



**OXFORD  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

# Transformation for **GENERATIONS**

**A Heart for Oxford County and the World.**

## VISION

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**A heart for God**  
Matthew 22:37-39



**A heart for God's House**  
Psalm 69:9 ; Psalm 52:8-9



**A heart for Oxford County & the World**  
Acts 1:8 ; Romans 1:16

## MISSION

Oxford Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who love one another and share Jesus with the world.

### Church Ministry Priorities

#### Worship & Prayer

"Honour and Treasure God"

#### Fellowship/Love/Compassion

"Cultivate Loving Community"

#### Outreach & Evangelism

"Go and Share"

#### Discipleship/Word of God

"Equip God's People"

**Our Mission is accomplished through a balance of sharing the gospel with the lost, building up mature believers, equipping passionate workers and multiplying servant leaders.**





Established in  
**1890**



**125**  
members  
today

**220**  
average  
attendance



Last service on  
Hunter Street  
**April 2021**



Celebrated our  
**130th**  
anniversary  
in 2020

## HISTORY

Oxford Baptist Church was established in November of 1890, when forty members of First Baptist Church were granted letters of transfer to begin a second Baptist church on the corner of Oxford and Hunter Street in Woodstock, ON. By 1900, the church grew to 142 members. In 1958, the members of Oxford Baptist Church planted a church known today as Huron Park Baptist. In 1960, a major building program was launched at Oxford Baptist Church to build an education wing and auditorium.

Since its early beginnings, Oxford Baptist Church has diligently sought to carry out Jesus' divine commandment to "go into the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15). Over the years, many members have answered the call to serve as missionaries in various ministries, both globally and locally. In 2020, Oxford Baptist Church celebrated its 130th anniversary.

Recently, we sold our original property and the adjacent Victoria school property to pay for the land and give us an excellent financial start for our new building. Now we rent office and worship space as we seek God and work together for the arrival of our new facility.

## MANDATE

**A relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything. (2 Cor. 5:17)**

Our goal is to impact 3,000 people with the gospel of Jesus Christ locally and globally through this building expansion and relocation.

We have purchased a nine-acre parcel of land on Highway 59, north of Woodstock and we begin this journey with the same heart and vision that our founding members in 1890 focused on together.

To ensure the continued excellence of ministry and witness for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the mission of Oxford Baptist Church.

## Five Areas of Ministry Focus



### 1. Family Ministries

We want to build strong households that encourage marriages while discipling men, women, youth, and children in our new facility. A place for families and individuals to gather for worship and fellowship.



### 2. Events and Online Ministry

We will have the means to host conferences and events while creating bridges to the community through our online ministry.



### 3. Cross-Cultural Ministries

We will use facility space to serve our neighbours of varying backgrounds and cultures.



### 4. Summer Camps

We will expand our summer camp programs in order to share the gospel with more families in our community.



### 5. Hospitality

A better structured building will allow us to be more welcoming to newcomers and provide warm and friendly spaces to build relationships.



## PREVIOUS CHALLENGES

- The size of the previous facility limited our attendance for worship services.
- Parking was limited at our previous facility and continues to be at our rental location.
- Our previous facility did not comply with accessibility requirements.
- Our children's ministry was not inviting for children and new families.
- We have had no room to expand for future ministry and facility growth.
- Our media and tech ministry needed to be updated.
- The previous facility lacked the space and environment for an effective hospitality ministry.
- Our previous location limited our exposure to the community.

## OUR RESPONSE

Our Building Committee developed a building and site plan to construct a modern, multi-purpose facility to meet our goal of **"Transformation for Generations"**. The plans include an auditorium that comfortably seats 500 people, an education wing for Youth and Children's Ministry, and office space for staff. As part of the strategy for our hospitality ministry, a kitchen, large foyer, library, and cafe have been included in the plans. The new campus will also include ample parking and pleasing landscaping. The back barn will remain for potential future development.

This new church campus will enable Oxford Baptist Church to continue the mission of Jesus Christ both locally and globally as it has done for 130 years!



### Our Current Reality

- Summers 2021/2022/2023 - Sunday tent meetings on our new property.
- We are weather dependent in the summer.
- Ministries are expanding, and rental space is limited.
- Renting office space.
- Fall 2021 to present - Worship Services at Woodstock Christian School.
- We are a mobile church and staff.
- Our children's ministry is growing.
- We have seen significant growth in ministry and attendance in the last six months.
- With growth, we need two services in Fall 2023.

