



INDIAN CREEK

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Elders of Indian Creek Christian Church would like to help with the understanding on why changes to the physical building are occurring. There are several areas where changes have been made or are being made for growth and safety.

Security Changes in The Education Wing

There have been many security changes over the last few years. After a two day training in Church Security and Liabilities, the Security Team developed and recommended security measures that were approved by the Elders for the Security Team to implement. These changes were necessary to protect ICCC children. The physical building needed to have boundaries put in place to protect children from abduction and sexual predators. Children must be checked in so that we know who is in the area in case of emergency or safety concern. Children must be checked out so that only authorized individuals are able to take them out of the area. Background checks are required for all volunteers to ensure children's safety. There must be an ability to lock down the area to protect children from unauthorized individuals and when dangerous situations may arise. While we are aware that this will limit access to some parts of the building during children's services, the children's safety is of the utmost importance to both the Elders and our parents.

Church Pews in The Old Brick Meeting House

During Covid, there was a great need for our children to return to worship. Some children were suffering from anxiety and depression, among other issues. Parents were hesitant to come to church if there was not a place for the children to be engaged in worship. The social distancing restrictions required a large space for children to gather, which was not available. We thought what better place for our children than in The Old Brick Meeting House. It was a very large space that was not being utilized. It would also give our children connections to this building that many of our current congregation holds. The pews prevented the children from moving freely in worship through music, Bible lesson activities and dramas, games and other activities. They also were difficult to sanitize. The pews limited the use of the building. The Elders decided to remove the pews so that the building could be enjoyed by the children and open up the ability for greater use in the future.

Renovation of The Education building

The current children's area contained eight small classrooms. This area had not been extensively renovated since it was built. With the amount of growth occurring in our children's ministry, we did not have a location for all of the children to collectively worship. The children's area needed larger rooms to accommodate the growth in the children's ministry (That is a great problem to have!). Teachers were commenting that the rooms were too small and crowded. Money was taken up in the fall of 2019 Stand in The Gap offering for the renovation of the education wing. The project was planned for spring break of 2020, however; due to the unknown financial implications from Covid, the project was put on hold. With the impending need to get children back into church and to start having Sunday School classes again (for both children and adults), the project was then put in full swing and renovations began. The renovation is nearing completion and we can't wait for our children to use this space!

Thank you for your many questions and concerns during these changes. Please know that all these changes were made by the Elders and were not taken lightly. These decisions involved a lot of time, discussion, and prayer. We are excited to share the new renovations, once they are complete. Thank you for your prayers and flexibility during this time of change as we pursue our mission to Love Jesus and Love like Jesus.

Prayerfully yours,

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