



ATASCOCITA
METHODIST CHURCH

In 2025, Atascocita Methodist Church joyfully celebrates 40 years of serving as a cornerstone of the Lake Houston community. Alongside this milestone, our Weekday Learning Center marks its 35th year as the premier early childhood education facility in the area. Imagine the countless lives that have been touched by our church over the past four decades—how many children have come to know God’s boundless love through the WLC, Vacation Bible School, and our children’s ministry? How many families have been strengthened, and how many hearts have been transformed by the love of Christ?

For 40 years, the people of Atascocita Methodist Church have faithfully been the hands and feet of Jesus—feeding the hungry, sheltering the displaced, and sharing the good news of salvation. We have weathered hurricanes and floods and literally been a shelter in the storms, standing as a refuge and source of hope for our community.

In recent years, as the United Methodist Church moved away from the historic teachings of the Church and Holy Scripture, our congregation stood firmly with others who chose to uphold biblical truth. With an overwhelming two-thirds majority, we made a defining decision to remain steadfast in our commitment to the authority of Scripture and the traditional doctrines of the Methodist faith and on January 1, 2023, we officially joined the Global Methodist Church and the Trinity Annual Conference, embracing a future that honors our past while continuing our mission.

Since reaffirming our identity and beliefs, the Holy Spirit has been moving powerfully among us. We are growing—welcoming new members, seeing fresh faces in worship nearly every Sunday, and expanding our men’s and women’s Bible studies and Sunday School classes. United in purpose, our church remains committed to our mission: Enriching the lives of children and families by leading you to live, love, and serve like Jesus.

With this momentum, now is the time to address key needs within our church facilities. Deferred maintenance requires our attention, and we have a vision to enhance our physical spaces to better serve our community and the Kingdom of God. The areas of work this campaign will take in are in four distinct groups.

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Maintaining our Best for God

These projects are about keeping our facilities updated and offering our best to God so that He can work through the ministries of this Body of Christ. These projects include: a new roof over the entire office, Asbury and Ed Wing; new lights to enhance our worship in the Wesley Sanctuary; an update of the Wesley Commons, including new flooring; and all new double-pane windows throughout the older buildings. To address the security concern of the youth being the only program using the Life Center on Sundays and to accommodate growth in enrollment of the WLC, we are moving the youth space to the upstairs area of the education wing. To make this a successful transition, we will refurbish the upstairs to make it a welcoming space for our youth.

Our church is more than a building—it is a place where lives are transformed, where worship is lifted to God, and where ministry happens every day. The work of the Church is eternal, but the spaces where we gather, worship, and serve require care and stewardship. Through these deferred maintenance projects, we are not simply fixing roofs, installing lights, or replacing windows—we are ensuring that our facilities reflect the excellence and hospitality of Christ.

A well-maintained, welcoming church allows us to serve more effectively, worship without distraction, and create an environment where people encounter God. By investing in these improvements, we are investing in the ministries that take place within these walls. Let us offer our best to God, ensuring that our church remains a vibrant place to worship and ministry for generations to come.

Estimated Cost: \$450,000

Expanding our Reach

These projects make up the largest area of work and include new additions to existing facilities, such as a porte-cochere near the main entrance. Rainy days impact attendance and this will allow church members and WLC students alike to enter safely. It also includes clearing the 4 acres along Pinehurst Trail south of the Life Center. We want to be good neighbors to local residents. The space is unattractive and invites unwanted activity and trespassers. The space would be largely cleared, irrigated, and turned into a Bermuda grass field, so that the children of AMC and the WLC can use it as a green space. This also opens up the possibility for our leadership team to have future conversations about utilizing this space in a way that can serve our community. Also included in this group is the creation of a Prayer Garden near the administrative wing. The garden will beautify the campus, honor past projects that held space on the newly cleared land, and will include a place of remembrance for little ones that we hold in our hearts but not in our arms. Infertility and pregnancy loss touches so many in our community and this space will stand as a visible reminder that our church is a place of compassion and care. Additionally, we are considering incorporating an indoor playground into our campus by closing in all or part of the unused courtyard area between Asbury and the Education Wing. More than just a place for play, this will be a space of hospitality —where children and families can connect, build relationships, and experience the warmth of our church family. Currently only 2 churches in the HKA area have indoor playgrounds so this would be a unique and sought after addition. Accomplishing this work will allow us to boldly carry out our mission to enrich the lives of children and families, by the very nature of our facility.

Total cost to expand our reach: \$700,000

Planning for the Future

This area is a desire to be faithful stewards of all God gives us and set AMC up for financial success in the long term. Just as we invest in our ministries and facilities, we must also invest in our long-term financial health, ensuring that AMC is positioned to serve God's Kingdom for generations to come. We still carry some debt from the building of Wesley Sanctuary and our liquidity remains marginally adequate. Due to the seasonal nature of our income, cash reserves are essential to operations. Paying off the loan of \$200,000 and establishing an operating reserve of \$100,000 allows us to focus all our efforts and resources on the building of God's Kingdom. Financial resilience is not just about numbers; it's about positioning our church to faithfully and freely follow where God leads.

Total Cost to plan for the future: \$300,000

Preserving God's House

Stewardship is about more than maintaining buildings—it's about ensuring that our church remains a place of safety, stability, and unwavering ministry. This project area focuses on campus and facility upgrades that will make our facility even more effective at serving God's Kingdom and the children and families of our community. The projects include a natural gas fired generator that can run the entire Life Center. This will allow the WLC to operate without disruption, no matter the circumstances. More than that, it strengthens our role as a safe haven for the community during hurricanes and other natural disasters, allowing us to offer support when it's needed most. Proactively replacing eight large HVAC units isn't just about comfort—it's about responsibility. Our maintenance schedule anticipates the need to replace these units in the very near future. By upgrading these systems before failure, we avoid costly emergency repairs, reduce energy consumption, and ensure a reliable, climate-controlled environment for the children and families who rely on our ministries. Security and infrastructure improvements are also a priority. A complete overhaul of our magnetic lock system will enhance campus security, ensuring that children, staff, and visitors are protected. Two total-building surge protectors will shield our facility from electrical damage, safeguarding the technology and equipment that support our ministries. Additionally, a WiFi structure upgrade will strengthen our digital capabilities, improving both security and connectivity for our congregation. By making these strategic improvements, we are protecting the resources God has entrusted to us, ensuring uninterrupted ministry, and creating a safer, more secure environment for the next generation.

These are not just facility upgrades—they are commitments to the safety, sustainability, and mission of our church.

Total cost for preserving God's house: \$350,000

Total to accomplish all of these projects is about \$1,800,000.

Accomplishing all of this will leave us debt-free, with a healthy operating reserve and facilities that are beautiful, efficient, and a clear reflection of our mission to the children and families of our community. As we step into this exciting new chapter, we do so with gratitude for God's faithfulness and in anticipation for all that He will continue to do through Atascocita Methodist Church. The time is now to move forward boldly in God's mission. The time is now to become the church He is calling us to be.



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