

HORIZON

LOOKING UP, OUT, AND BEYOND OURSELVES

HORIZON GUIDE







LIFT UP
YOUR EYES
ON HIGH
AND BEHOLD
WHO HAS CREATED
THESE THINGS.

ISAIAH 40:26

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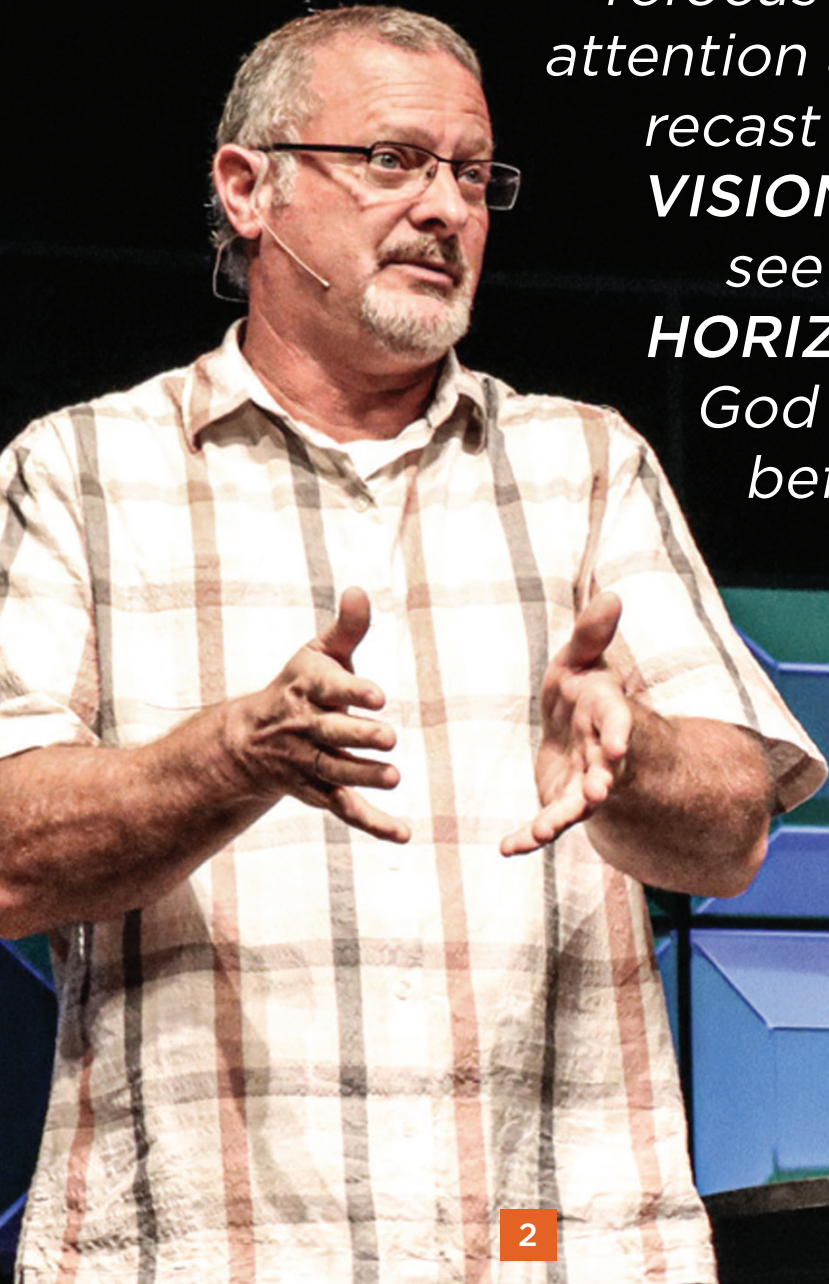
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*“As believers at
GracePoint,
we need to
refocus our
attention and
recast our
VISION to
see the
HORIZON
God has
before
us”*



While the journey over the last several years has been daunting, the road ahead remains clouded with fear, uncertainty, and instability. For many people, it is paralyzing to move forward. However, believers in Christ should not be like most people. While the horizon ahead is an uncharted path before us, *the antidote to fear has always been faith.*

Over the last several years, God has sustained GracePoint Church during these turbulent times. Now I believe God is calling us to take a step towards an uncharted horizon and move forward by faith like never before. This will require a whole **new level of commitment to Christ**, which will lead us to a whole **new level of generosity**, which will produce a whole **new level of ministry impact**.

