Building project

In faith, we seek to build an accessible space for worship and ministry for God's glory.

GILMOUR MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

To the glory of God since 1838

We praise God that an overwhelming majority of the active membership at Gilmour voted on November 24th, 2022 in support of this motion: "to move forward in faith and build a new place of worship and ministry based on an approximate footprint of 6000 square feet, at an estimated cost of 3 million dollars, with no construction to commence until 80% of the cost is raised."

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A MESSAGE FROM **OUR PASTOR**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

My name is Ben Denhoed, and with the tremendous support of my wife, kids, and congregation, I have had the joy of serving as Gilmour's lead pastor since October 2009.

We moved here without children, and by God's grace, we now have four, all born here in Peterborough.

For more than 185 years, followers of Christ at Gilmour Memorial have been making disciples in the Peterborough area. We praise God and give Him all the glory for the lives and generations that have encountered Jesus and embraced the message of the Bible through the faithful witness of His church. And until Christ returns, this mission will continue.

Acts 20:24 (NIV)

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Since our founding in 1838, the space at Gilmour has changed to meet the needs of the congregation. Faithful men and women have given generously and worked diligently to build, rebuild, and expand our facilities, all on our original Chemong Road location.

Now, we find ourselves at an exciting crossroads of opportunity, and we would like to invite you to join us.

Our need for a larger, fully accessible church space has been a matter of prayer and planning for many years. By God's provision, the necessary land was purchased and paid for in 2018, and a Building Fund was launched. We believe God has given us a vision for a new church that will cost approximately $3 million to build. Thanks be to God, as of the March 2026, He has provided approximately $2 million through generous and willing hearts.

As a church family, we are excited to carry forward the legacy of faith and witness passed down by those who have gone before us, all for Jesus and the glory of His name.

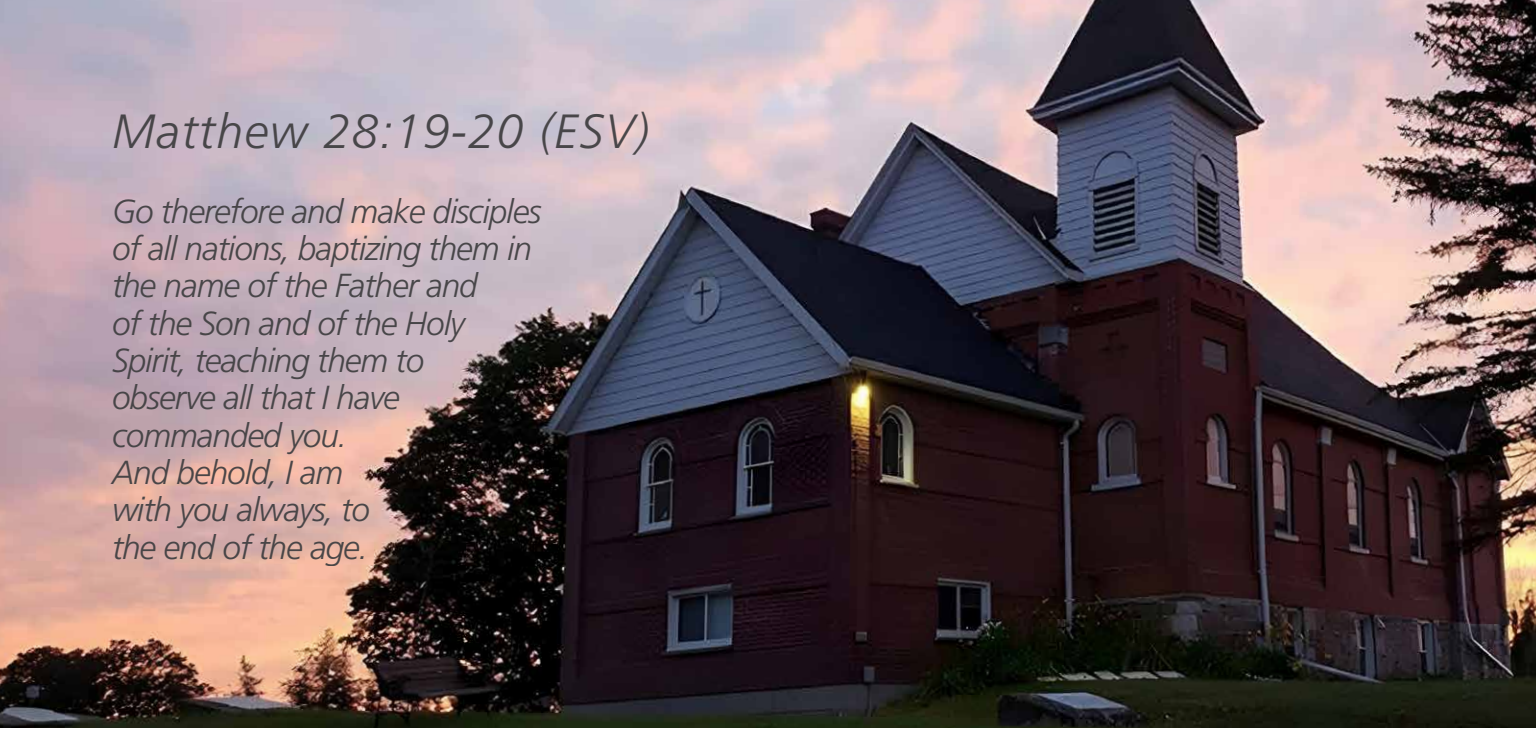
As you read these pages and consider the vision before us, we ask that you would prayerfully consider how you might take part in this opportunity to see God's Kingdom advance in the Kawarthas. We are praying that God will provide all that is needed so that we can build and remain mortgage free.

