

# Love Grows Here

## From White Church to Red Brick

Built by Pioneers. Now, it's our turn.

*In 1836, a gift of land shaped this valley. Today, your gift will shape the future.*

### THE STORY BENEATH OUR FEET

Nearly 190 years ago, Major Edward Williams gave land to plant a church on this hill. It was an act of bold generosity—of vision for a church that could bless generations to come.

And it did.

The early "White Church," as it came to be known, welcomed worshippers from all walks of life. By the late 1800s, a larger building was needed. Then came the fire of 1910. And again, we rebuilt. When fire struck once more in 1943, the resilient congregation responded—constructing the red brick sanctuary we've called home for eight decades.

This is not a church of comfort—it is a church of calling. For nearly two centuries when God has said, "It's time," this congregation has responded.

And now, God is calling again.

### LOVE GROWS HERE

When the Capital Campaign Team asked members what Nacoochee Methodist means to them, one word kept emerging: *love*. Love given. Love received. Love that grows and multiplies in this place.

Think for a moment about a time when you experienced God's love through this church—perhaps when someone welcomed you on your first Sunday, when the congregation surrounded you in a time of need, or when you witnessed the Spirit move during worship. This love is

the heartbeat of who we are, and it's one of the keys to our future.

As we discussed the need for a new sanctuary, one truth became unmistakably clear: it is time to build.

After two earlier attempts—one halted by a major recession and the other by COVID—we believe the moment has finally arrived. More importantly, we are convinced that this is not just our timing, but God's timing.

It is no coincidence that an achievable, well-designed plan has emerged now. It is no coincidence that our building fund has grown to more than \$2.7 million. The alignment of

these factors points to God preparing the way.

### BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

Our new sanctuary honors our heritage while embracing the future.

The white exterior board-and-batten design brings us closer to the look of

the original Nacoochee Methodist "white church" of the 1800s, blended with a more modern "prayer tower." The three legs of the tower represent the Trinity, and the top of the 12-foot cross soars 68 feet above floor level—high above the valley below, visible for miles as a beacon of faith.



Inside, the worship space will feature comfortable seating for over 200, with room for both our Praise Band and choir. Enhanced audio-visual technology will improve our worship experience and expand our digital ministry reach. A spacious Narthex will provide over 600 square feet of gathering area for fellowship before and after services, with convenient access to covered patios overlooking the beautiful Nacoochee Valley.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

We're bringing sacred treasures forward. In a beautiful connection

to the past, the current double doors on our red brick sanctuary will be repurposed as interior doors to the vestibule in the new sanctuary. The two beloved stained glass windows from the old vestibule will also find a new home in the wall between the Narthex and multi-purpose room. Our history isn't being left behind—it's being woven into our future.

**CALL TO ACTION:** This hill has always been holy ground. Now, we get to give just like those who came before us.

**LOVE GROWS HERE Funds given to-date: \$58,820**

***See, I am  
doing a new  
thing!***

***Now it***

***springs up;***

***do you not***

***perceive it?***

***I am making***

***a way in the***

***wilderness***

***and streams***

***in the***

***wasteland.***

***Isaiah 43:19***

## **Love Grows Here: A Three Year Campaign**

We are at the beginning of the ***Love Grows Here Faith Promise*** campaign which is designed to educate and motivate members to give toward three goals:

- 1) entering into our new sanctuary debt free;
- 2) growing spiritually as we trust God in this process; and
- 3) giving 10% of what we raise during the campaign to local and global missions.

This is a three-year campaign beginning in 2026 and finishing at the end of 2028.

Those participating will make a faith promise based on what God leads you to give over the three-year period. Participants can give that money the way that best suits you. You may give the entire amount at the beginning or space your gifts over the three year period.

The **Faith Promise Card** is an opportunity to share with the Nacoochee Methodist Church Finance and Building committees how much and in what increments you plan to give your faith promise. Further instructions on how to fill out the Faith Promise Card will be forthcoming.

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**Our purpose is to know Christ and make Him known to all.**