THAT WASHES ALL MY STAINS

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ONE CHU RCH THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

# **KEY DATES**

#### **NEXT IS NOW SERIES**

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 29TH

#### **COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 29TH

#### **FIRST GIVE SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 19TH** 

#### **ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION**

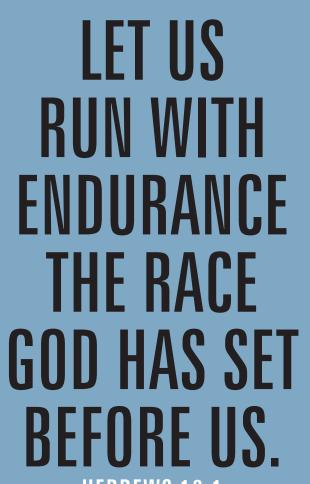
**NOVEMBER 2025** 

#### THREE YEAR GIVING FULFILLMENT

**NOVEMBER 2026** 

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#### LETTER FROM PASTOR GREG



We are at the beginning of an exciting new journey into the future of our church. God has blessed this faith community from its very beginning as we have reached out to ignite a movement to reach a disconnected culture.

Shaylyn and I (with baby Ella) moved to Columbus, Ohio in March of 2010. We worked 5 jobs between the 2 of us, and began having meetings and bible studies in our apartment. We focused on 4 things...building a team, finding a facility, raising money, and spreading the word. After 9 months the church was ready to launch. One Church hosted it's first public service at Cornerstone Academy on January 23, 2011.

After setting up and tearing down for 5 years in a charter school, One Church purchased the property at 817 N Hamilton Rd in Gahanna, Ohio. This was a huge leap of faith. The church doubled almost immediately, and our community impact grew exponentially. Over the past 12 years we have consistently seen a relationship between physical projects & changed lives. When we have increased our capacity, God has filled the space with people.

Throughout the history of One Church, we have been met with limitations. No matter what the issue was we have always risen above, followed God, and have seen exponential growth and life change. Today...we see some of those issues again. From the parking lot to the auditorium and even our kids spaces, we are currently hitting facility lids and have capacity limitations everywhere we look.

Over the next three years, we are looking to challenge one another to increased generosity and spiritual commitment as One Church seeks to discover how God is calling us to live out this vision He has set ahead of us. We are seeking to raise \$12.6 million in generosity commitments over the next three years through Next is Now. Is that possible? With God's help and your commitment, we believe it is.

I hope every person at One Church will play a role in Next is Now by making the most significant spiritual commitment and generosity commitment possible. As we move forward with Next is Now, we move forward with hearts and minds that are open to God's guidance. We are not going to be just about a bigger campus, we are going to be about building the kingdom of God, making it possible to continue to provide space for God to change lives. We move forward knowing that this project will be sustained, not by our own strength, but by the grace of God who calls us into this amazing partnership with Him. I am asking you to pick up your baton and run this race with us. I want you to prayerfully consider joining Next is Now and help us fulfill the vision God is calling us to. Let's pray for miracles, joyful giving and moments of discipleship. This is our moment, our time and our leg of the race.

LET'S GO.

- Pastor Greg Ford

# **OUR HISTORY**

Throughout the history of One Church, we've been met with limitations based on our spaces and the capacity of our facilities. Each time we've removed a lid, such as buying a building, expanding the parking lot, and building the new lobby, we've seen exponential growth follow. God has continued to exceed expectations and bless our church beyond measure.

2011





In 2011, Pastors Greg and Shaylyn came to Columbus and started One Church at Cornerstone Academy. 2016

We purchased 817 N. Hamilton rd. We renovated the auditorium, lobby and kids areas. Our first service there was Easter of 2016.



## 2018



In 2018, we started construction on the parking lot expansion. This gave us an additional 200 spaces for guests to park.

## 2020

In 2020 during the pandemic, we saw thousands join us online each and every week. This was the official launch of our church online campus.

