

Advent School Advent Life Ministry Center Capital Campaign Vision Statement

The humble library is one of the greatest achievements in human civilization. Before libraries, few people had access to books and therefore the knowledge and wisdom they contained. Schools have often been evaluated by the number of books their libraries contained. The more books, the more opportunities for the students to gain that wisdom and knowledge.

How things have changed! A basic Kindle can hold thousands of books. A smart phone can access books from libraries all over the world. Does that mean a library is obsolete? If you think of a library only as a place to get information its days are numbered. But if you think of a library as a place where people learn how to get good information, evaluate, discuss, share and, most importantly use information, it has a long life ahead.

Imagine a library where the card catalogs and most of the shelves of books are gone but in their place are computers and tablets containing tens of thousands of books. Consider a space designed for students to access and use that information as well as to collaborate on projects together. Envision a place where students are inspired to dig deeper and deeper into the wisdom of the ages using the tools of the future. Most importantly, dream of students being prepared for the new skills they will need to succeed in our digital future. If you can picture this, then you have an idea of the new Advent School Digital Media Center.

Advent School is working together with Advent Church on a plan to remove the existing library and church facility to build a two-story building in the style of the Middlebrook Hall. This will be called the Advent Life Ministry Center. The Digital Media Center would be linked to the school on the second floor of the Ministry Center or accessed from the ground floor by an elevator. The room would be designed with windows for plenty of natural light and laid out with video training space, work group areas and informal seating areas. While the cost for the whole two-story facility would be about \$3.5 million dollars, the goal for the Digital Media Center would be approximately \$400,000.

The Advent Life Ministry Center would have a dramatic archway linking our church courtyard with our school courtyard as a symbol of our unity. The first floor on one side of the arch would contain a newly designed chapel and music room. On the other side of the arch would be a fellowship hall nearly twice as big as the current one, new restrooms and a matching kitchen/cafe. An elevator would lead to a second floor with meeting rooms, office space and the Digital Media Center. The smaller buildings on the west and east would be demolished to give us welcoming entries into the courtyard.

No one reading this far has a tree with money growing on it. Most of us are already extending ourselves simply to pay for our student's tuition. But for the past forty years parents and church members before us have dedicated themselves to making a better future for our students. Somehow they were able to provide the resources needed to build the school we now enjoy. It is our turn to do the same. We need your prayers for this project. We ask for your support to make this dream a reality. And we hope that you can generously give to this effort to build the library of the future-the Advent School Digital Media Center.