Over the next five years, we are going to do everything we can to bring to life the tremendous VISION we believe God has for GracePoint Church: **to REACH and DISCIPLE 2000 people for Christ!** We will pray, plan, dream, and design ways for this vision to become a reality.

Because of our unique transient culture here in Kitsap County, we are launching a 2-year commitment called the **HORIZON INITIATIVE**. This Horizon challenge will be to *look up, out, and beyond ourselves* by:

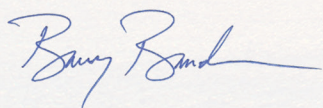
- Growing and learning with others in mind
- Inviting with others in mind
- Giving financially with others in mind

The word **INITIATIVE** is my favorite ministry word. It is also a fantastic character trait. Initiative simply means: *Seeing what needs to be done and doing it without being told.* May you hear from God and then take the **INITIATIVE** to do it.

So, here we go GracePoint! Are you ready to journey into this uncharted Horizon with us? With the Lord leading the way, we will increase God's kingdom with helping people meet, know, and follow Jesus!

I am asking you to stand with me and be 100% engaged with this HORIZON INITIATIVE. Your life may never be the same.

Serving Him Together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Barry Bandara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barry" and last name "Bandara" clearly distinguishable.

Barry Bandara, Lead Pastor

MISSION

**WE EXIST TO HELP PEOPLE
MEET, KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS**

NEW VISION

**TO REACH AND DISCIPLE 2000 PEOPLE
WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS**

- Increased focus on expanding our discipleship base outside of Worship Services
- Increased focus on praying for and inviting others to GracePoint
- Increased focus on expanding our financial base by 150 new giving units
- Increased focus on updating our facilities for engaging environments



OUR STORY

Our church was founded by **Antone Linn**. He was a circuit riding preacher who rode his horse into Kitsap County and sensed God wanting him to start a church.

He often stayed in the homes of different people, or he slept in the woods with his horse. The original name for our church was the Swedish Christian Free Church and met at the Clear Creek Grange Hall.



1930

Property was purchased for \$200 in Old Town Silverdale to one day build a church building. The church name was changed to the **Silverdale Gospel Tabernacle Assembly**.

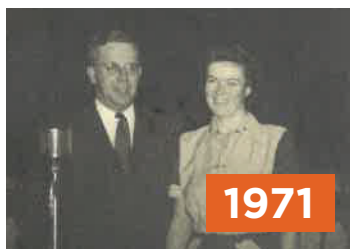
1942

Our name changed to Silverdale Bible Church under the leadership of Pastor Everett Montgomery

1945

Emanuel Nazarenus became the pastor. Having a background in construction, Pastor Nazarenus, led the charge to build the church in Old Town Silverdale. It is still registered as a historical building today.





Under the leadership of Pastor Fred Holt, our church became known as **Silverdale Baptist Church.**

A young pastor from Iowa accepted the call to be our next pastor. His name was **Pastor Curt DeGraaff.** Under his leadership, our church purchased property on **HWY 303** for \$125,000 in the early 1980's.



1989

Our first service at our current site was held on April 30, 1989. The church was around 300 in size. In 1991, our church brought on Barry Bandara as our Youth Pastor. He served in this role until he moved to California in 2000.



1994

Additional space was added for a growing church that included a new nursery, office space and a gymnasium/youth room.



After Pastor DeGraaff moved to Kentucky in 2003, our church called **Barry Bandara** to return as our Lead Pastor in 2005.



2013

We changed our name to **GracePoint Church**.



2015

Due to outgrowing our old auditorium, we expanded our facility to include a larger auditorium, lobby, and much needed bathrooms.



HORIZON GOALS

100% Engagement

- We want every person who calls **GracePoint** home to fearlessly continue or begin his or her Horizon journey in both generosity and devotion to Jesus and His mission
- Engagement is critical to discipleship. Jesus never said, "Attend me." He said, "Follow Me."