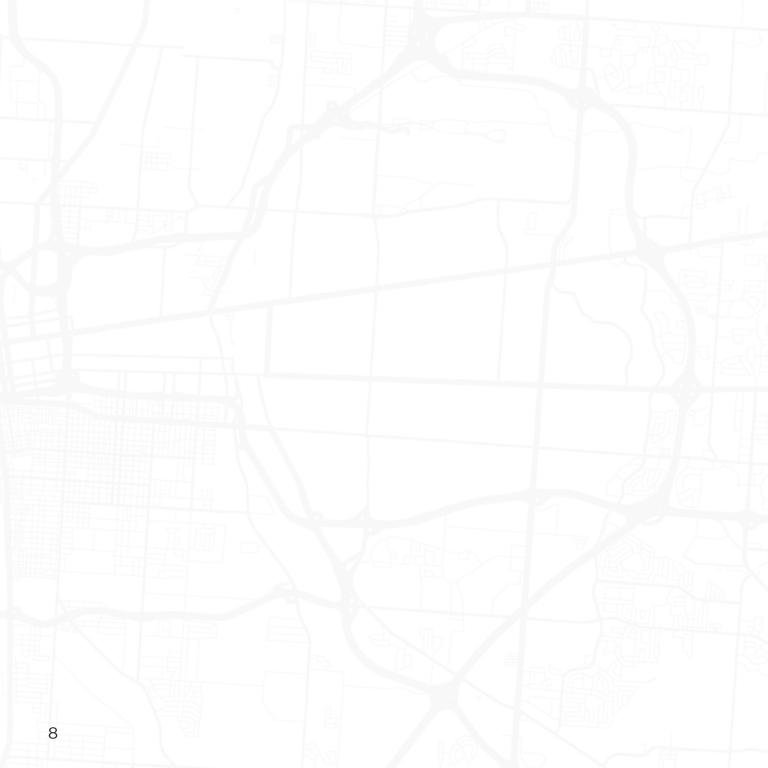


In December 2020, we completed our lobby expansion project in order to create more space to have community and shared space.

# 2023



Currently we're seeing over 2,000 guests in person at One Church every Sunday. The time is now to make room for more of what God has in store for us.



#### **ROGER WALKER'S STORY**



I first attended Evangel Temple Assembly of God in 1980. Around 2011 our pastor retired and a new Pastor came on board. The name of our church was changed to Pathway. Our church attendance steadily declined and was principally comprised of older people. A few of us would walk around our property praying for God to intervene and use our property to reach Gahanna and beyond. As I continued to pray, I believe I heard from God. After receiving further confirmation and discussing what I heard with my wife, we followed God's directive and drew what was, for us, a large amount from our savings and our retirement, and donated it to our church. The church was in a deficit financial position. At the time we felt that God was asking us to donate to what

looked like a sinking ship. I was told by our Treasurer that the donation helped to sustain the church until we met with One Church to take over our property and debt.

We stayed active in helping with the transition of our property. When One Church opened at our Hamilton Rd. property on Easter 2016, the attendance was anticipated to be so high that many of us were asked to park across the street in the Heartland Bank parking lot. As I walked across the street. I saw cars lined up in our driveway and a long line onto the street. I was so overwhelmed to see our prayers answered that my heart about jumped out of my chest. I now understood that God used my family as part of His plan that I witnessed coming to fruition on that Easter Sunday. We count it a privilege to have been used by God as part of His plan to restore our property to reach Gahanna and beyond. We encourage everyone to seek God's will as you consider your part in our Next is Now campaign.







WHERE WE ARE TODAY...