### Key Improvements

- We will have a modern worship space to meet the needs of our growing church family.
- We will have ample parking for our regular attendees and guests.
- Our new facility will exceed the requirements for accessibility.
- Our children's ministry will have new ministry environments for kids and families.
- Our nine-acre campus will have room for future ministry growth and expansion.
- The new facility will have current technology and media ministry to expand our mission.
- We will have a welcoming and hospitable facility to build guest relationships.
- Our new facility on Highway 59 is a great location easily found by our community.



# NEW BUILDING HIGHLIGHTS

## 1 Sanctuary

- Seating for 500 people
- High quality sound and projection for worship
- Expanded front stage area

## 2 Media/Sound Studio

- Housing of state-of-the-art technical equipment
- Space for Oxford Online streaming and media

## 3 Atrium

- Large, bright open concept to encourage fellowship
- Multiple seating spaces
- Coffee bar

## 4 Library

- Resource of reading material to sign out or purchase

## 5 Servery

- Expansive kitchen to allow for food prep and serving

## 6 Washrooms

- Multiple washrooms that are accessible for everyone

## 7 Meeting Space/Offices

- Church staff offices
- Reception and information center

## 8 Multi-purpose Room

- Ministry rooms for events and group studies
- Multi-purpose rooms for children's ministry

## 9 Courtyard

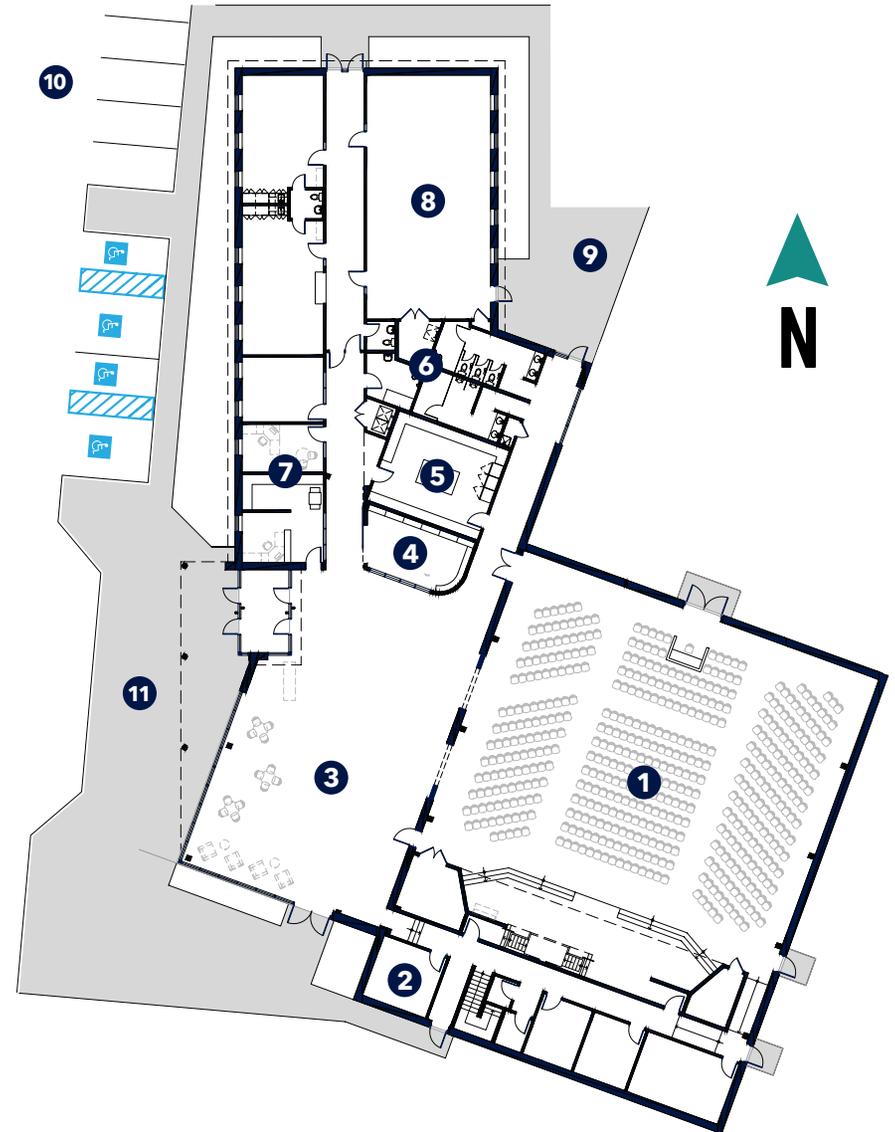
- Large outdoor green space for events and picnics or BBQs

