

March 6, 2016 - Romans 263 - TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY

**Welcome To
BARAH MINISTRIES
a Christian Church
Rory Clark
Pastor-Teacher**

Good Morning!

Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark. Barah Ministries has a worldwide reach and an intimate impact on lives, through the gracious provision of our omnipotent God, the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for the internet, a place where anyone with access can be reached with Your Word.

TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY

Every year, the President of the United States gives a State of the Union Address. He reports on the condition of the nation, the needs of the nation, and the priorities of the nation. Likewise, a Pastor must stop every once in reflection, to share with his congregation the state of our union.

What is the state of our union? Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 17 says...

Second Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

The congregation members of Barah Ministries, resident and non-resident, who are believers in Christ are in union with Christ. The state of our union with the Sovereign God of the Universe, the Lord Jesus Christ, is alive, and well, and permanent.

So in today's message, it's my pleasure to tell you how I think the ministry that God is running and that God has given us is doing.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...

We're grateful, Heavenly Father, for the privilege of studying Your absolute truth...the Word of God...

Father this is your ministry, Barah Ministries, a place where you can make something out of us nothings...the meaning of Barah...we look forward, with eager anticipation, to the things that you will be doing through us as this ministry progresses in the coming years...

Use us as you see fit...keep us strong in unity with each other...do not give those who are enemies of this ministry what they deserve...instead treat them in grace just as you treat us, without partiality...give us the desires of our hearts and make it obvious when our blessings are from you.

We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name... Amen.

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I'm looking forward to sharing the details of our progress with you. First a few announcements...

BARAH MINISTRIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NEXT WEEK!

The Next Lord's Supper Celebration

March 13, 2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next Deacon's Meeting

March 26

7:30A-9:00A

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VISIT THE VETS

April 3

1:45P-3:00P

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dorothy McDonnell

March 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lila Clark

March 12

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Susie Embree

March 12

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It's available at Google Play, at the Windows Apps Store, or at the iTunes Store. It's also downloadable from the Barah Ministries website. Tell your friends about the APP. It's never been easier to have the Word of God at your disposal all the time.

BARAH MINISTRIES IS BACK ON THE RADIO

KXEG 1280AM The Trumpet

Sundays at Noon

PRAYERS

Barah Ministries Prayer Request Group

Join me in prayer directed at all the intercessions and all the petitions of the people visiting the Barah Ministries Prayer Request Group.

TODAY THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY

Finances

As a ministry, we take in about \$80,000 a year. Our expenses are about \$60,000 a year. So we usually have a surplus of about \$20,000. We dipped well below that level at the end of last year, but a few timely donations out of nowhere...directed by our Lord of course...really bailed us out. Thank you!

The finances of this ministry are cared for very well. We have never been in a dire circumstance financially. The Lord continues to prosper us.

I continue to not take a salary. The Lord blesses me quite well in my other career, so I am fine with that for now. One day I hope that changes.

There are some things on my Pastor wish list...I would like to enhance my Pastor's library (especially since I had to throw out quite a few books when we dismissed Systematic Theology)...I would like to update my bible study software...I'm two versions behind on the updates...and I would like to take a trip for a three-day seminar to update my bible study skills with the bible software. So I put that out in prayer and if you see it in your heart to help me in that way, I will appreciate it.

I'd like to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude for your financial support. The non-resident congregation continues to provide the support that helps us stay open, and I see great things in the future for this ministry because of you.

I thank the resident congregation for their unity, and for their support in time and talent as well as in treasure...which allows us to be a small ministry that packs a lot of punch.

Pastor

Quite often, people wonder how I am personally. I'll tell you I have never been happier in my life. My life is filled with great people who care about me, with great challenges that are stretching me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. My cup of abundance runs over. Being married the second time around suits me well, and I am really pleased that my relationship with Lila sits firmly on the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. Unconditional love and forgiveness lives in our relationship. Perfection does not live in our relationship. We have both grown immeasurable since we first met nearly three years ago. Lila is a HUGE contributor to my happiness. She is a partner in every sense of the word.

The Deacons

I couldn't be happier with the two men who help me run the ministry... Deacon Denny Goodall and Deacon Larry Collins. They are supportive, loyal, loving, and giving men who are always willing to overlook my faults and always willing to compensate for my weaknesses. I love them both more than words could express. We meet monthly to check in with each other, and to make tweaks to the direction of the ministry.