TOTAL SALVATIONS: 5,200

TOTAL BAPTISMS: 1,399

PEOPLE IN GROUPS IN 2023: 1,076

PEOPLE ON SERVE TEAMS IN 2023: 1,436



# **NEXTIS NOW**



### **NEXT IS NOW** IS A THREE-YEAR **GENEROSITY** CAMPAIGN TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE **FUTURE AT** ONE CHURCH AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

**OUR MISSION** is to make room for God's kingdom to expand here on our campus and ultimately to the ends of the earth. We believe that God has called us to pick up the baton and run our leg of the race.

**OUR PRAYER** for this campaign is that God would provide miraculously, people would feel the joy of giving, and that this would be a defining discipleship moment for our church.

After the last few years of significant growth, it is time to expand our property. God has given us a vision to build a brand new auditorium that will seat 1,500 guests. In turn, we will double our parking to include 900 spaces and completely restructure the traffic flow. We are extremely excited about our new kids area which will include a small auditorium, new class rooms and a dedicated space for the special needs community. The next generation is such an important part of this renovation, and we are excited to renovate Building C to be a space for youth and groups to thrive in.

After a long season of prayer and careful planning, we believe we are being called to take the Kingdom of God to our community in new ways. To accomplish this, we are coming together to maximize our resources in order to more effectively pursue our mission as a church. We are here to ignite a movement to reach a disconnected culture.

It all begins with us. God is calling us to live lives full of joyful giving. Being a part of the **Next is Now** campaign is a step of faith in your relationship with Jesus. Our prayer is that this step of faith will be a monumental moment for you personally alongside of our church as a whole. Our hope for this campaign is that God would provide miraculously, people would feel the joy of giving, and that this would

be a defining discipleship moment for our church. As you generously give, we know that God is faithful and will show up in **HUGE** ways in your life.

Throughout the next three years, we hope to see 100% engagement as we step into new levels of faith as a church. Our campus will completely transform over the next few years. During this process we expect God to move, resulting in continuous life change. As the construction starts and finishes, we are asking you to jump in.

Your partnership in this journey is essential. We can't do it without you. The need is great, and the urgency is growing. We want you to consider stepping out in faith and committing to give. This is our leg of the race to run and **LET'S RUN IT WELL**.



#### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

#### ONE KIDS

We've designed innovative classrooms and spaces for kids to experience the love of Jesus each weekend.

# **AUDITORIUM** Our new auditorium will be added onto the property to expand capacity to 1,500 seats. ONE CHURCH



STUDENTS

#### **PARKING**

Over 450 additional parking spaces will be added onto the property to make room for new guests each weekend.

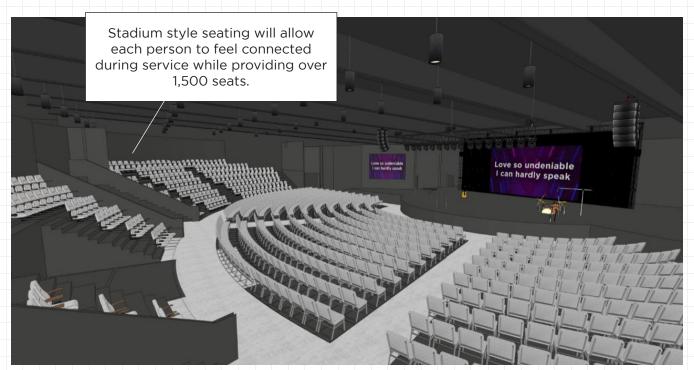
#### **PROJECTS WITHIN OUR VISION:**

- Over 450 parking spots added onto our campus
- •1500 Seat Auditorium with stadium style seating
- Newly designed kids space including classrooms and gathering spaces
- Sensory environments for special needs guests within our community
- Renovations of groups and next gen spaces within Building C



#### **AUDITORIUM & PARKING**

It's no secret that our campus is filled to the brim each and every weekend. We're utilizing offsite parking and overflow space during every service. Over the course of this project, we will be expanding our capacity with a new auditorium that will hold almost 1,500 guests per service and double the number of parking spots throughout our campus.