This will allow us to stay focused on our mission of making disciples and sharing the good news of Jesus with a community that deeply needs Him.

Thank you, and may God bless you.
~ Pastor Ben Denhoed

Proverbs 16:3 (ESV)

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.



Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

OUR CURRENT **CHURCH BUILDING**

Since 1838 years followers of Jesus have been meeting at our location on Chemong Road to worship God. And as the early church devoted themselves to biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42), we strive to do the same to the glory of God. We praise God that while the community is growing around us, we are growing at Gilmour too!

Our 135-year-old building has served the congregation well, but it has significant accessibility issues that must be addressed. In prayerful consideration of this need, and because of our love for God and His work, we are moving forward in faith with a vision to build a place of worship and ministry that is barrier-free!

WHEN WILL **WE BUILD?**

We are ready to move forward and build as soon as possible to meet a clear and urgent need for an accessible space for worship and ministry.

Because we are committed to a small mortgage, we are in a focused season of fundraising. Our goal is to have a shovel in the ground by summer 2026, and to do that we must raise 80% of the funds needed to begin.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with the Lord and with us by giving to the Building Fund? Your gift will help turn this vision into a reality.

We at Gilmour Memorial are excited about what God is doing in and through His people. The gospel is advancing and there is a community around us that needs Jesus. Since 1838, we have been making disciples and will continue until Christ returns.

This building is a step of faith and a tool for ministry. Our prayer is that God will be glorified through the realization of this building project.

In this brochure, you will find more information. We pray that God will stir your heart to join us in this Kingdom work with bold generosity.

