

# Frequently Asked Questions

## K-Zone Restoration Project

### What Is The K-Zone Restoration Project?

In September of 2020, we became aware that the roof of Moss Campus K-Zone (Kids Zone) was failing. Specifically, the truss system inside the roof has experienced multiple failures and this has rendered the building unsafe and unusable. Since discovering the failure, we have braced the ceiling, preventing further deterioration of either the roof or the walls that support it.

### How Old Is This Building?

The current K-Zone was Good Shepherd's first Worship Center, and it opened in February of 1996.

### What Caused The Truss Failure?

Our current engineering report suggests that the problem arose because of a flawed design of the trusses, faulty installation, or possibly both. The failure was NOT caused by an "event," such as lightning strike, earthquake, or cannonball smash.

### Who Is At Fault?

Someone certainly is at fault. But here's the dilemma: the building is twenty-five years old. The General Contractor from 1996 is no longer in business. The truss manufacturers have changed hands and lost records in the digitization process. Our best legal experts (which include Talbot's brother, a judge in Louisiana!) tell us that the chances of success in a lawsuit are extraordinarily remote. We would spend the better part of a year having this unsafe building remain "as is" so that opposing sides could conduct their own forensic research. At the end of that year of waiting, success in a suit (assuming we could even locate a "liable party") is unlikely.

### What Are The Next Steps?

So that our children will have excellent and safe ministry space, we will need to **remove** the roof structure and **remodel** the facility to **restore** the K-Zone. The blessing in this is that we will be able to design the K-Zone to fully align with the multi-media and highly personalized ways we approach ministry for the next generation in 2021 and beyond.

### How Much Will This Cost?

This is all preliminary – we are giving you advanced knowledge ahead of year-end giving. Our best estimates suggest a \$2 million dollar project for both removal and reconstruction.

### How Will The Church Pay for This?

The people of Good Shepherd consistently practice generosity and the leadership of the church practices frugality, so the church can put nearly \$500,000 from cash on hand toward the restoration if needed, leaving \$1.5 million dollars to raise and/or finance.

### What Would You Like Me To Do?

We want the entire Good Shepherd to be aware of this situation. Your Board is monitoring all the developments carefully. Naturally, we invite you to pray for the team leading the process of restoration. We're keenly aware that apart from Christ, we really can do nothing.

In addition, we'd like to minimize financing, and we'd very much prefer NOT to have a capital campaign in 2021 as it seems an awkward moment coming on the heels of a pandemic! So we're inviting you to consider Good Shepherd for an "above and beyond" gift, marked with "K-Zone Restoration Project." We'll put it aside and use these gifts as the foundation for what we will do to resolve the dilemma and make a space for the next generation. The good news is that many of your leaders have already given **more than \$100,000** towards the project. We covet the participation of as many in the church as are able.