Building C Renovation



#### **NEXT GEN**

Reaching a disconnected culture starts with the next generation. Since One Church began in 2011, our One Kids spaces have been set up and tear down each week. We have designed innovative kids spaces that will give each child a place to hear the gospel, have fun and build community. Our hope is that they can continue to build their faith and feel the love of Jesus in a tangible way.





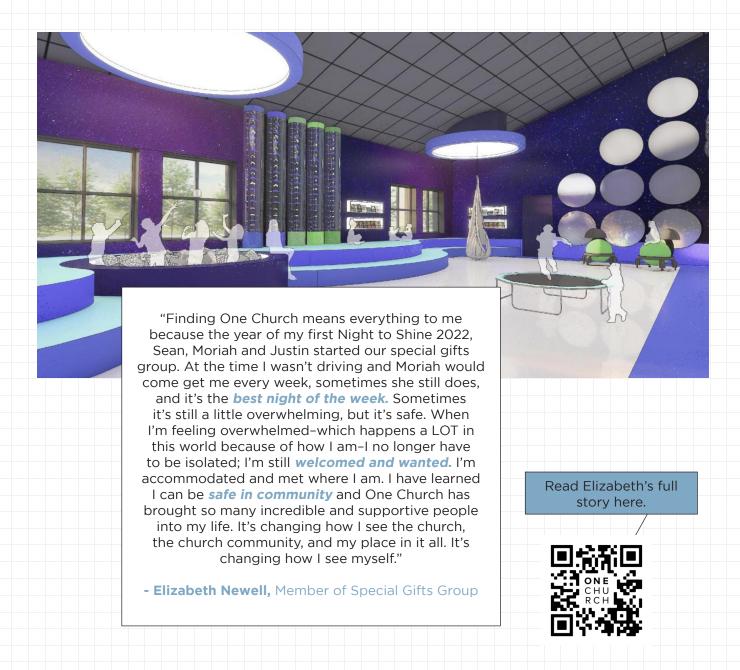
The One Kids lobby space will be outfitted to welcome families and children of all ages.



#### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Our heart for the special needs community continues to grow each and every year. We desire to lead the way in providing sensory spaces and special needs experiences that make people feel seen, known and loved. This sensory space has been specially designed to welcome guests into an inclusive, safe environment.





#### WHERE ARE YOU?

Let's be real. You may not be giving regularly or at all to your church. God understands that we all share different views of money, savings, giving and spending based on our family history and dynamics. We also believe that God wants One Church to be a church of huge impact. Use the diagram below to learn about next steps you can take based on your current relationship with giving.

WHERE ARE YOU?	Not giving at all yet.	Giving but not consistently	In a house divided on giving.	GOAL: Heart toward supporting the movement of God with the resources He provides.
WHAT THIS LOOKS Like:	It has been a big step for you to get to church consistently. We are glad you are here and engaging with our church.	You give an occasional gift on Sunday or donation when there is a call for a specific need in the church.	Marriage is the union of two people of different backgrounds and experiences. It is common for a couple to have conflicting desires in giving to the church.	Giving in a way that changes you. You see giving and generosity as a critical part of your spiritual journey. You are thinking about the long-term impact of your giving.
HOW YOU GROW:	You pray about a one-time gift or commitment spread over the campaign, trusting the church leaders with the gift.	You begin thinking about your calling to support what God is doing in you and others like a regular budget item. If he's giving you income and resources, how are you stewarding those funds?	Consider this an exercise to bring you closer to each other and God. Purposefully work through what God is placing on hearts, honoring each other in the process, trusting that giving reflects your view of God and commitment to bringing others to know Him.	You understand that operational giving to a church and project giving are two separate needs, and choose to give consistently to both as a part of your stewardship. You give consistently and sacrificially according to how God has blessed you for eternal impact.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Our Next is Now total fundraising goal is

#### \$12.6 MILLION DOLLARS

to complete this expansion over the next three years along with **100% church participation**. God wants to move through you and your family to help us see this goal through. This is more than a physical building campaign, this is a discipleship movement. Below is an overview of our estimated project timeline.