INVITE Prayer Wall

- We want every person to begin praying for God to move in the lives of our family and friends who are far from God and bring them to Himself and GracePoint Church
- We encourage everyone to post names of those we are praying for and inviting to come to God and to GracePoint
- This is a tangible way for us to look up, out, and beyond ourselves

Growth Opportunities outside of Sunday Morning

- We want every person to take active steps of spiritual growth by attending a growth class, gathering, or seminar offered
- Spiritually growing and learning with others in mind is a tangible way to look up, out, and beyond ourselves

150 New Faithful Financial Givers

- Giving financially to your local church is God-honoring and kingdom-minded
- It takes FAITH to give back to God FIRST whenever we get paid

\$1.9 Million to Upgrade and Maximize our Current Facilities

- This generosity giving is above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings
- Our older facilities need help as they are run down, tired with a complicated flow. These improvements will include:
 - Youth Courtyard and Porch
 - Gym Renovation
 - Front Porch
 - Restripe
 - Adjust Parking Lot
 - South Entry Portal
 - Covered Walkway
 - South Lawn
 - Update Kids portal
 - GracePoint Kids renovation
 - Update Kids exterior
 - Elevator
 - Cafe
 - Pave Gravel Parking Lot

LIFT UP
YOUR
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BECAUSE
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REDEMPTION
IS DRAWING
NEAR.

LUKE 21:28

IMPORTANT DATES

ADVANCE COMMITMENT NIGHT

(January 30, 2022 - 6:30 PM)

- Please plan to join us for a worship/prayer service that will be remembered as a defining moment in our church history.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

(February 6, 2022)

- This is the day each person who calls **GracePoint** home will celebrate what God is doing in their life by putting pen to paper and turning in their **Commitment Card**. An example of this card can be found on **page 21**.

STARTING LINE SUNDAY

(February 20, 2022)

- This Sunday we will announce how our church family committed to the **HORIZON INITIATIVE**.
- This Sunday will be the start of our **HORIZON INITIATIVE** giving. We are asking our people to consider giving a large initial gift to start this project this Sunday.



HORIZON NEXT STEPS

PRAY

The Macedonian church was seen to have faith beyond the horizon. (See 2 Corinthians 8) They gave themselves first to the Lord and then, by the will of God, to the church. Our faith beyond the horizon doesn't come from our personality or even our emotions but seeking God through prayer.

Begin praying for:

- Ways you need to grow in your faith
- Who God wants you to begin praying for and then inviting to your church
- Your pastors and church leaders as we pursue this vision to REACH and DISCIPLE 2000 people in the next five years

Praying is also imperative for what to financially give for the Horizon Initiative. Ask God what HE wants you to give

–
after all, it's His money in the first place. Surrender all you are and all you have to Him. Be bold as you pray!

REFLECT

As you pray, have the audacity to believe that God actually hears your prayers – because He does! The key to our prayers is the authenticity of our hearts. Reflect on what God has done in your life and family. Reflect on how you have grown spiritually in the past and how you need to continue to grow in your relationship with the Lord. Reflect on how God may use you to bring others to Himself. If you are married, talk with your spouse about these areas of reflection and where you sense the Holy Spirit leading.

Reflect on this **HORIZON challenge** (*looking up, out, and beyond ourselves*) as a new line of demarcation in your spiritual journey. It's a new day, a new dawn, and a new horizon for you!

TAKE A STEP TOWARDS THE HORIZON

Discipleship and stewardship go hand in hand. As we go deeper into our relationship with God, we learn what it means to value Him above all else and all the ways we need to live in obedience. Growing as a follower of Jesus is a journey of ongoing steps of trust and exercising of our faith muscles. We will not grow without taking a step of faith. So, growing in financial stewardship requires us to take a step in trusting Jesus to give what He wants us to give. We do this because we value God more than any commitment to generosity for the specific purpose of seeing more people **meet, know, and follow Jesus**.

USE THE HORIZON JOURNEY

The **Horizon Journey** is a tool designated to help us understand different ways to *look up, out, and beyond ourselves*. The **Horizon Journey** will focus on different behaviors and attitudes of our heart that God wants to continually shape for His glory and for our improvement.

THE HORIZON JOURNEY

There are **five stages** in one's **giving journey**.
Where would you say you are?

INITIAL GIVER

An **Initial Giver** is someone who decides to give for the first time out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God to supply for their needs. This is typically an initial step of trusting God with their finances with a new understanding that God is the Owner of all that they have received.

CONSISTENT GIVER

A **Consistent Giver** is someone who decides to give something consistently to exercise the discipline of giving regularly. A good habit to start is to give immediately after receiving a paycheck. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online reoccurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency.

