



The
Crossing
HILLCREST BIBLE CHURCH

2010 marked the twentieth anniversary of Hillcrest Bible Church. For twenty years we have been eyewitnesses to God doing remarkable things among us. We've watched people far from God discover the goodness of the gospel and embrace Christ as their Savior and treasure. We've seen faithful friends sacrifice their time and effort and resources to start ministries and build buildings and meet very real needs. We've watched new Christians discover their gifts and experience the joy of serving in the local church. And, we've seen God take a small band of visionaries meeting in an elementary school and use them to establish a strong, healthy, beacon of light and hope here in Oregon.

As a church, we exist to glorify God by making disciples of all nations, helping people **CONNECT** to Christ, **GROW** in their faith, and **SERVE** the world around us.



**CELEBRATING
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Connect



Grow



Serve

Several months ago the leaders of Hillcrest commissioned a group of engineers, architects, and construction experts in our church to study our facility needs and to begin planning how we might support this vision into the future.

The Team met with several ministry leaders, analyzed our attendance trends, and looked at how other churches have handled growing congregations. Even though we still have some space open in the auditorium, they felt it better to be *proactive* in planning versus *reactive* once the room was full.

Their conclusion – we need to move forward by:

1. Doubling our auditorium seating – from 220 to at least 500.
2. Increasing and improving our children’s ministry spaces.
3. Adding parking to accommodate the increase in seats.
4. Increasing our support spaces (lobby, restrooms, and fellowship).
5. Increasing meeting spaces for ministries.

The Campus Team has considered many options, ranging from building new on our current site, to renovating the gym into a worship center, to even moving the church to a new location. All of these are expensive propositions, especially given the state of today’s economy.

Then one day we realized something.

**The very facility we need already exists...
and it’s just a half mile away!**

CAMPUS TEAM

Dan Hale, *Architect*

Matthew Spurgeon, *Mechanical Engineer*

Neil Gammon, *Electrical Engineer*

Jeff Rau, *Civil Engineer*

Jim Hughes, *Project Manager, NFL Stadium Construction*

Renae Sherven, *Director of Operations*

Doug Benham, *Senior VP (retired): sales, marketing, engineering, strategic development*



The Performing Arts Center at Oregon High School



Built in 1997, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) is a state of the art auditorium with excellent sound, lighting, and video capabilities. The room holds 512 seats on the floor and has a total capacity of 734. Most people in Oregon have been to the PAC – whether to see their children in a concert or to attend a play by the Oregon Straw Hat Players. It’s an amazing resource to the community, and it largely sits empty on Sunday mornings.



The PAC also has a large lobby for fellowship, plenty of restrooms and parking, and classrooms nearby for children’s ministry.

Churches all across the country have used school buildings effectively for worship services, including Hillcrest as it met at Prairie View Elementary School during its early history. Some existing churches have even sold their facilities and moved to schools because of the flexibility, visibility, and financial savings of going portable.

The plan would involve moving the worship service, nursery, and Pre-K classes to the high school while keeping Quest (1st-6th grade) at our current site. Families would arrive at the school together and then Quest kids would be transported the short distance by bus back to Hillcrest.

This move would also allow Quest to take over the current auditorium. For years, Quest has functioned in the less-than-ideal setting of a church gym, with kids sitting on the hard floor, bad acoustics, limited technology (and the weekly temptation to run around!). Giving Quest an actual auditorium would be a huge win for this crucial ministry.

The Oregon School District has been very gracious in making this option available to us, and we are thrilled at the possibilities this facility may bring as God continues to grow Hillcrest.

"I like the possibility of drawing in a demographic that would not consider entering a church, but will be curious enough to check out what is happening at the high school."

– **Larry Alm**, *Elder*

"I am very excited about the move. This will give the worship team much needed space, better equipment, and more opportunities for other art forms like drama, all for far less than we'd ever pay building a building."

– **Ric Pearson**, *Worship Director*

"Excited that Quest will have more space and better space for kids to learn."

– **Dan Hale**, *Campus Team*



"This gives us the space and the tools to make a dynamic environment for our kids to learn about Jesus Christ. It's going to allow us to grow without the walls..."

– **Scott Meier**, *Pre-K Director*

"The move to the PAC is a win-win. It allows us to continue to grow as God leads and at the same time be good stewards of our resources."

– **Rena Sherven**, *Director of Operations*

"Church at a school isn't bad at all... some of my most fervent prayers in life were done in school!"

– **Jeff Rau**, *Grow Group Leader*

The main problem with a church going portable is the amount of setup required. Carrying in all the equipment necessary to pull off a church service every week is a daunting task.

Fortunately, one company has developed an innovative solution...

