to bring before God: **Should I keep my RMD—or use part of it to support the church and help build the sanctuary?**

GROWING CLOSER TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

As we enter the final days of our Faith Promise Campaign, we pray that we have grown closer to God. We have read His Word through daily scripture, prayed daily for Nacoochee Methodist Church and God's will for our church, and asked God to draw closer to us as partners in this endeavor.

Our prayer for our congregation is that we have grown closer to God and each other—and that this campaign has been as much about spiritual growth as it has been about a building.

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

It's happening on Sunday, February 15. We hope everyone will come to experience a great day of celebration and faith. We will have:

- One worship service at 10:00 AM
- Ground breaking ceremony for the new sanctuary
- Celebration lunch where we will announce the results of our Faith Promise Campaign

This will be a historic day for Nacoochee Methodist Church—a day when we take a tangible step forward into the future God has prepared for us.

DID YOU KNOW?

The new sanctuary creates year-round outdoor ministry space. Covered patios with breathtaking views of the Nacoochee Valley will allow for fellowship, small group meetings, and even outdoor worship opportunities in all weather conditions. The spacious Narthex—more than 600 square feet—will accommodate coffee fellowship, visitor welcome stations, and informal gatherings that help build the connections that make a church family strong.

OUR ULTIMATE GOAL:

Helping people grow closer to God and each other through this campaign and new sanctuary.

CALL TO ACTION: Faith Promise Sunday is this coming Sunday, February 15. Join us for worship, ground breaking, and celebration! Make your final contribution to help us finish strong.

Love Grows Here Given To-Date:

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Give now and be part of a lasting improvement

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