NOVEMBER 2025: ONE KIDS SPACE

EASTER 2025: NEW AUDITORIUM

JUNE 2024: SITE Work

MARCH 2024: BUILDING C RENOVATIONS

NOVEMBER 2023: PARKING LOT CHANGES



#### **OUR PRAYER**

Our prayer for this campaign is that God would provide miraculously, people would feel the joy of giving, and that this would be a defining discipleship moment for our church.

#### **PRAY**

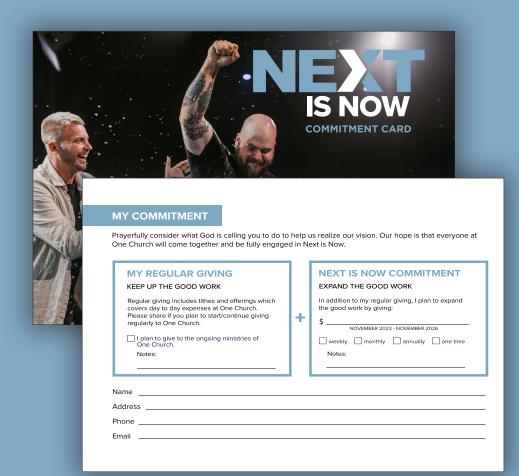
We pray that God will provide miraculously. Together, let's anticipate and celebrate the ways in which God will provide throughout Next is Now. May our hearts be open to the miracles that God is preparing for us.

#### **GIVE**

We pray that each person who participates in this Next is Now campaign will feel the joy of giving. Whatever God calls you to give, we hope that you feel the joy that He has for you.

#### **LEAD**

We pray that this will be a defining discipleship moment for our church. Together, we can amplify our impact and inspire others to experience what God is calling us through this campaign.



Expanded vision requires expanded giving. 'Keep Up The Good Work' (Left) indicates what you're already doing to support the mission of One Church. This includes your regular tithes and offerings. 'Expand the Good Work' (Right) is your commitment to Next is Now over the next three years.

We ask that you would go to God in prayer and ask what He is calling you to do to help us realize our vision through Next is Now.



#### AMANDA WILSON AND ARIELLA'S STORY



I grew up
in Mount
Vernon in
the Nazarene
Church
with my
grandparents
and my family.
I grew up
going to all
those retreats,
going to all the
church things
and I would

just dabble in and out. I was doing worldly things, but I had that strong foundation of God. So I went to college, joined a sorority and wasn't living Godly at all. I got a tattoo my first year of college, came home and didn't want to show my family. They were very conservative and I just remember always being told to sweep things under the rug and that's just how it was in our family. Things weren't meant to be shared. I ended up going to a church a couple years after college and I really enjoyed it. I found God again and it was really happy. I got baptized there and May of 2009 my grandma was diagnosed with cancer. She died in October 2010 and that's when God was not prevalent in my life anymore. My grandma was the matrix of our family, so it hit me really hard and I spiraled quickly. I got into alcohol, drugs, stealing, lying, and anything that wasn't

Godly, I was doing it. I was living in fear and denial. I did things to my family and friends that I hated and I was not a good friend or person. I stayed that way for a solid 8 years and then I got pregnant and incarcerated for two weeks which completely changed my life. I knew I couldn't live like that for my daughter. I wanted her to live with a foundation of God. We were going to a different church and we were just not the cookie cutter family. I am a single mom, my daughter is bi-racial and we were looking for a church with more age and racial diversity.

So I found One Church online in 2020. I saw the church had a single mom's group that really attracted me. We started coming, I began to attend groups and get involved. One Church has done so much for me and my daughter. It has completely changed my life. I have found community and friends that are my family now. They have been there through nasty times, through this healing process and just good times of rejoicing. I'm just seeing the harvest now after praying for 5 years of finding a job. I have seen healing I needed from past relationships from men and from my dad who was not there for me. It all has really changed because of One Church and I'm just living humbly and generously with God and it has been amazing.

