OPERATING STATEMENT
StoneBridge Christian Church

StoneBridge Christian Church is an independent Christian church. We are a body of believers who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament.

The proposed addition of a new worship auditorium is to further our mission to Share Christ and Build Believers and our ability to continue to grow as a church. We outgrew our property at 99th and Fort Street and purchased and developed this property at 156th and Butler Avenue in 2005. We built an addition onto this building in 2010. We provide a wide-range of programs for adults, students, and kids. We also provide recovery and other groups, local and international missions and benevolent programs to benefit our community. We also hope to continue to provide our Sunday services translated into Spanish. Our church also provides popular community activities on our property, including Easter egg hunts and an annual Fireworks show with bounce houses, food trucks and other family fun activities. Additional information on our church and this particular expansion project is available on our website https://www.sb.church.

The plan for the new addition is to effectively replace, not add to, our current worship and assembly space. Thus, the new worship addition will be the primary worship and assembly space of the church. The planned addition of a larger worship auditorium is a response to church growth. This project is a part of our master plan for this property - the main purpose of this new worship auditorium is for Sunday services. The new facility will also enable the expansion of other church programs and better use the space for kids and students ministries. Our current assembly spaces will be repurposed for kids ministries. Worship services would take place in the new facility and the existing spaces will solely be used for kids and students. StoneBridge loves families and kids! Additionally, in 2016, 2017, and 2019 we have launched Multisite campuses in Millard, Fremont, and now Benson. These campuses have been an effort to further our mission to Share Christ and Build Believers in our surrounding communities. But, we have also felt space constraints at our current facility. With the amount of people coming onto our church campus we needed to send some people out to other StoneBridge campuses in order for our church to continue to grow. Most recently, our Benson Campus had its grand opening on 9.8.19. As a part of this StoneBridge campus opening, we sent out 200 people from the church to start and launch. Given our prior location at 99th and Fort Street, we still have many members who reside east of I-680 and our expectation is that many of those members will begin attending our Benson location instead of our primary location at 156th and Butler, which will help relieve with traffic flow and congestion. We have already started to see this movement.

As designed, the new worship auditorium will be a 1500 seat facility. The overall site plan includes a building footprint of 21,000 square feet, which will be an expansion to our current facility and expansion of the parking lots to meet added capacity. We are also planning to add outdoor playground facilities that will be open to the community. Additionally, we will have indoor playground and cafe space that will be open to the community. Our church is in the midst of a capital campaign to finance this new auditorium and our church membership is in full support and is looking forward to this facility. This plan is designed to satisfy green space and other City criteria. We have, in connection with all of our construction projects, worked cooperatively with all City departments, constructed required infrastructure at our expense, and worked cooperatively with our neighbors.

Worship services will primarily be held on Sunday mornings. However, programs will also be held on Sunday evenings. Students and kids ministry activities will typically be held on Wednesday evenings. The facility will also be used for community space before and after services, and for weddings, funerals, receptions and other community events. It is our hope and intention that our facilities can be used for our community!
We also understand that we are a busy and active church with a lot of people in our community involved. In every way it is our intention to be good neighbors to the residential and business community surrounding us. That being said, in addition to this expansion project we hope to address two primary neighborhood issues.

1. Traffic. On Sunday mornings the traffic on Butler Avenue can get backed up. Even with such issues, the traffic on 156th Street still moves well because we previously installed at our expense (and in cooperation of with the developer of the villas to our north) turn lanes on both directions of traffic on 156th Street. Our expectation is that this expanded facility will relieve, rather than add to, traffic congestion. We currently have three services on Sunday mornings, and one on Sunday evening. The current three services are currently separated by a 30 minute interval. With the expansion, we expect to have two services on Sunday morning, separated by a longer interval, perhaps a 1 hour interval. The increased interval between services will result in less traffic issues as people enter and leave our campus. The repurposing of our current space for kids will not result in increased traffic or parking needs. We have also hired off-duty police officers to help with congested traffic. This has been an effort of goodwill to our neighbors and community. (Although the City is aware of a single traffic incident because of this, it was approximately 10 years ago and occurred at night. There has otherwise been no traffic incidents, and the officers have thus far been a plus rather than a negative.) We may also re-evaluate our need for officers, given less services and greater time between them. By launching other StoneBridge campus locations in 2016 (Millard), 2017 (Fremont), and 2019 (Benson) we have sent out an excess of 500+ people from our current location to other locations. We wanted to continue to make room and space, including to alleviate traffic congestion. The primary issue regarding traffic on Sunday mornings is people arriving and leaving at the same time. By building a new facility we will reduce the total number of services and spread them out so traffic will be less congested.

2. Noise. Our current worship auditorium faces west. On occasion, noise from our worship services and rehearsals can be heard in the houses directly west of our property (at least we understand there has been a single complaint to that effect). The new worship auditorium will be larger and thus less apt to create any outside noise issues. In addition, the new worship auditorium is facing east and the noise, if any, will not be directed to homeowners. The houses that are east of our property are a great enough distance away that noise will not be an issue. The new worship auditorium also has a larger seating capacity therefore our Sunday morning services will not need to be held as early as they are currently which will alleviate noise, if any, in the early morning. In summary, the proposed worship auditorium will alleviate any potential noise issues with our neighbors.

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PROPOSED LARGEST PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
AREA = 1,500 CAPACITY
464 TOTAL STALLS (1 STALL PER 3.23 CAPACITY)

EXISTING LARGEST PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
AREA = 806 CAPACITY
370 EXISTING STALLS (1 STALL PER 2.18 CAPACITY)