

SANCTUARY

Being Transformed by the Gospel to Live and Love Like Jesus

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Friends,

Sanctuary is a Jesus church. Jesus started this church. Jesus is building this church. Jesus is feeding this church. Jesus is leading this church. Jesus has called and commissioned this church, and right now Jesus is interceding on behalf of this church.

We are not a Jesus church because we worship in the round, or hear talks from God's Word. We are a Jesus church because Jesus is here. It's His church. And He chooses to share it with us. He shares it with you.

The story of Sanctuary is absolutely crazy. How does a church with no name, and no money, and no formality end up sharing space with a church that sings old hymns and uses only the King James Version of the Bible? Because Western Hills Baptist is a Jesus church too.

This corner of land on Mars Hill and Due West was for sale, and a few different schools and business wanted to purchase it for commercial usage. But Western Hills held out that God would be faithful to His call for a Jesus church to continue on these 10 acres. A Jesus church that would use this campus as the headquarters for mission – a Jesus mission that would take the Great Commission to the neighborhood and the nations and make Jesus people out of a lost and dying world. We are that church.

This spring, Western Hills agreed to sell the campus to us for 2.4 million dollars with only our commitment to "love your neighbor as yourself." They said, "Sanctuary, you can have the title. You can own the property. You can use every inch of every acre. We just want your commitment that you'll love us, and love the neighborhood, and love the nations as yourself." We agreed and committed to honoring Western Hills with our first fruits of \$108,000 a year until we pay it off – 20 years. Because Western Hills is a Jesus church, there are no banks, no interest, and no fees. Just a commitment to follow the commands of Jesus.

In a desire to hold fast to one of our core values of not entering into debt, we are asking you to sacrificially join us in meeting this financial obligation. This will require great faith, trust, and action on your part. If we raise \$1.2 million now, we could self-fund the capital project. We also see about \$600,000 in needed renovations, which brings our current need to \$1.8 million. So, we are asking you to fast and pray about participating in supporting the mission of Jesus at 700 Mars Hill Road. The website listed below has additional FAQs and information regarding how you can give.

On December 7th, in both of our gatherings, we are going to receive an Exodus offering based on the directives of Exodus 25. In this text, the people of God are preparing to build a house for God. His house. Here's how God leads:

The LORD said to Moses, ² "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. ³ These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁵ ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; ⁶ olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁷ and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

⁸ "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

Together we can make a Sanctuary for Jesus. Jesus will show us how to do it. Jesus will continue to lead us, and best of all, Jesus will dwell among us.

Expectant!

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