## 10 Parking

- Large parking lot with 120+ spaces
- Multiple accessible parking spaces

## 11 Main Entrance

- Covered front entrance
- Drop-off area



## WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED

We have seen God work in amazing ways since we first felt His leading us to a new location. We have been able to purchase nine acres on Highway 59, sell our old church building and raise a significant amount of money during a difficult period that included COVID-19 and high inflation.

The original budget for our church building was \$4,412,240 and if that amount had stayed the same we would be within \$500,000! That means we actually would have been planning to start building this summer! Our Oxford family has met our original fundraising goal!!

### God's provision for the building to this point:

Sale of the Oxford Street building (net):	\$713,830
Donations and pledges:	\$1,801,693
<b>Total funds accumulated to-date:</b>	<b>\$2,515,523</b>

## WHAT'S LEFT TO GIVE

Significant increases due to inflation have increased the budget by \$1,627,400 to a total of \$6,039,640 as of March 31, 2023. As we are prepared to carry a mortgage of \$1,500,000, we are asking the Lord to provide \$2,100,000 to build our new church building.

### Available mortgage up to \$1,500,000

**NEW AMOUNT NEEDED: \$2,100,000**



Total amount invested in the land

(100% paid for):

**\$1,188,462**

## TRANSFORMATION FOR GENERATIONS CHURCH RELAUNCH PLAN

### Equal Sacrifice. Various Amounts.

God is calling us to give together. God led Oxford Baptist Church to unanimously leave the facility He provided for many years. God led us to purchase land. He has provided \$3,866,637 toward the land and new building thus far. COVID-19 necessitated a pause. As the leadership of Oxford Baptist Church has prayerfully sought the Lord for next steps, He has made it clear that He wants us to move forward together.

Only the Lord can provide the \$2.1 million needed to move forward in building our new worship and ministry center. He chooses to use His people to do so. Our leadership team believes God is asking everyone who calls Oxford Baptist Church home, to participate in our **'Transformation for Generations'** campaign. We are all called to equally sacrifice with various amounts. The level of sacrifice should be the same for everyone. What will the Lord ask each of us to give? What will each of us have to give up to honour Him? The amounts will vary but the sacrifice will be the same.

### We are asking you to participate in these four ways:

**Pray.** Seek God's face and ask Him what you should pledge over the next year. We are asking families to pray together asking God to lead your family. Ask God to provide money in unexpected and unusual ways.

**Listen.** Make space in your life to hear from God. Teach your children to listen to the Spirit's leading.

**Obey.** Give what the Lord has laid on your heart. Continue to pray for His provision. Let Him surprise you with His generosity.

**Connect.** Prayerfully consider if there are people in your circle of influence the Lord may direct you to introduce to Oxford Baptist Church through one of our capital events.

May the Lord guide each of us as we seek His face. May He bring Oxford Baptist Church together to watch Him provide what none of us could on our own.

# HOW TO GIVE

Every gift to **Transformation for Generations** will directly impact the capacity of Oxford Baptist Church, from ministry, to the community, and our church family, both now and for generations to come. Each gift is gratefully received and will be receipted at year end.



Pray

Listen

Obey

**You have several options to give:**

### Gifts of Cash or Cheque

Cash gifts provide immediate resources to the Church advancing the timetable. Please indicate on the sealed envelope that the cash gift is for the Capital Campaign.

Cheques should be made out to Oxford Baptist Church. Please indicate that the amount is for the Capital Campaign in the memo section. If the cheque is for both the general fund and the capital campaign, indicate each of the amounts in the memo section.

### E-Transfer

If you prefer to e-transfer, you can send your amount to [finance@oxfordbaptist.ca](mailto:finance@oxfordbaptist.ca). Please indicate in the notes section that this is for the Capital Campaign or if you are giving to the general fund and the campaign indicate each of the amounts.