The Ministries

It's pretty amazing what we're able to accomplish with a ministry as small as ours. We boast the following ministries that God has set up for us...

Radio Ministry (Deacon Larry Collins)

Non-Resident Congregation Ministry

Conferences

Northern Idaho (John and Monica Miller)

Pennsylvania- New York (Joel and Deanna Perkosky)

Veterans Ministry (Susie Embree)

Facebook Ministry (Tracy Bixby)

Prayer Ministry on Facebook (Susie Embree)

Music Ministry (June Murphy)

Publications Ministry (Pastor Rory Clark)

Bibles Ministry (Deacon Denny Goodall)

Website Ministry (Deacon Marc Pomeroy)

Kid's Ministry (Pat Collins)

2016 Objectives

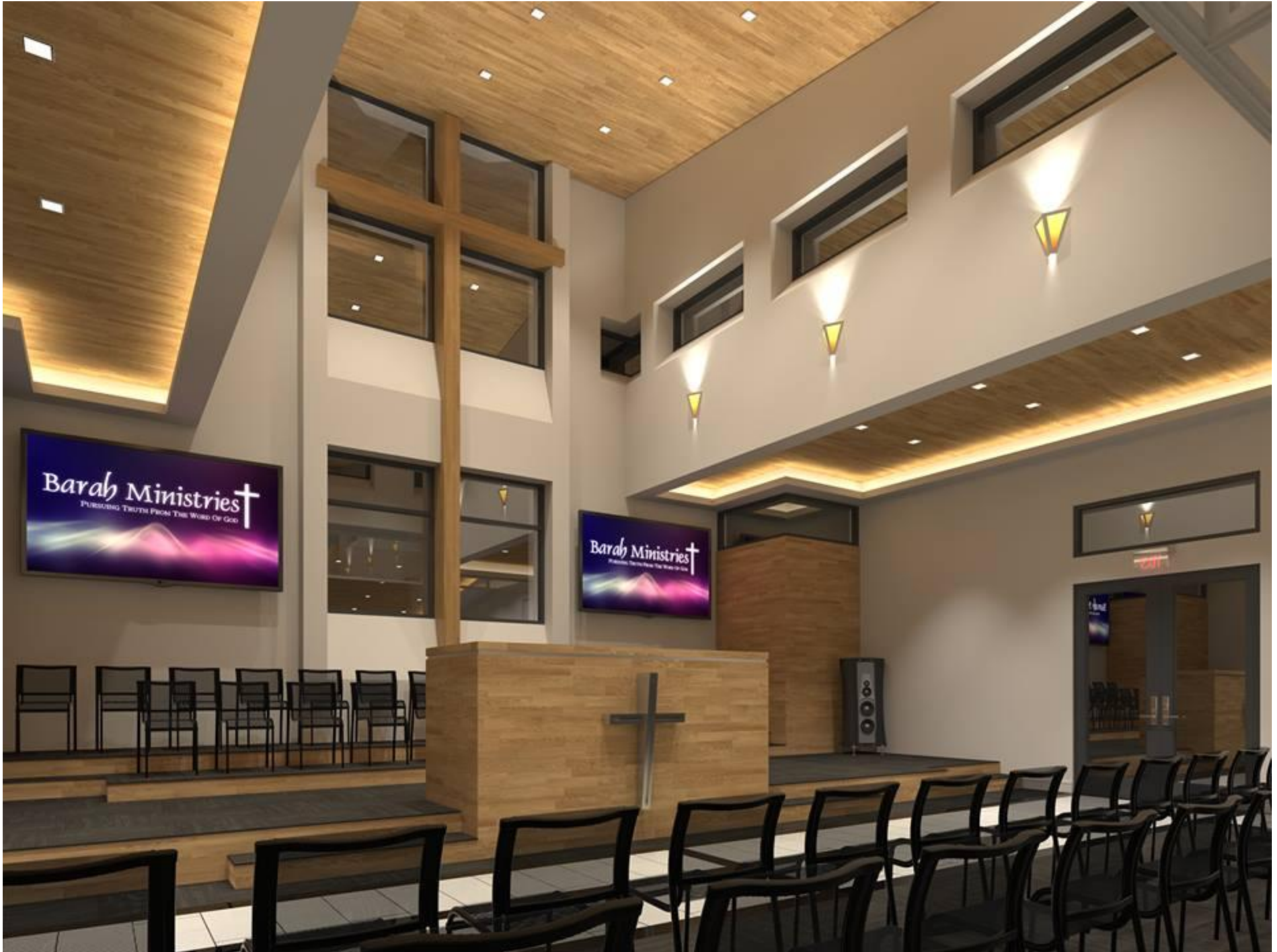
Find a Funding Source for the Church Building













