

**APPEAL #493**

**SAFETY HARBOR COVENANT CHURCH**  
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## Safety Harbor Covenant Church

Founded in 1922, our church has been defined by missions and prayer since the very beginning. In 2010, after a couple years of seeking a denomination that more closely fit with our theology, we chose to leave our buildings and property and join the Covenant.

Our town of 17,000 is known for its athletic programs, musicians, artists, and spa built over a natural mineral spring. Large churches sit on the perimeter of the city, yet we believe God calls us to be in the city, investing in the people who live here.

Our vision is to reach for a more intimate relationship with the Father, and to reach out to those around us (Reach Up and Reach Out). Prayer and the word of God guide us as we gather in small groups, prioritizing the broken and lost. We want to make a difference in the lives of real people in real places.

This property was well-designed for ministry. The space is flexible and compact while offering multiple possibilities. It is within walking distance of the library, elementary school, and middle school. The commercial kitchen is being used by the seller to feed 300 in a tent city twice a month. They will continue that ministry and we will join them. We will also continue our ministry to women who are single parents as well as to those who lack resources.

Deuteronomy 1:31b describes our journey: "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." We know that God has provided this place for his purposes. We thank him for the opportunity to do his will.



### Prayer Requests:

That God will open doors to our community, showing us how to help meet their needs.

For our congregation to encompass diversity.

For wisdom as we minister to people in brokenness.

# Kingdom Report: Living Hope Covenant Church, Colorado Springs, CO

**APPEALS #481 —FUNDS RAISED TO DATE: \$16,562**



With great excitement, Living Hope Covenant Church in Colorado Springs has completed its remodeling work. Having added a parking lot and a new entrance, relocated our offices and expanded our worship area, we have removed barriers to growth that we were experiencing in our previous charming but limited facility. With Kingdom Builders funds we were able to upgrade our sound, video, and projection system. Now we can make sermons available on our website in both audio and video formats. We have also added a new welcome center and started an aggressive form of follow-up based on recommendations in the book *Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church*, by Nelson Searcy. Living Hope is now far more visitor friendly. First-time guests can check out our services on the web before they visit. Once they come, they find ample parking, easy access, and plenty of seating in our worship area. They are greeted by a host with a warm beverage and receive a gift in appreciation for their coming. Thank you to all the Kingdom Builders who helped make it possible.

With the remodeling of our worship area complete, we have grown into our space quite well. Our full-time associate pastor has been on board for three years. We have started a follow-up program for new attendees and have welcomed several new couples and singles. On Easter Sunday this year, we were excited that most of our chairs were full and we recognized that we need to have an overflow seating plan in the future. We are excited about offering an Alpha course as well as an Art of Marriage weekend this spring. To facilitate our growth we have put together a strategic planning committee that is working under the direction of our consultant Brent Thompson from the Midwest Conference. Thank you to all who made our remodel and the hiring of an associate pastor possible.

## Kingdom Builders: Helping build God's kingdom since 1952

### **What is Kingdom Builders?**

Kingdom Builders, formerly Frontier Friends, is a ministry of Church Growth and Evangelism that provides grants to churches purchasing property or building a facility.

### **Who are Kingdom Builders?**

Kingdom Builders are committed Covenanters who want to help build God's kingdom through prayer and the sharing of their resources.

### **How does the program work?**

Members receive a number of appeals per year, with information about the church seeking support, an update on a past project, and prayer requests. Members set their own giving levels, with the most

common gift ranging between \$1 to \$100 per appeal and member.

**How do I join?** If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Kingdom Builders, or would like more information about donation options, please contact the Kingdom Builders coordinator at [kingdom.builders@covchurch.org](mailto:kingdom.builders@covchurch.org), or by phone at (773) 907-3355, or by mail to the address below.

### **How can I give to Kingdom Builders?**

It is important to us that you are able to give to Kingdom Builders in the manner most convenient for you. To that end, we offer the following giving options: 1) by appeal; 2) monthly; 3) quarterly; 4) annually. We also accept electronic transfer of

funds. If you would like to change your donation plan or open an electronic transfer of funds, please call (773) 907-3355 or email [kingdom.builders@covchurch.org](mailto:kingdom.builders@covchurch.org).

**Moving?** Please update us with your new address by using the enclosed card, or by calling (773) 907-3355, or emailing [kingdom.builders@covchurch.org](mailto:kingdom.builders@covchurch.org). If you leave a voicemail message we ask that you spell your full name, and provide us with both your old and new addresses. Thank you!

### **Questions? Comments?**

More information is available at the Covenant website. Visit [CovChurch.org](http://CovChurch.org), and click on the Kingdom Builders link.