### Automatic Withdrawal

You can sign up for an automatic withdrawal for a specified amount, which is taken out monthly. Contact the office for more information.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

### Give Online with your Credit Card

You can contribute using your credit card at [oxfordbaptist.ca/give](http://oxfordbaptist.ca/give), and by scrolling down to the last option on the page to give directly online. Please note that there is a 1.9% fee that goes directly to the company providing this service.

### Gifts of Securities

Gifts in this form may be advantageous for some donors. Inquire at the Oxford Baptist Church office for more information.

 If you have questions about any of these ways of giving, or need help setting up your preferred choice, please connect with our Treasurer/Bookkeeper, Arden Cole at [finance@oxfordbaptist.ca](mailto:finance@oxfordbaptist.ca)

### Pledge Giving

A pledge is a financial commitment towards the Capital Campaign that God has led you to prayerfully give. Pledges can be made as a one time gift or can be set up over an extended period of time, in varying amounts, until the sum has been received. Pledges can be modified if needed.

E.g., The Smith family has decided to pledge \$6,000 over a 12-month period that they will pay in amounts of \$500 per month, by setting up Automatic Withdrawal.



## GENERATIONAL THOUGHTS

“*Having a new permanent church home that we are able to take our family and grandkids to each week.*”

— Elizabeth

“*It will allow us to be together as a church family and to see what God has in store for us using the new building to reach the community in the future.*”

— David

“*A church is the people and not the building. No matter where we meet we are still Oxford, but getting our own building to call home will be nice.*”

— Katelyn

## What will a new building mean to the Oxford Baptist Church family?

“*Having a large outdoor space to gather with friends, play sports and enjoy activities together.*”

— Blake

“*To witness and be a part of the wonderful plan God truly has for Oxford.*”

— Janice

“*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*  
Proverbs 16:9

*May Oxford Baptist Church know the Will of the Father in taking this next step toward the new church.*”

— Glen

## OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

If you have any further questions or want to learn more about what God is doing, our Campaign Team would be happy to assist you. Keep an eye out for future announcements and updates and attend one of our in-person or online meetings to learn more about our project.

### Campaign Team

#### Co-chairs

Jan Bigham, Rob Cole

#### Finance Chair

Allison Henkell

Rob Faber, Bryan Ferwerda, Jared Fulkerson, Janice Graham, Tony Graham, Will Jaques, Don Lazenby, Christine Young

#### Elders

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#### Treasurer/Bookkeeper

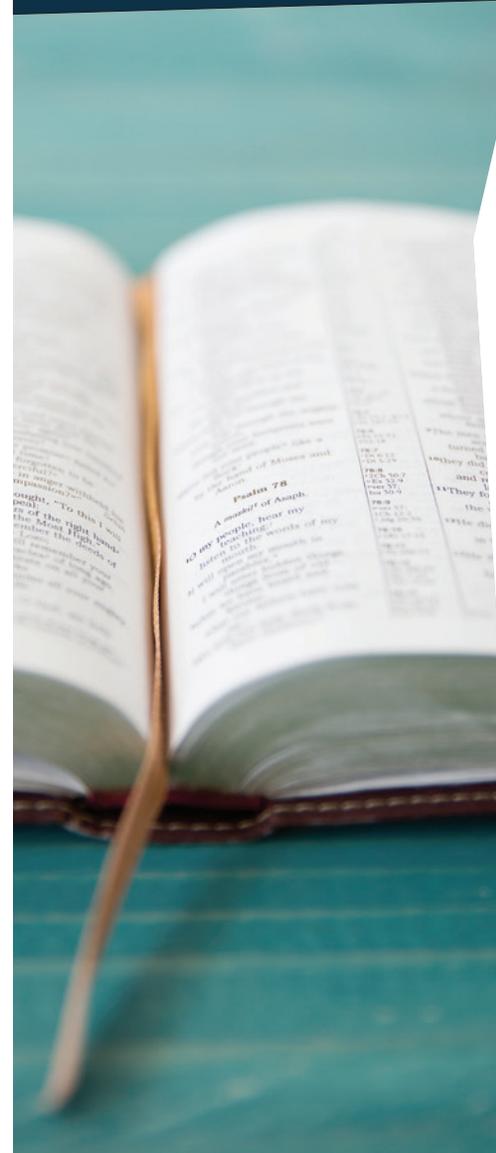
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