

## MCBC Renovation Update – March 8, 2026

### What the Renovation Team is proposing . . .

The MCBC Renovation Team proposes that we undergo a major renovation of our current gym, fellowship hall, and kitchen. This plan differs from what was previously announced. Rather than converting the gym into a long-term worship space, we propose transforming it into a true multipurpose space—usable for gym activities, ministry needs, fellowship gatherings, and whole-church events. The goal is to provide a unifying space for the entire church can gather, helping us continue to Magnify God Together as Maturing, Ministering, & Multiplying Followers of Jesus.

### Why should we renovate the gym and kitchen?

1. **Both spaces require significant renovations.** The gym has not been updated since its completion nearly 50 years ago. Access is difficult, it lacks restrooms and HVAC, and the ceiling contains tears that expose insulation. The kitchen is also inadequate for our current membership and ministry needs. Expanded space for appliances and storage would better support church meals, VBS, fellowship and ministry events, and more.
2. **The gym is the only existing space large enough for our entire church family.** No other room on campus can accommodate the entire congregation—especially for meals or whole-church gatherings where we are joined by others in our community. The gym also provides the only existing space capable of hosting worship services with room for growth, but it currently lacks the accessibility and infrastructure needed for regular use.
3. **A renovated gym creates flexibility for future renovation projects across the church campus.** Once completed—with restrooms, elevator access, HVAC, and improved infrastructure—the gym could temporarily serve as a worship space while other projects are completed. If we renovate the sanctuary or other major campus needs (updating restrooms, the building behind the sanctuary, HVAC, etc.), the gym will allow us space to continue meeting for worship during those projects.

### What about our worship services?

Our current plan is to continue in two worship services. While gathering weekly in a single service is desirable, constructing a space large enough for that is not currently financially feasible. However, the renovated space will allow our church family to gather together in one service at regular points throughout the year, as well as during special worship services and church-wide events. This approach allows us to make room for growth through two services while still gathering together intentionally as one body. The renovated space would also provide a location for worship if future renovations elsewhere on campus require relocation.

### How does this support our mission to magnify, mature, minister, and multiply?

Continuing with two services allows us to make room for reaching our growing community with the gospel. At the same time, having a space where we can gather allows us to strengthen our unity and fellowship as one body. Mountain Creek continues to pursue its mission of developing mature disciples who can be sent out to serve our neighbors and the nations. By providing a space for both ongoing ministry and whole-church gatherings, we believe this project will help us grow together as a church family, reach our community with the gospel, and continue raising up and sending out laborers for the mission of Christ.

### **How much will this cost?**

We do not yet have a final project estimate. However, the Renovation Team proposes working within a maximum project budget of no more than \$2,000,000. This budget guideline comes from consultation with the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina, which recommends that churches avoid projects exceeding the previous three years of general fund receipts. Over the past three years, Mountain Creek has received just over \$2,000,000, making this a responsible ceiling that allows needed renovation while preserving resources for ongoing ministry.

### **What is the current status of our finances?**

As of the end of February: \$105,033.90 has been given toward the \$300,000 pre-construction goal, and \$10,280.00 has been spent so far on early planning costs. Pre-construction costs include architectural, structural, electrical, and plumbing drawings; civil engineering; site surveying; and fees associated with permitting and utility connections. This information is durable — it will remain useful even if construction timelines change — and it is necessary before contractors can provide a reliable cost estimate.

The church's overall finances remain strong: \$322,055 has been received this church year as of January 31, 2026. We are \$29,087 ahead of budget, and we have received \$36,087 more than at the same point last year, growth that has come while also giving generously toward the building project. We praise God for the spirit of generosity he has given to the members of Mountain Creek!

### **What's next in the process?**

A paper ballot vote will be held after each worship service on Sunday, March 29th. Ballots will be distributed and counted by the MCBC Deacons. Following that vote, the next steps will be determined. The vote will be on the following motion: **Do you vote to authorize the Renovation Team to continue forward with the previously-approved expenditure of up to \$300,000 for pre-construction costs? This expenditure will allow the Renovation Committee to engage a contractor/design consultant for the remodel of the gymnasium, fellowship hall, and kitchen, providing the committee with a design and a construction budget to present to the church for a separate vote by the church body prior to**

**construction. The funding is to be raised through the sacrificial offering of church members, above their normal offerings. If the entire amount is not raised, funds may be used from the General Fund to cover costs as necessary.** There will be options for a “Yes” vote and a “No” vote on the paper ballot.

**I have some questions. Who should I talk to?**

Following tonight, if you have any questions, please contact any of our Renovation Team members: Kelly Betsill, Mark Greene, Rob Honeycutt, Chase Livingston, Brooke Suber, Tony Peters, Jr., Daniel Taylor, Bert Watts, and David Vaughn.