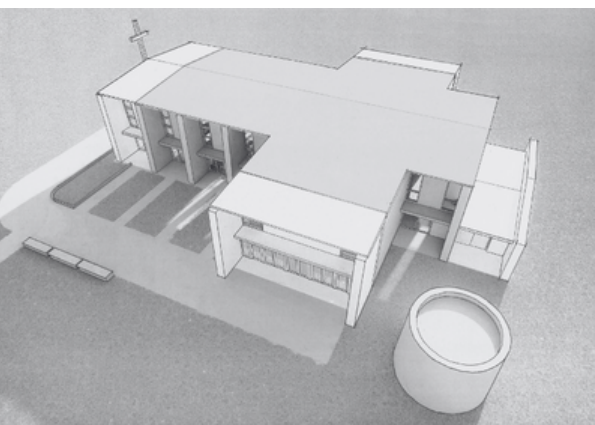
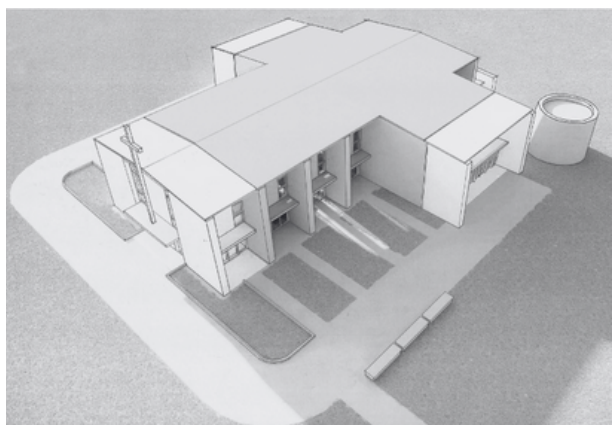




St. Stephen's
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

The Campaign for St. Stephen's **CHAPEL EXPANSION & RENOVATION**



PRESERVING HISTORY WHILE WELCOMING ALL

The Episcopal Church embraces a legacy of inclusion—the very same legacy that Bishop Hines intended for this school on a hill—but inclusivity is not possible without improvements to the current Chapel space.

Gathering for daily chapel is a vital part of St. Stephen's community life. Currently, we cannot gather as a full school community in the Chapel; the Chapel's capacity is 430, but over 700 students are enrolled in the school. Even just the Upper School—500 students plus adults—cannot fit in the space for daily services. As a result of these space limitations, attendees for Upper School services and special ceremonies must sit or stand outside and observe what is happening at the altar from afar.

In spring 2018, St. Stephen's retained historic preservation architects Volz & Associates to propose Chapel expansion possibilities. Volz & Associates specializes in the revitalization of historic buildings, improving functionality without compromising the integrity of the building. The proposed expansion includes adding 3,800 square feet to the transepts, narthex, sacristy, and balcony—allowing for a total capacity of 750—and reconfiguring access from the nave to the narthex through a central entranceway for enhanced accessibility.

The estimated cost of the Chapel expansion and renovation is \$5 million. With abundant gratitude to the Episcopal Foundation of Texas for their pledged support of \$1 million, St. Stephen's seeks additional gifts to the Chapel expansion project to ensure our community's ability to welcome all to God's table.





ST. STEPHEN'S CHAPEL PROGRAMMING

DAILY CHAPEL SERVICES

For nearly 75 years, St. Stephen's Chapel has been the primary gathering space where the Spartan community comes together to pause, worship, and learn about God and one another. During a daily chapel service, a student may share a personal reflection, offer a musical performance, or invite the community to know them in a more personal way. The sacred time in and space of the Chapel fosters this connection within our community.



CHRISTIAN ETHICS SPEAKER SERIES

In April 2024, St. Stephen's welcomed the Reverend Becca Stevens as the inaugural keynote speaker for the Dr. Ralph G. and Virginia Gallaher Maurer '64 Endowment for the Advancement of Christian Ethics. We are grateful for the generosity of Ginny Maurer '64, who established this gift in honor of her first husband, Ralph. Ginny credits her time at St. Stephen's as foundational in her academic and spiritual development, and hopes that the series will help foster opportunities for the St. Stephen's community to explore and discuss ethics in an engaging and meaningful way.



SPARTAN SENIOR OFFERINGS

Toward the end of their time at St. Stephen's, each member of the senior class is invited to offer a ceremonial gift to the community during chapel as a way of showing gratitude, sharing lessons learned, or imparting advice. Offerings can take the form of a chapel talk, a musical or dance offering, or a video—all coming from the heart. For example, Anna Guan '24 presented her photography, including "Holy Ground," a long exposure snapshot of the Chapel at night.



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

The Chapel has been the setting for many memorable moments, including the walk down its aisle during commencement ceremonies. Each spring, graduates are honored in the Chapel as they receive their St. Stephen's diplomas in front of family and friends. The tradition is a hallmark of the St. Stephen's experience, celebrating the culmination of years of hard work and looking forward to future successes.



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Dear St. Stephen's Family,

As the children of Bishop John E. Hines, who founded our school in 1950, we write to you with hearts full of gratitude for the past and hope for the future.

Nearly 75 years ago, our father dared to dream of a school that would not only educate minds but nurture souls—a place where faith, knowledge, and fellowship intertwine. St. Stephen's Chapel, consecrated in 1953, stands as a testament to this vision—a sacred space where we gather to learn about God and about one another, to seek understanding, and to honor the divine within us all.

Yet, as we stand on the cusp of our 75th anniversary, we recognize that our Chapel is in need of renovation. With over 700 students enrolled, the current Chapel capacity of 430 falls short, leaving many unable to fully participate in the rich tapestry of worship and reflection. The Episcopal Church invites and welcomes all to participate in the service and liturgy. Our Chapel is the heart of that call to inclusion and belonging, yet the current space is an obstacle to that invitation.

As St. Stephen's embarks upon its most ambitious comprehensive campaign in concert with its 75th anniversary, one of the top capital priorities is the expansion and renovation of the Chapel in a manner that preserves the aesthetic, materials, and feel of the current space while making the space accommodating for current and future Spartans. We strive to raise \$5 million for this Chapel project. We are grateful to the Episcopal Foundation of Texas for its early and generous support of the project with a gift of \$1 million.

In the spirit of our father's legacy, we pray you will join us on this endeavor to strengthen the St. Stephen's experience for current and future Spartans. Members of the St. Stephen's advancement team will be reaching out to alumni to discuss this vital project, and we hope you will answer their call. You may also reach out to Director of Advancement April Speck-Ewer (aspectewer@sstx.org, 512-327-1213 x 118) to learn more.

Together, we have the power to support the formation of young people and shape the future of St. Stephen's—to create a space where every Spartan feels valued, welcomed, and empowered.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Dr. Michael (Mike) Hines '54

Nancy Hines Smith '56

The Rev. Chris Hines '58

The Rev. John (Mo) Hines '63

The Rev. John Stephen (Tito) Hines '67