#### THE ELLINGTON FAMILY STORY



When the Ellington family decided to move to the Gahanna area back in 2020, they felt that God was nudging them to a new church home. In 2021, Morris attended an event at One Church and was greeted by a servant leader who encouraged them to visit a weekend service. From the first visit, they loved it! BUT, they wanted to make sure that it wasn't an emotional decision, so they decided to visit a few more times before making their final decision. In January 2022 they officially became a part of the One Church family and jumped right in to serve. They remember during their Welcome to One Church class,

there were over 150 people in attendance! Apparently that was, and still is the record!

In addition to choosing One Church, Morris and Crystal were not sure what role they would play within the One Church community. No matter if the role was big or small, they knew they wanted to be a part this move of God. In doing so, they have built new authentic relationships and reunited with friends they haven't seen in years.

God has done, and continues to do miraculous things in their family's lives as they continue to see growth mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Their kids, Reygan and Brendan have also made healthy relationships with other kids in their classes, and they are always excited to come to church every Sunday. This God move has been impactful to their family, and they are thankful to be a part of the One Church family.

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#### FAQ

#### WHAT IS NEXT IS NOW?

Next is Now is a three year generosity campaign to pave the way for the future at One Church and for generations to come.

#### HOW DO I COMMIT TO GIVE TO THE NEXT IS NOW CAMPAIGN?

Commitment Sunday is October 29th. You will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment during the service. We will come together as a church to pray, worship and commit in faith.

#### WHAT DOES THE TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT LOOK LIKE?

Construction will begin Fall of 2023 and the estimated time of completion is November 2025.

#### WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST?

The total cost will fluctuate throughout the project due to the nature of construction, but we estimate the total amount will be \$12.6 million.

#### IS THE CHURCH GOING TO STAY OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Yes! One Church will remain open throughout the duration of the campaign.

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK' AND 'EXPAND THE GOOD WORK'?

'Keep up the good work' refers to your regular giving towards our weekly ministry operations. Leviticus 27:30 "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's, and is holy." And Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." 'Expand the good work' refers to your financial commitment to the Next is Now campaign. This goes beyond your tithe and gives you the chance to partner with God to expand what He is doing here at One Church.

#### IF I CANNOT GIVE FINANCIALLY AT THIS TIME, IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY I CAN HELP?

As construction begins, there will be new serve opportunities. We will communicate these needs with you in the next few months with links to sign up. Prayer is the biggest thing we can ask! Pray continuously over the church, our staff, the project itself and everyone the new campus will impact.

For more information, please visit **one.church/nextisnow**.

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# **JOIN US FOR PRAYER!**

Welcome to the **Pray First Devotional!** We are excited about what God is going to do through One Church during the next 31 days. We say this often, prayer is not the least we can do, but the most! Igniting a movement to reach a disconnected culture starts with partnering with God through prayer.

Prayer brings Heaven's influence into earthly situations. More than ever, people are searching and in need of a move of God in our world, our nation, our city, and our families. Prayer is a key ingredient in navigating this journey with the hope and assurance of Jesus.



#### PRAYER IS LOVE IN ACTION!

As we go on this journey over the next 31 days, you will see that every day there is one topic; a corresponding verse and a prayer for that day. The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time, and it has the ability to dissolve fear, worry and anxiety as we place our trust in His promises.

Our intent is to have this guide help you find a new level of purpose, effectiveness, and enjoyment in your prayer life as we partner with God on this journey.

While prayer does take commitment and can require discipline to develop into a daily habit, we also want to remember that it's a "get to" not a "got to." It's a privilege to be able to partner with God in prayer!