NEW BUILD RENDERS: NORTH ELEVATION

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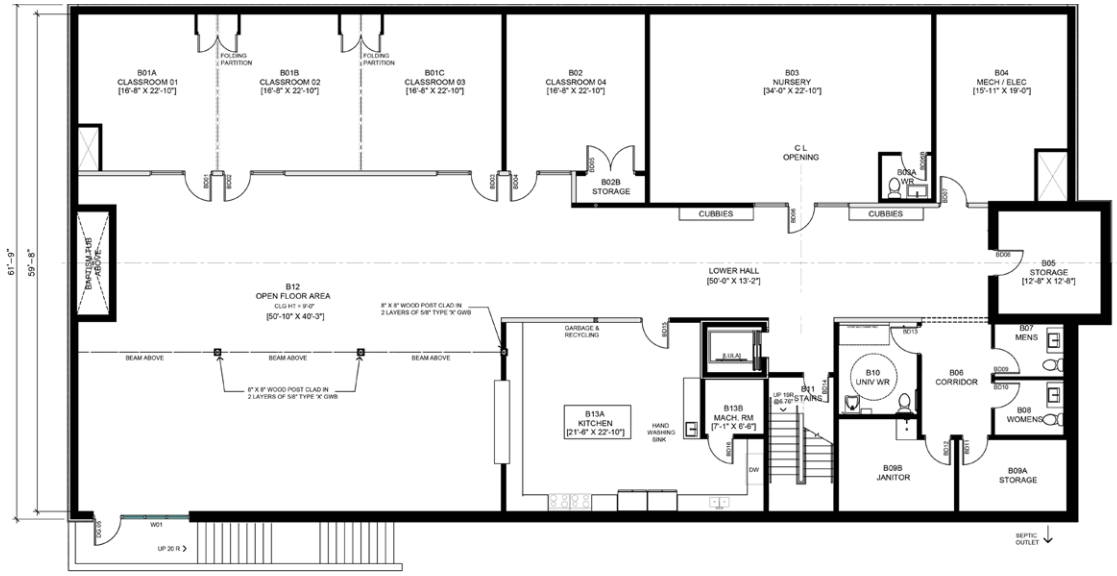
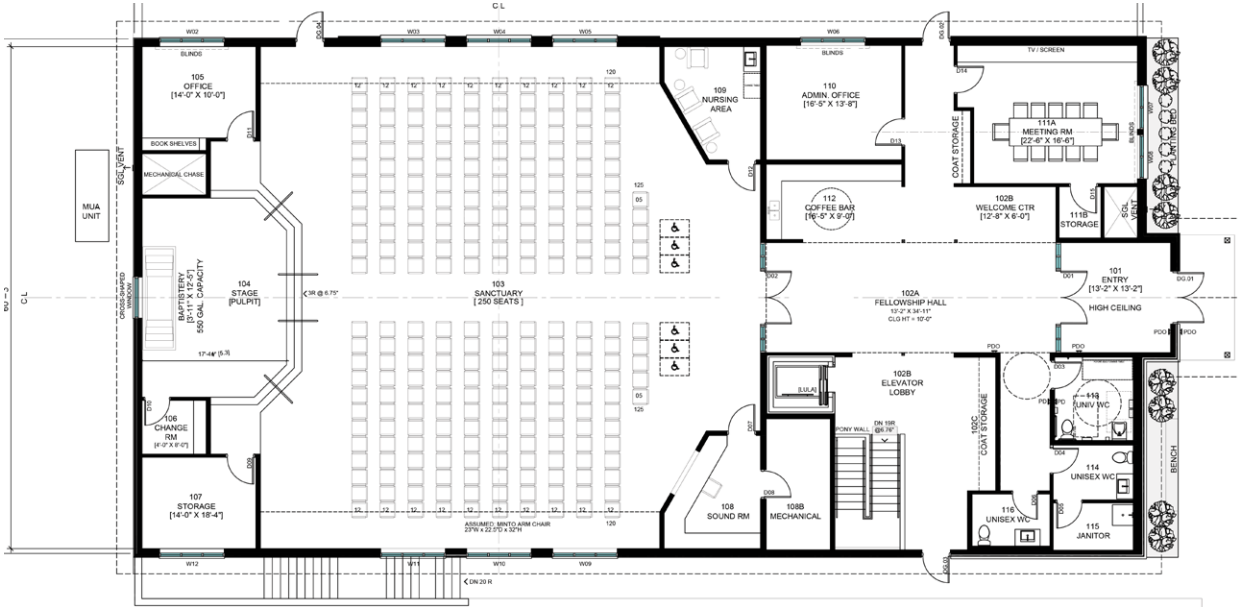
NEW BUILD DRAWINGS: BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



NEW BUILD DRAWINGS: GROUND FLOOR PLAN



GOD WORKING **THROUGH US**

At Gilmour Church, we love to see lost people saved, saved people matured, and mature people multiplied.

MAKING DISCIPLES

- Men's Bible Fellowship
- Ladies Bible Study
- Prayer Meeting for Gospel Advance & Missionaries
- Small Groups
- Christianity Explored
- Mid-Week Connection

WEEKLY WORSHIP

- Worship Teams
- AV Team
- Sunday School Teachers & Nursery Volunteers
- Greeters
- Outdoor Worship
- Decorating

Gilmour drew me in as I drove by the church during the covid shutdowns and saw the services outside, still complying with law yet carrying on... I saw a church that was thoroughly committed to the Great Commission of spreading the Gospel, even during those adverse times. I love this family of God because as we embark on more adversity, I know the Church will stand committed and firm in Truth.

I am a part of Gilmour because we are Bible believing, and strong for Truth, a church of velvet and steel.

Our Church is always busy and active with many programs for all age groups, we are a family of following and loving Jesus, growing in The Word, loving each other, loving our neighbors, and giving.

The generational love of Jesus, to watch all age groups embrace God, from the youngest to the oldest.

~ Scott Eccles

MISSION PARTNERS:

Canadian Baptist Ministries, Refugee Sponsorship, Hope Valley Day Camp, Life FM, Brock Mission/Cameron House, Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services, Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, Benevolent Gifts, Good Neighbour Care Centre, Navigators, Frends Peterborough, Youth for Christ, and many more!

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized byone Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

I started coming to Gilmour Baptist in 1970 when I started dating Wayne, whose family was raised at Gilmour. Later I was baptized and the same minister,
Rev. Don Corbett, married Wayne and I in 1973.

I became involved with many activities within the church. I always found the people so friendly and inviting.

