



The reimagined future of the First Baptist Church of Venice



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Community Corp., Original Save Venice, and Hoopbus have created a collaboration as mission-oriented, community advocates and partners that want to restore the First Baptist Church of Venice for the Oakwood neighborhood of Venice.

Mission:

Our mission is to restore the dilapidated, vacant First Baptist Church of Venice into a community beacon of light for the Oakwood community. We want to honor the church's special history, be a connection point for the Oakwood neighborhood, and bring life to the vacant property for the good of the community.

Vision:

The restored First Baptist Church will celebrate the cultural, spiritual and community history of the church, as well as bringing community together to connect in meaningful ways. The restored church will have multipurpose space for a variety of community, spiritual, and cultural groups to spend time together, as well as classrooms for educational opportunities.

Values:

Our shared values are:

- Honoring the First Baptist Church as a sacred, spiritual place
- Providing opportunity to learn about the history of the church and Oakwood
- Providing a place to experience joy in community
- Restoring the structure in a way that is historically and culturally sensitive, and with modern, environmentally sustainable principles
- We value honesty, integrity, and collaboration. If we make a mistake, we own it and move forward in a collaborative way.

How you can help:

The renovation of the Church for the cultural/community center will cost approximately \$8 million. We would like to invite you to be part of this generational opportunity to create positive change that will last for many decades to come. There are opportunities to provide activities on the parking lots while we await construction start that will bring community together, along with raising awareness and funding for the church renovation. There are many volunteer opportunities. There are naming opportunities for grants and philanthropic gifts. To learn more, please contact Tara Barauskas, Executive Director at Community Corp, tbarauskas@communitycorp.org.