Non-reoccurring givers can be consistent givers as well; it just requires more discipline.

INTENTIONAL GIVER

An **Intentional Giver** is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to how they spend their money on other things. For example, this type of giver begins asking the questions like, “Why am I giving more money for my cell phone plan than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I am giving to my rent or mortgage each month?”

This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize and spend their money with God’s kingdom in mind. This may be the point of intentionality, when someone begins to tithe (a tenth) for the first time, deliberately reflecting a certain amount or percentage they want to give to God.

SURRENDERED GIVER

A **Surrendered Giver** is someone who recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver gives in a way that changes them. Their giving governs their spending/savings rather than their spending/savings governs their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't concerned by what they are giving but more concerned with what they are not giving and why.

A **Surrendered Giver** is not looking to give the minimum amount that the Scriptures teach but looking to give above and beyond the minimum. This type of giver views giving as a joy and is immediately excited to give when God surprises them with extra income.

ETERNAL GIVER

An **Eternal Giver** is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than the month-to-month or year-to-year generosity.

An **Eternal Giver** makes decisions in light of eternity for the long term rather than the earthly short term. They process how large purchases could impact their giving and then make decisions to guard or even increase their giving as part of how they process these big decisions. Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment with a will to govern their monthly or yearly giving decisions, an Eternal Giver makes lifetime giving commitments that are part of their long-term giving plans. These plans often include "giving plans" that advance God's kingdom even after they have passed away from this earth.

HORIZON INITIATIVE

is not just a “building campaign” but part of a larger **VISION** for how God may use **GracePoint Church** to **REACH** and **DISCIPLE 2000** people for Christ.

We’ve included a sample **Commitment Card** so you can indicate your financial commitment over the next two years.

- There is a place to indicate if God is calling you to become one of the **150 New Faithful Financial Givers** at GracePoint we are asking God for.
- There is also a place to indicate your above and beyond financial commitment to the remodeling of our facilities over the next two years.

Please take time to **PRAY** over this card and for what **GOD** is calling you to do. In your prayers, ask God to help you commit to a financial number that will require you to increase your trust in God.

Again, please take some time to pray over this card and begin to work through it;

but don’t worry, you’ll get an actual card on **Commitment Sunday on February 6, 2022.**

GIVE:

Online: gracepointkitsap.com/give

ON SUNDAY: in the giving boxes

TEXT: “WELOVEKITSAP” to (833) 642-4990

HORIZON INITIATIVE

TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool - let it be something that **INSPIRES** and **CHALLENGES** you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000
4	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$200,000
4	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$100,000
4	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$80,000
4	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$750	\$72,000
5	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$75,000
5	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$60,000
20	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$200,000
20	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$333	\$160,000
44	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$220,000
MANY	\$1,500	\$750	\$63	\$308,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL				\$1,900,000

HORIZON INITIATIVE



I/We intend to be a part of the
150 New Faithful Financial Givers

SAMPLE COMMITMENT CARD

I/We intend to give over-and-above our regular
GracePoint giving for the next two years in the
following way:

Cash gift (s) \$

Stored Resource gift(s) \$

My/Our Total Over-and-Above Horizon Commitment

\$

Feb. 2022 - Feb 2024

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I LIFT UP
MY EYES
TO THE HILLS.
FROM WHERE
DOES MY HELP
COME FROM?

MY HELP
COMES FROM
THE LORD,
WHO MADE
HEAVEN AND
EARTH

PSALM 121:1



OUR
BEST
DAYS
ARE
AHEAD



SERMON NOTES

Use the following pages to take notes during our HORIZON teaching series.

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

FIRST PRIORITY

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-11; Matthew 6: 21,33; Colossians 1:17-18

God understands there are lots of important things in our life. However, God deserves and desires to be the FIRST PRIORITY in our lives, our homes, our relationships, and in our finances. God blesses us when we put Him first. God withholds blessings when we don't.

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HORIZON INITIATIVE

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Initiative has a simple definition but an impactful application. God took initiative in loving and saving us. We need to take initiative in our response to Him. So, what are you asking God to do? What are you imagining God to do? For whose glory are you asking? The Horizon Initiative can only be accomplished if we take a step of faith and ask God to do what only He can do!