Through the years I have learned to read my Bible more and rely on prayer for all situations through my life.

~ Marg Telford

We first came to Gilmour by attending a church service on Mother's Day to see what it was like. Afterwards we had attended a church picnic that everyone was welcome to attend. At this picnic we were able to meet several people of the congregation, to which all were very welcoming and very interested in speaking with us. We also were able to meet Pastor Ben and talk with him about personal things we were dealing with at that time, and the struggles we were having to overcome.

Pastor Ben is a very compassionate man who really wants to hear about how you are doing. The fact that everyone was so friendly and easy to talk to, made things feel very comfortable and welcoming. We noticed, after attending for a few weeks, of how much Gilmour is a true "Bible-based" church, and are true to the word of God in their faith, and every service or event. This, we feel, is a very important aspect in a church.

We loved the old country church environment, and the uplifting worship services so much, that we stayed at Gilmour. We later became members, and are very involved in serving at Gilmour, sharing our God-given talents to serve our Lord and Savior through various committees, volunteering, and just helping out where we can.

It is a true blessing to be part of such a wonderful church and be able to worship with such a wonderful variety of fellow Christians each week.

~ Mike & Adale Weddell

JOIN US IN THIS **STEP OF FAITH**

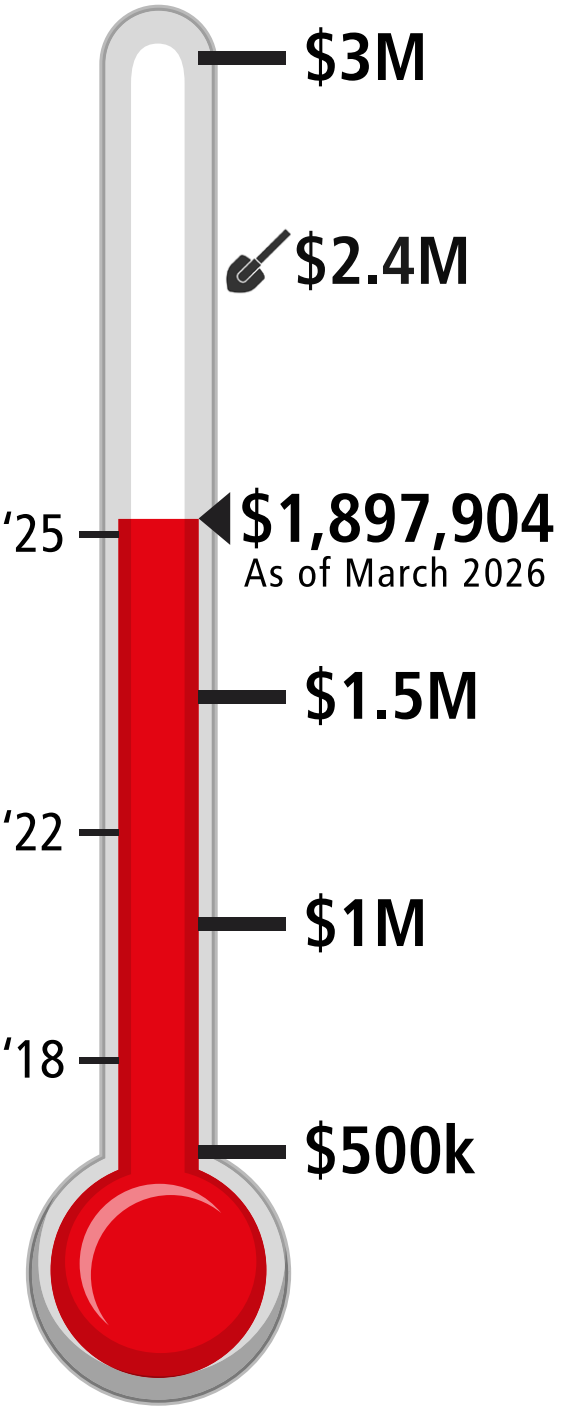
God has faithfully brought us this far, and we are close to breaking ground. Our prayer is to reach our goal of $2.4 million in 2026 so we can begin construction.

We are **63%** of the way there! All glory to Christ!

We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this step of faith through your generosity.

Philippians 4:17 (NIV)

Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account.



If God is stirring your heart to be part of this work, we invite you to respond in faith through giving. Please contact our office at **705.745.7023** or **office@gilmourchurch.ca**.

We would be glad to speak with you.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS

From The Church Family at Gilmour

Do you want to grow in your faith and walk with the Lord? Join us on Sunday mornings, learn about our groups, and let's get connected. We want to help you grow in Christ.

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