

Celebrating a Loan Completion

Q&A With Foothill Community Church



How did the funds received from the Free Methodist Investment & Loan Fund help to further the mission of your organization?

We navigated the changing use of our incredible facility, from initial sanctuary construction in the early 1980s to a large addition to move our Light & Life K-6 school on the same campus, through a couple of restructures as we navigated pastoral changes and school decline, to ultimately having to close the school 10 years ago and transition the facilities to multiple other ministry uses.

To finally have paid this loan off is a wonderful accomplishment for our congregation and a true "Praise the Lord" moment! Looking back at the changing opportunities and challenges, it is hard to imagine a better financial partner for us than the FMF.



Location:
Foothill Community Church

Purpose:
Ministry Transition

As a result, how is the ministry more effective today?

In spite of the recent pandemic and challenges as we emerge from it, we are in a better financial position than we have been in a very long time. We have an incredible facility that is paid off, and it is in demand by a number of church and related ministries and is being used nearly 24/7. We have more opportunities now to be strategic with the resources we have, while being aware of

the stewardship we still need to maintain with our facilities and their ongoing care.

What is the difference that has been made in the lives of individuals?

We desire to reach the growing and diverse communities that surround us. These facilities provide us with greater avenues to explore how we serve and reach our surrounding community, and with whom we may be able to partner to help us do that better.

Having the FMF as a partner for a local church can truly help smooth out the ups and downs of shortfall and surplus – of challenge and opportunities.