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INWARD vs. OUTWARD

Scripture: John 1:35-42; 6:1-11; 12:20-22

As sinners, we are hardwired to be inward focused. It comes natural to us. However, it requires work and a steadfast effort to have an outward focus on other people. Every church has a gravitational pull towards becoming an inward-focused church.

This will eventually cause a church to die.

This was never God's design.

It is estimated that 75% of churchgoers go to church for the first time because someone invited them.

Take the Pray/Invite Horizon Challenge!

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FEAR vs. FAITH

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:1-6; Malachi 3:8-12

God is a test-giving God. Why? Because His tests reveal our faith and the condition of our heart.

The two primary ways that God tests us is in our trust and obedience. The most practical test from God is how we honor Him with our finances.

It takes faith to give FIRST.

It doesn't take faith to give LAST.

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-20; 1 Kings 8:56-61

We will finish out this HORIZON CHALLENGE with these two passages of commitment to the Lord. May we see God work at GracePoint more than ever before. May He increase our faith. And most importantly, may God receive all the glory He deserves!

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LOOKING OUT

MASTER PLAN



EXISTING BUILDINGS



NEW CONSTRUCTION

A

GRACEPOINT KIDS

B

GP CAFE

C

BACK PORCH / SOUTH ENTRY

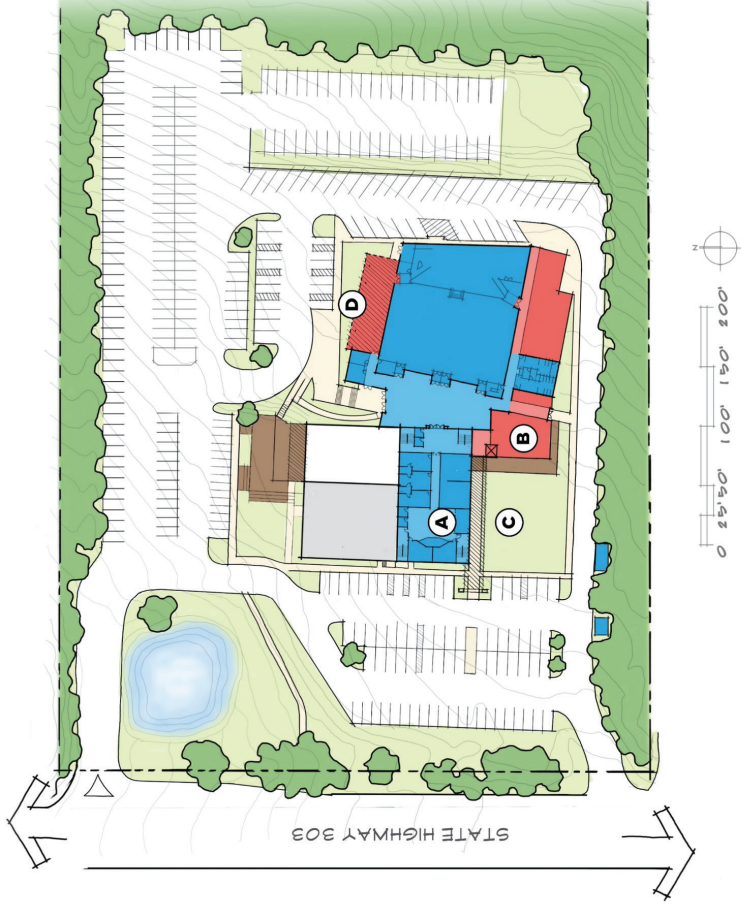
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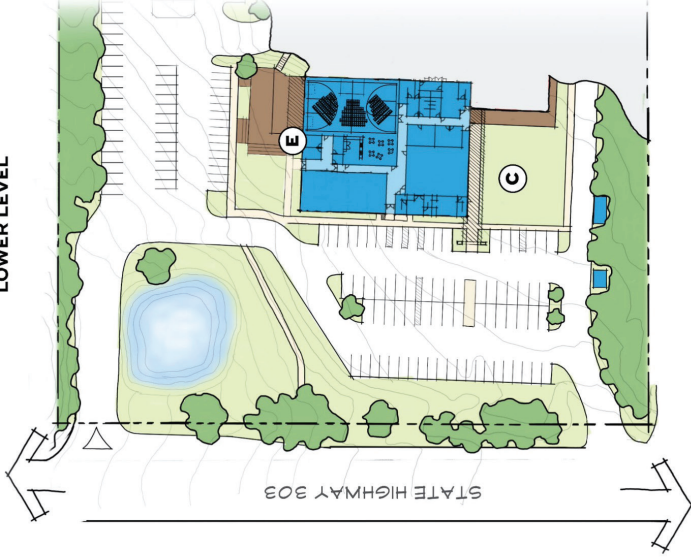
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GRACEPOINT YOUTH