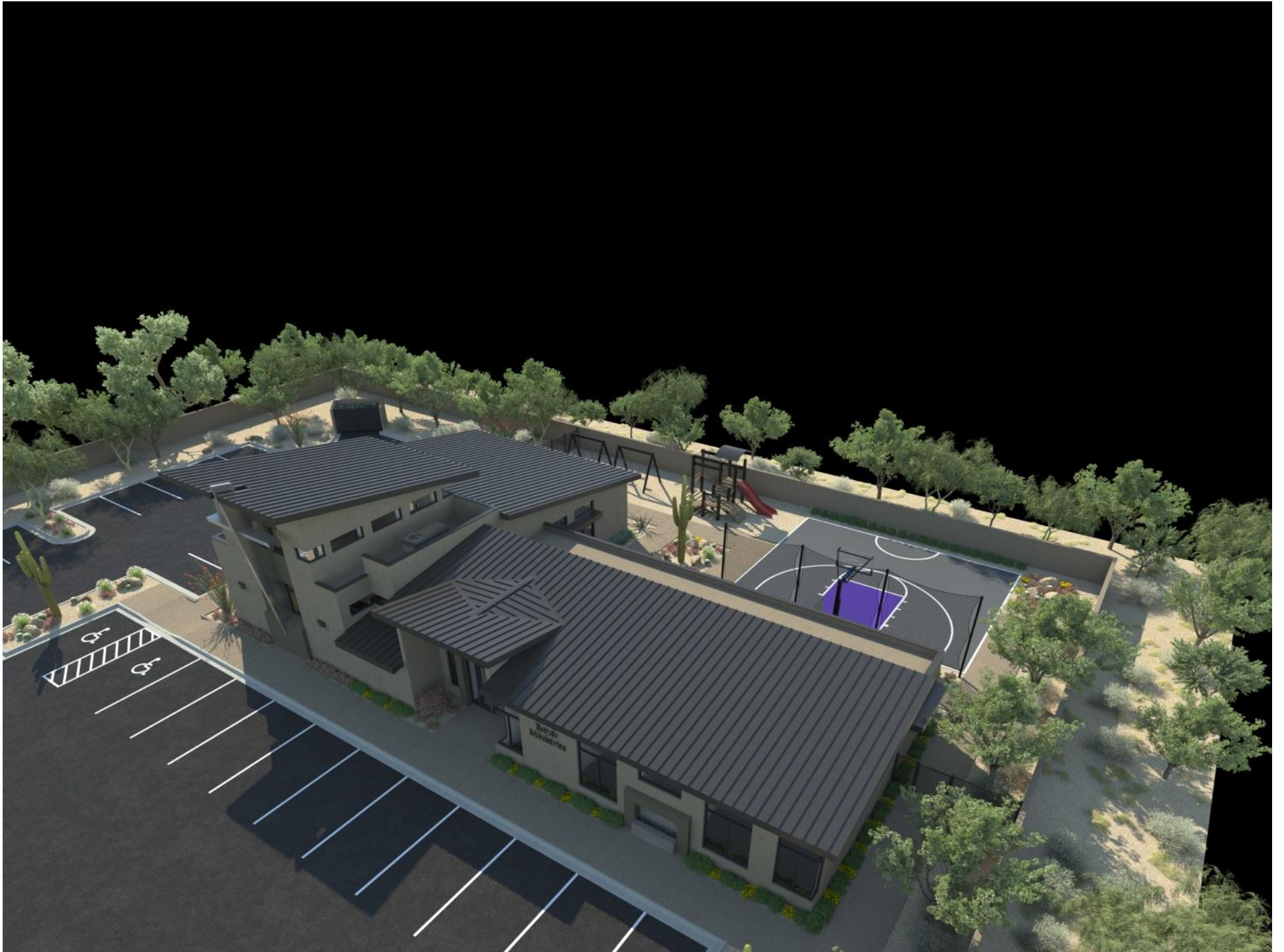


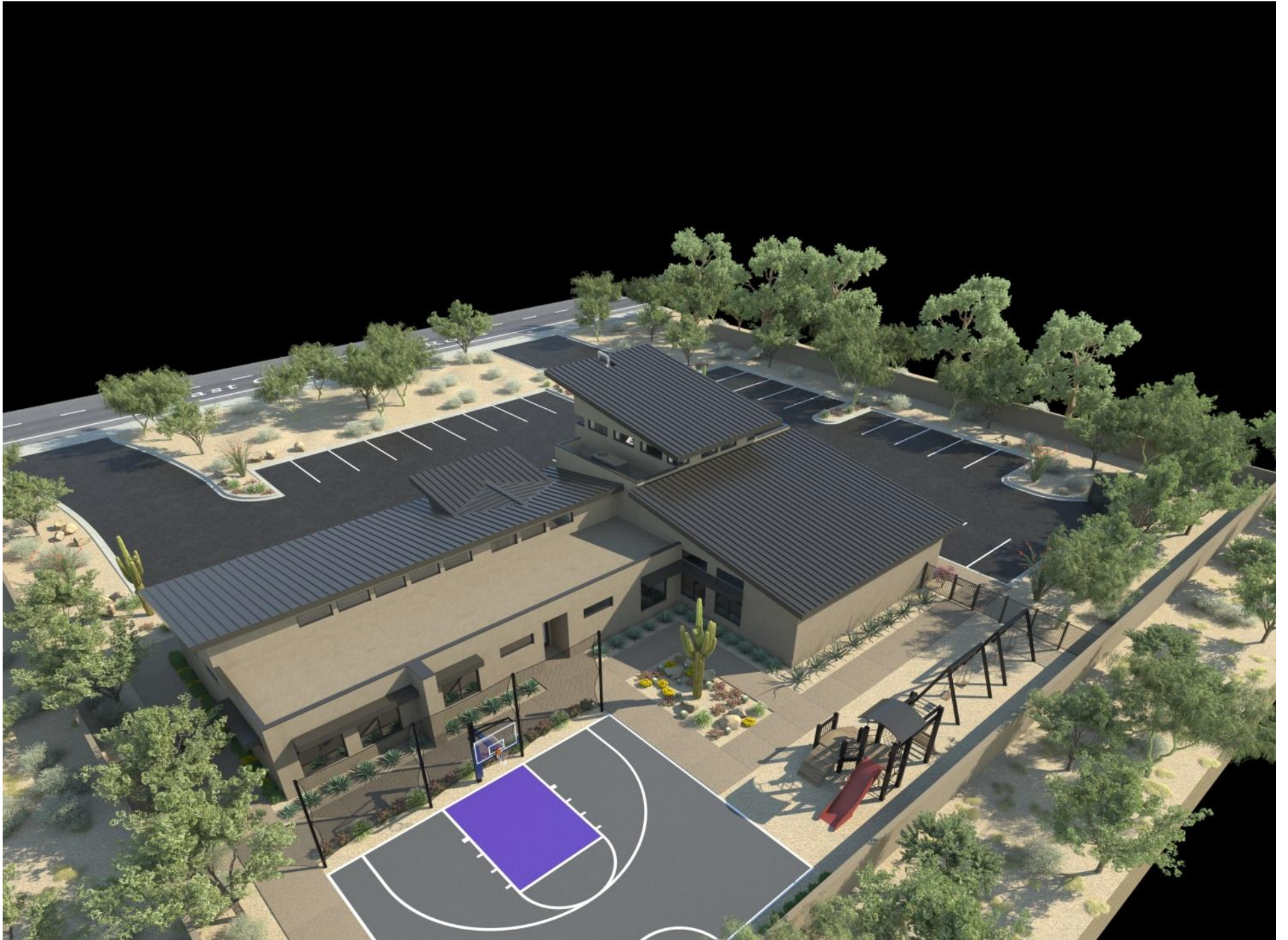


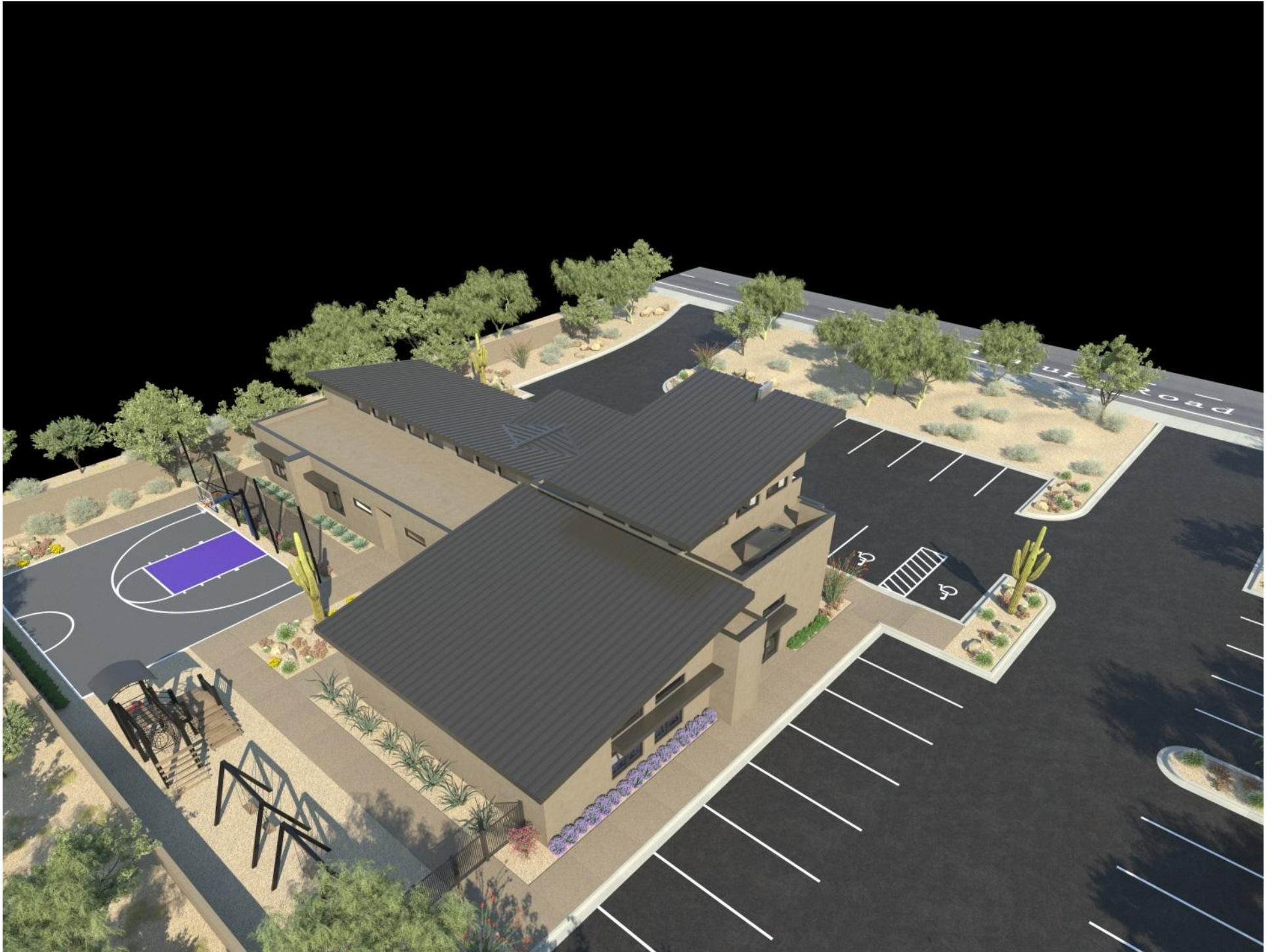




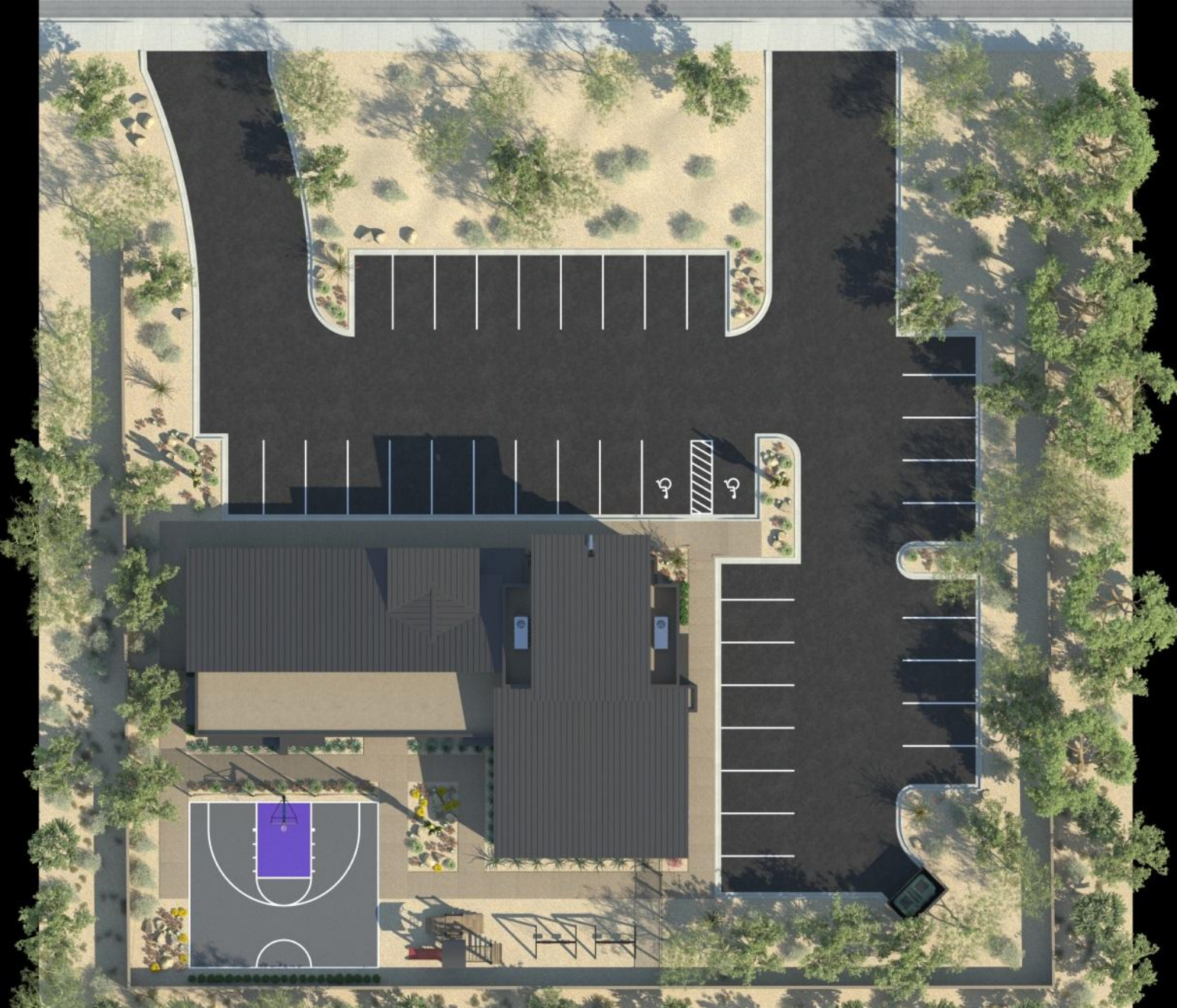




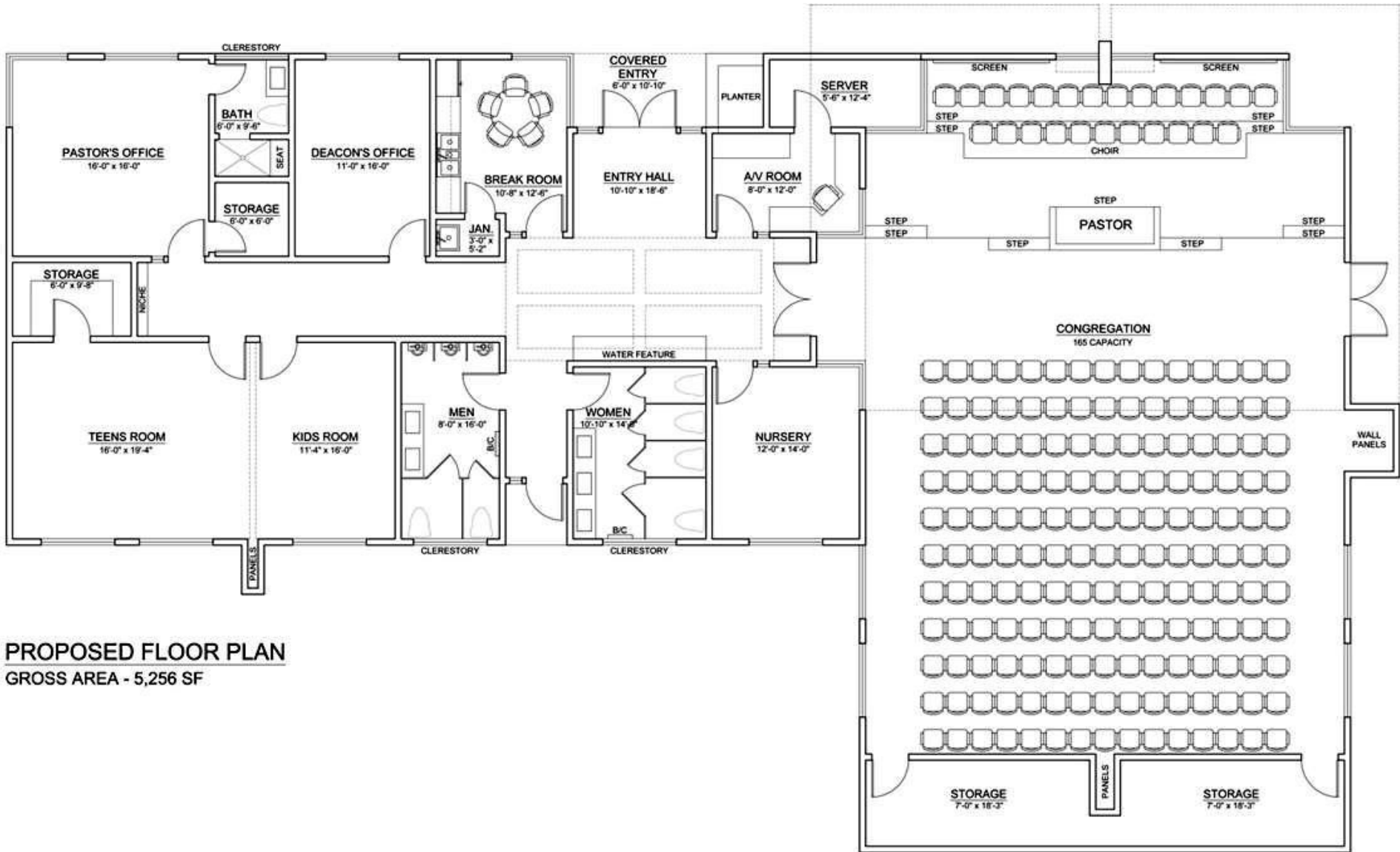




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PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
GROSS AREA - 5,256 SF



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People underestimate the thinking, the time and the manpower it takes to do something like this...