Portable Church INDUSTRIES

Since 1994, Portable Church Industries (PCI) has been helping churches turn schools, theaters, and community centers into high quality worship venues. They specialize in making churches more efficient, designing rolling cases to hold all the equipment a church might need, and trailers for transporting that equipment.

PCI has helped hundreds of churches go portable and save significant amounts of money compared to constructing permanent facilities. Most churches are able to setup and teardown their portable church systems with minimal labor in a fraction of the time it would have taken with traditional methods.

In October we invited a consultant from PCI to visit Hillcrest, tour the high school, and propose a portable system that would help us make the move with efficiency and with excellence. The results were tremendous. We believe using this company will make our move to the high school great for worship and sustainable for our volunteers.

Here's what other churches have said about Portable Church...

"It would take us as least twice as long to set up without this system. And it all looks so professional. Things don't start to wear and tear the way they would if you were carting stuff back and forth in tubs and Rubbermaid."

– **Toney Salva**, Harbor of Hope

"We literally roll our church out of this trailer and set it up in half an hour. It's every bit as practical, useful and worshipful as our church ever was. It's really amazing."

– **David Johanson**, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

"I would have to say using Portable Church was the BEST decision we've made. I do not see how any church can begin without Portable Church. Setup was a breeze from the time the first case came off the truck."

– **Rod Gray**, C3 Church



Open trailer unloading rolling cases.



Play panel toddler classroom.

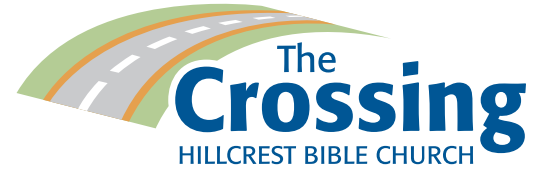


Portable welcome center.

Want to see a Portable Church in action?

Check out the video gallery at www.hillcrestbiblechurch.org/portable.

We're calling this initiative The Crossing. The fact that this facility sits, literally, across the street, one minute away, we believe is a unique, God-given opportunity.



But it's more than just crossing Highway 14.

The Bible tells us that every human being stands in need of their own crossing: From death to life. From stranger to friend. From God-concealing blindness to joy-producing sight. The cross of Christ is a bridge over which "whomever might believe" may make this crossing.

The Leaders of Hillcrest believe God is leading us in this new and innovative direction. Moving our services to the PAC will make sure there's always a seat, always a parking space, and always a classroom open to connect new families to the gospel of Christ. Compared to other options, this move both supports our mission and saves us hundreds of thousands of dollars that can be better spent for kingdom purposes.

Making the move also gives us a chance to do some minor remodeling to the existing campus to better serve our ministries like Awana, MOPS, and DV8.

Finally, any additional money committed to The Crossing will be used to prepare for the future – building cash reserves, paying down debt, and saving to purchase land.

COST FOR THE PROJECT

Portable Church Expenses	\$150,000
Remodel of Existing Campus	\$10,000
Future Growth	\$40,000
TOTAL	\$200,000

We are asking everyone who calls Hillcrest their church home to consider making a one-year sacrificial commitment to The Crossing, over and above their regular giving to the church. Each person in leadership is already preparing their hearts to see what God wants to do through them. We challenge you to do the same. Your part begins with praying a dangerous prayer and having the courage to obey whatever God asks of you:

“God, what do you want to do through me to help Hillcrest make The Crossing?”

Here is what we are asking you to do:

1. **Get all the information you need about this decision.** Read this brochure and the Frequently Asked Questions sheets carefully. Attend the Information Meetings. Ask church leaders for their input. You can also email your questions to crossing@hillcrestbiblechurch.org for a quick reply.
2. **Attend The Crossing Vision Night.** Bring your family and join us on Monday, February 28, at 7pm for an evening of prayer in the PAC at Oregon High School. This will also include a special "vision tour" of the facility and an overview of how each area will be used.
3. **Gather your family to pray.** As a family unit, begin praying for what God would have you to do to help Hillcrest make The Crossing. Invite your children to be a part of this commitment and the excitement over the future of their church. Think through ways your family can sacrifice to make this a reality.
4. **Make your commitment.** On Sunday, March 6, during our regular services, we will gather together and make our commitments for The Crossing. Whatever God leads you to do – to give a little, a lot, or nothing at all – record your response on a commitment card and turn it in during the service (or mail it to the address below). Your commitment is between you and God and our confidential counting team. You will receive a letter confirming your commitment and explaining multiple ways to make your contribution over the coming year.



Join us in this new adventure for our church. Help us make room for the community and for those on their journey towards Christ. Help us provide quality facilities for our children's ministry. Help us prepare for the future.

Pray...Listen...and then help us make The Crossing.



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