

**LEGACY PROJECT:  
CREATE A MULTIPURPOSE AREA  
FOR ALL TO ENJOY!**

**Culdee Presbyterian Church Youth, LEGACY**

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## **WHY DO WE NEED A MULTIPURPOSE AREA?**

Currently, the only outdoor recreational space at Culdee Presbyterian Church is a basketball goal in the parking lot, which does not offer a safe place for us to play, and the swings and playground equipment behind the sanctuary.

We want to create an outdoor space that can be enjoyed by all church members and visitors, to learn, play, and fellowship

## **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS?**

In the United States, youth ages 8-12 spend an average of 6 hours per day in front of a television, phone, iPad, computer, or other device.

U.S. teenagers spend up to NINE hours per day in front of a screen!!

Research shows that youth who spend more time outdoors have better health and social functioning, are able to build confidence and creativity, and being outdoors stimulates more senses than playing video games.

We want to create an outdoor space that encourages youth to spend more time in nature AND at church!

## **WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE CREATING?**

Our vision is to create a multipurpose area behind the sanctuary with a half-court basketball court, picnic tables, and a shelter. The swings and playground equipment would not be moved.

## **WHAT HAS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR VISION A REALITY?**

After consulting with a professional, we learned that the best option would be the following steps:

Clean out and demolish the old storage building behind the sanctuary.

Remove the pine tree and dogwood tree near the power pole.

Excavate the area for the basketball court and install a new retaining wall.

Install a 50' x 60' concrete pad with basketball goal.

Install fencing around the air conditioning units to protect them.

Landscape the area and add picnic tables and a shelter.

To clarify, the hill that currently has the storage building on it will be made into three tiers. The bottom tier closest to the church building will be the basketball court. You will walk up a few steps in the three-foot retaining wall onto the second tier that will be a landscaped garden area with benches. You will then walk up a few steps onto the third tier that will be the picnic table/shelter area.

## **DETAILS**

Most of the wooden furniture in the storage building has been exposed to moisture. These items are most likely no longer usable and can be taken to the landfill. Bouldin Landscaping will donate the use of a dump truck to haul the items to the landfill and pay for the fees. We can assist in removing and leading the items.

Boulding Landscaping can demolish the storage building and haul the debris away for free. They will also remove the pine tree, dogwood tree, and prepare the site for the basketball court and picnic table area.

## COSTS

The retaining wall material will cost \$15 per square foot and can be installed by supervised volunteers. The square feet will depend on the design. For example, two walls, three feet high and 100 feet long (600 square feet) is \$9000.00

A 50' x 60' pad, 4" thick is 3000 square feet 40 yards x \$130 per yard  
.....\$7200.00

Total cost = \$16,200.00

Landscaping can be completed by youth and volunteers.

**ATER PRESENTING TO THE SESSION, WE WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE THE  
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.....**

**How will use of the basketball court by the congregation be managed?**

We plan to put a calendar beside our bulletin board in the hallway of the fellowship hall for members of the congregation to sign up for times that they would like to use the multipurpose area.



## **What does law enforcement say about incidents occurring at churches who have basketball courts?**

We interviewed law enforcement officers from three local agencies.

They reported that sometimes there are incidents of trespassing at churches, but not specifically churches with basketball courts. There is a basketball court at Bethesda that may be used until 10 p.m. which adheres to the Aberdeen town noise ordinance.

**What do other churches, who have basketball courts, say about their experience?**

Other churches reported having positive experiences and believe that the basketball court is a great place for youth to play and fellowship.

**How do we see this as a form of outreach?**

**What activities do we see happening that might draw youth and their families to Culdee?**

We envision not only church members and youth group gathering for Sunday School and Bible study lessons, but also church members hosting family reunions, birthday parties, or a picnic after church in the beautiful space. We would also like to invite others to scheduled community events that we host in hopes of sharing GOD's love and fellowship with them.

**We enjoyed learning the process of requesting a new project at our church. We are thankful that the leadership of Culdee has embraced our vision and showed us that our voices are important here.**

**Thank you for letting us share this project with you; we ask for your support going forward! We will be sharing with you some fundraising opportunities soon as well as other ways that you might like to help. We ask that you pray for LEGACY and that this project will be a tool that GOD will use to help share and spread HIS love!**