Ideas Welcome

Biblical Parenting

Young Men's Program in Personal Growth

Alcoholics Anonymous

Invite People to the Ministry

The Kid's Room

Create a Communications Package About the Ministry

Brochures

You Will Seek Me and You Will Find Me

What Makes Barah Ministries Different

God Wants You: An Introduction to God

Creator - Creature Conflict Explained

Publications

If You Have Faith...

For Believers Dealing with Illness

There Will Be False Prophets...

For Unbelievers Entangled in a Religion

Business Cards

Suggestions

Listen to the Lessons More Than Once

Use the App

Tune in to the Radio Program On Line

Invite people to the Facebook pages

Invite people to Church

Invite people to the Website

Write to me

Don't forget the Bosa Donuts

When the Lord Jesus Christ Promises Salvation, It's a Guarantee!

Acts 16:31 *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and everyone in your household who also believes."*

Acts 4:12 *"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given to mankind by which we must be saved (except the name of the Lord Jesus Christ)."*

Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

First Timothy 2:9 *...the Lord has saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and through the grace which was granted to us in union with Christ Jesus from all eternity...*

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray...

THANKS - INTERCESSION - PETITION

And we pray You protect our steps as we go out into the world, Father...and that you keep us on the narrow way, completely dependent on You and Your Guiding, Mentoring Spirit...we ask this in Christ's name, Amen.

Thanks for coming!
Thanks for watching!
Thanks for listening!

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