

CHEYENNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Why move to a new location?

We believe this is a strategic move that helps us achieve our mission of making authentic disciples of Jesus who live for the glory of God and the good of our world. We desire to be a visible, lasting presence for Jesus in our city. Cheyenne is located on the vibrant corner of Kelly and Covell, next to Mitch Park. This is a strategic location for our gospel outpost. The area has experienced a lot of new growth over the past few years and continues to develop as a popular hub for shopping, dining, exercise, and local business. Many neighborhoods are in walking distance of the school. The intersection will be an easy-to-find location.

Why now?

We reached our capacity at our current location. Based on projections, our capacity at John Ross was 410 people in the building. We had 404 attend this past Easter. At Cheyenne, our capacity would increase to 724. Parking, which is often a limiting factor, would increase from 162 spots to 293. This gives us room to invite our friends, neighbors, classmates, and co-workers to experience Redemption.

Benefits and Highlights:

- Easy-to-find location
- The traffic and shopping hubs along Covell and Kelly increases our visibility
- A new location reaches a new group of people who notice you for the first time
- Almost double the capacity
- Cheyenne has a bigger common area that provides easy access to all ministries
- A more open and inviting space for hospitality and connecting
- Ongoing opportunities to partner with the school and be a blessing to our community

When will we begin gathering at Cheyenne?

We will move the weekend of July 8th. On Saturday, July 8th, the entire church is invited to a Move Party at Cheyenne. We will tour the school, pray for our move, and set up the new space for the first time.

Volunteers will have an opportunity to connect with serve teams and be trained in our new space. On Sunday, July 9th, we will host our first worship gathering at Cheyenne!

Where are the new opportunities to serve?

With this move, we will need everyone to fill a rotation on serve teams. One of the things we love most about Redemption is that everyone has a role to play. This move creates opportunities to serve in every area: worship, hospitality, kids, parking, and mobile. We have great leaders to help you find your place and show you the ropes of your ministry area.

Is there a limit to how long can we be in a school?

No. We spoke with the school district, and there is not a time limit on how long we can meet in a school, so long as we serve them well and maintain healthy relationships, which we are committed to doing.

Do we anticipate any added costs?

As far as our contract with the school goes, nothing should change. Our rooms at Cheyenne cost the same as the rooms at John Ross. If there is a slight increase, it would be in the cleaning fees, but we will not know

until we are in the space. If we add classrooms or spaces, those costs would be additional. We also asked about cost increases, and we were told not to expect any raise in our rental rate for at least the next 12 months.

What will the new space be like?

We are excited to invite people to see Redemption Church at Cheyenne Middle School. Just as elementary students grow up and move on to middle school, our church has grown and is ready for a new season of learning as followers of Christ. This space feels more grown up.

Worship Gatherings

Our worship gatherings will feel familiar, but we now have room to grow. The new space is much larger and has the ability to expand to more than 700 seats (about double the size of our current space). In the future, we will make some improvements as we have the finances to invest in our vision (a new projector and screen, more space for musicians, etc.)

Redemption Kids

In Redemption Kids, the process for parent drop off and pick up will be similar to our current process. All areas will have controlled access to ensure the safety of children and volunteers. The Nursery, Toddlers and Preschool classes will meet in classrooms similar to our current setup. The Elementary age group will meet in a larger cafeteria that has a stage, lighting and a sound system for large group gatherings, as well as plenty of space for small group connection.

Redemption Student Ministry

RSM will move into the *cafetorium*, a large space with a stage equipped with sound and lighting. This will offer lots of room for this ministry to grow, and give them a space to laugh, play and to connect with friends.

Hospitality

The common area (lobby) at Cheyenne is larger and more open than our current space. There we can create an inviting space, especially as we grow and need more room to connect. We will add some signage (as finances are available) to offer clear direction for our guests.

Why not purchase land and build a building instead?

That's a question we get a lot! First, the church is a people called together by God, not a building. A building will not make us more of a church than we are now. While the church is never a building, we do recognize that having our own space would offer some advantages, so we will continually seek the Lord's provision and direction for us. Even if someone handed the church a check to purchase land and build a building (feel free to do so if God leads you), it would take time before we could accomplish that task. Realistically, we need to grow before we are ready to make that move. We are confident that we can thrive as a church at Cheyenne for the foreseeable future, and we are excited about all that God has in store for us there.

Who has had input in the process?

We sought input from ministry team leaders in their specific areas. We have had a lot of eyes on the new space. Our new friends at Cheyenne have already commented on the number of our people who have shown up, taken notes, asked great questions, and owned their area as we plan for the move. We are thankful that our church is filled with awesome servants!