UPPER LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL



EXISTING

SOUTH ENTRANCE
EXISTING

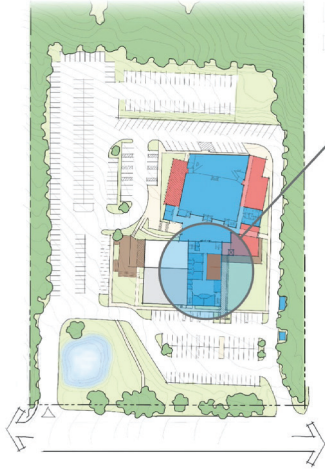


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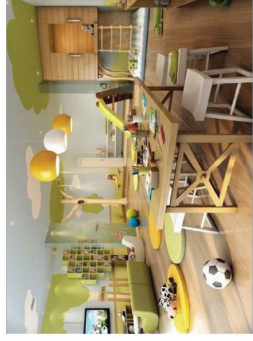
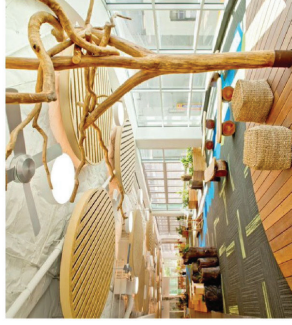
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3-D RENDERING



GRACEPOINT KIDS



NEW NURSERY



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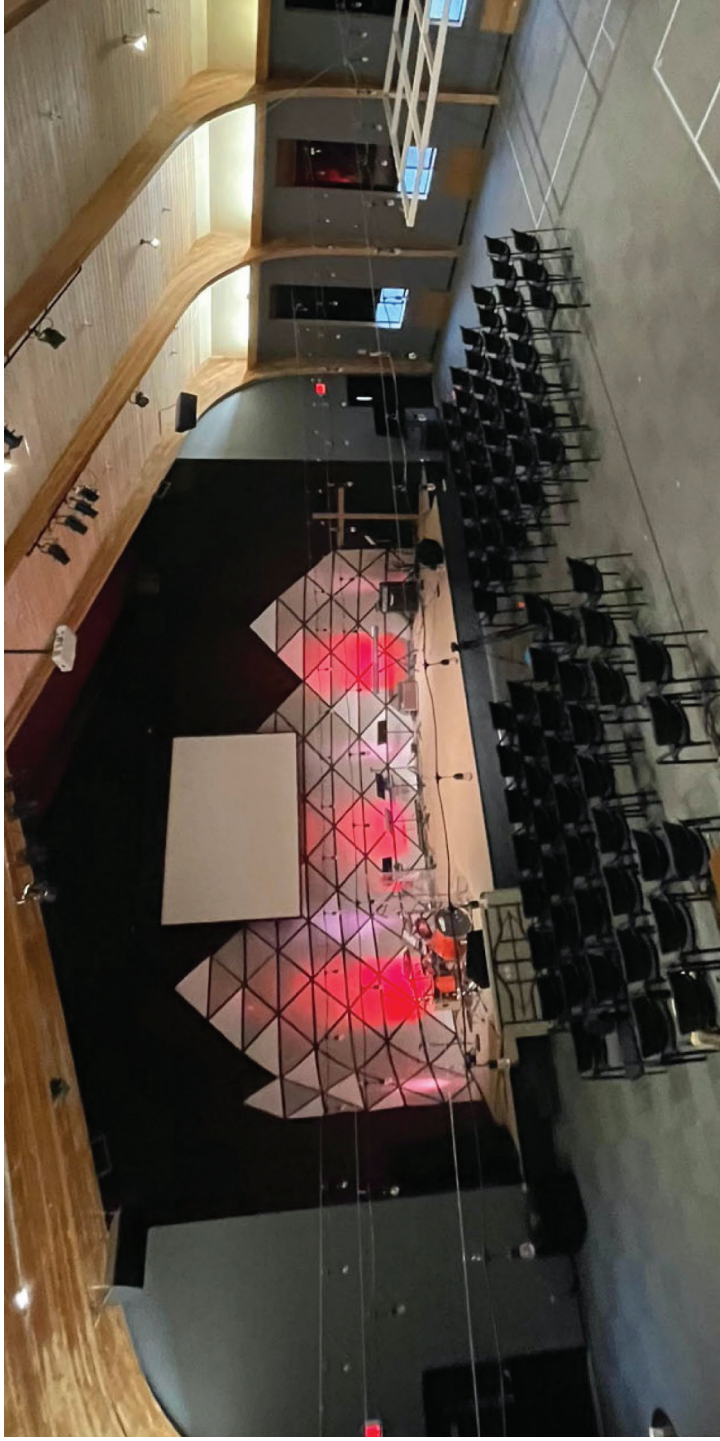
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CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN
3D RENDERING



