

Frequently Asked Questions

How is the FORWARD FAITH campaign connected to my current giving? FORWARD FAITH is an “over and above” commitment. This means we are challenging 100% of the people who attend The Jar to give “over and above” their normal giving. This will be an opportunity to trust God and give sacrificially.

What if I’ve never given to The Jar before? If you have never made a financial gift to The Jar, FORWARD FAITH is a great way to start. We know this is a big step and will require faith. We are here to pray and help you in any way we can.

How long is my commitment? FORWARD FAITH is a 6-month campaign beginning in July 2018 and ending in December 2018. You’re welcome to give weekly, monthly, yearly or a one-time gift. Again, this contribution is “above and beyond” your current offering.

How will my FORWARD FAITH contribution be used? Here is a partial list of how your investment will be used: Cribs, Toys, TVs, DVD Players, Speakers, Audio/Visual Carts, Changing Tables, Area Rugs, Storage, Mobile Storage Cabinets, Office Parking Lot Repair, Indoor Signage, NEW Space Signage, Advertising, Marketing, Baby Gates, Rocking Chairs, Child Tables, Child Chairs, Supplies, etc.

Is the goal to raise the entire amount or will we take out a loan? Any shortfall will come out of savings and not from financing. As well, it will not come out of the Future Facility fund.

Will there be any construction? The only “construction” will be for the Office Parking Lot Repair.

I am NEW to The Jar, what is happening? The Jar has met at the Downtown Y since 2004. As good as the Y has been to us, the leadership of The Jar knows this is not viable long term. After much prayer and searching, we believe God wants us to grow and this is another step to expand His kingdom. As well, we want to formally thank ALL the volunteers for over 14 years of setup and teardown.

Where is the Muncie Civic Theatre located? The Civic is located at 216 East Main Street, five (5) blocks north of the Downtown Y. This is a historic building, built in 1880, which has been a community theatre since 1931.

I’m not familiar with the Muncie Civic Theatre, what can you tell me? The Civic is finishing up a \$2.8 million remodel! Some of the improvements are: new chairs, floors, elevator installation, 2nd floor restrooms, new HVAC, (our) rental spaces, etc.

What type of access does The Jar have to The Civic? Yes, during our normal Church hours (7a-1p) we have access to a majority of the building.

Will the Jar have access during the week? Yes, our lease includes 1st and 2nd floor space to be used as we see fit throughout the week.

I thought our next location would be 100% ours? Leadership has consistently heard God's word to stay in downtown Muncie. This is reflected in the purchase of our Ministry Center over a year ago and its impact. However, not having to setup/teardown will be invigorating to those who've performed this task, for many years. This allows us to move into a newly renovated \$2.8 million facility!

Where will we park? We will park in the same spaces used by The Civic for plays and productions.

How many seats are in the theatre? There are 400 brand new stadium seats...with cup holders!

Is there space for JarKids? Yes, JarKids will take place on the 2nd floor, like the Downtown Y. We have access to 2nd floor space of over 3000 sq. ft. Including our dedicated 2nd floor space.

How do we access the 2nd floor space? Did we mention there is an elevator?!?!?! As well, there are three (3) separate staircases.

Will there be space for the Sunday middle school experience? Yes.

What about space for small groups? Yes. We have adequate space on Sunday and throughout the week.

Will there still be coffee and donuts? You know it! We look to recreate the experience here in a new place.

What about Celebrate Recovery and Impact? Celebrate Recovery will not move to The Civic. CR and Impact Leadership Teams are determining the best locations to serve each ministry. We'll communicate once decided.

Is The Civic more expensive to rent than the downtown Y? Yes. However, Leadership has determined there are ample funds to cover additional overhead.

Did we look at other spaces? Yes. Elders, Trustees and Staff investigated multiple properties. Leadership still felt called to remain downtown.

What about baptisms? Another great point as most churches don't have an Olympic sized pool. We'll continue to provide baptisms just like we have done for 100's and pray for 100's more.

When will we be moving? We're glad you are as excited as we are! Our target is this fall, somewhere between late October and early November.

What if I have other questions? We will continue to be transparent. Please, send your question to forwardfaith@thejar.org.

What is our goal for the Forward Faith campaign? Our goal is to raise \$50,000.