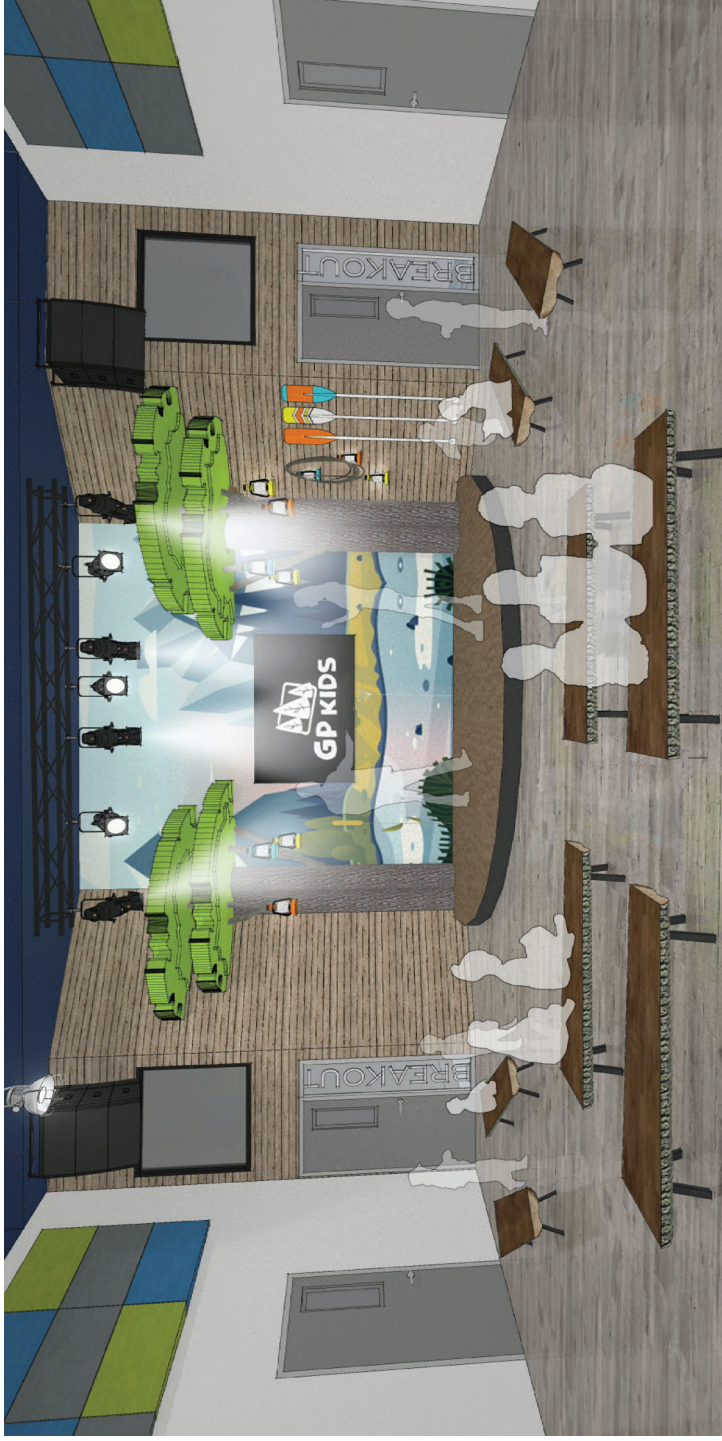
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN
3D RENDERING



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NOW TO
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AMEN.

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