# DAILY PRAYER

Today is our first day of church-wide prayer. We are one body, united through Jesus Christ, by the power of His Holy Spirit. We are asking you to join us in prayer wherever you may be. As a congregation, let us petition the Lord for wisdom as we intentionally seek to Make Him Known throughout the nations.

"IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER."

MATTHEW 21:22

#### DAY 1: ABOUNDING LOVE

Philippians 1:9-10 — "And this is my prayer: that your LOVE may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best."

Lord, help me to abound in your love so I can clearly see when it comes to where I give of my time, energy and resources. May I always be a cheerful giver as I trust you to direct my every step.

#### Reflection:

Is there any place I use my resources, my time, or my energy that is not necessary and does not glorify you Jesus?

## DAY 2: FAITH WORKS

2 Corinthians 5:7 — For we walk by faith not by sight.

Jesus I pray that you would help me walk by faith, to live by faith, to pray in faith, and to trust all that is written in your Word of truth-by faith. Lord, I pray you help me become a disciple that shares my hope, faith and gifts, even when it is difficult because faith works by love.

Reflection: Are there any difficult areas in my life that I need faith to believe in God and His Word?
DAY 3: A CHEERFUL GIVER
2 Corinthians 9:7 — Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
Lord, I pray that you will create in me a generous heart that gives freely, abundantly, and with Joyful purpose! Use me to be a blessing to someone else.
Reflection:
Do I give compulsively or give to things that do not glorify you?

#### DAY 4: BLESS YOU

Reflection:

Deuteronomy 15:10 — You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.

Lord, you are a generous and loving Father who pours out blessings and love to your children. Father help me to reflect who you are to those around me and to give generously with your heart.

What has the Father blessed me with that I may have taken for granted?
DAY 5: TEACH ME
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Psalms 86:11-12 — Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and I will obey you faithfully;
teach me to serve you with complete devotion. I will praise you with all my heart,
O Lord my God; I will proclaim your greatness forever.
Jesus, teach me your way so that I may be faithful. Do not let me steer away from your truth. Give me
an undivided heart so that I will not be distracted by the cares of this world. For I desire to do what is right and noble in your eyes.
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Reflection:
What distractions are keeping me from spending time in His presence each day?

### DAY 6: THANKSGIVING

Reflection:

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 — "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and....your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Dear Father, righteous and gracious God, I believe that you will enrich me in every way for great generosity, and I pray that my giving will produce thanksgiving to you! Let my giving not only serve mankind but also glorify your name.

### DAY 8: EVEN IF

Timothy 2:13 — If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

Jesus, thank you for being faithful even when I am not at times. Your faithfulness does not rely on who I am or what I am doing, It is just simply who you are! Holy Spirit help me to be your image bearer and be faithful in the purpose you have for my life.

Reflection: How has Jesus proven to me He is faithful and can be trusted?
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DAY 9: LOVE IS GREATER
Luke 12:22 — Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.
Jesus, your Word says not to worry or be anxious about our most basic needs. What you have called me to is a life of Freedom. You want me to be concerned with faith, relationships, truth, salvation, love, and hope! Holy Spirit I give you all my anxieties and worries. Thank you for providing everything I need. I trust your Word and pray you give me strength and courage to overcome any fears, worries, or anxiety about earthly needs in Jesus Name.
Reflection: What am I worried about today that is keeping me from fully letting go and trusting the Lord?

#### DAY 10: WISDOM

James 1:5 — If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Jesus you are the source of truth and the source of wisdom. You know my heart, my intentions, and my struggles. Today I ask you for wisdom. Be with me when I make decisions. Help me to be the best version of me today.

<b>Reflection:</b> What current situation in my life today presents an opportunity for God's wisdom and power to be demonstrated?
DAY 11: JIREH MY PROVIDER
Philippians 4:19 — And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Father, thank You that You're a more-than-enough God. Thank You that You take pleasure in prospering me and supply all my needs according to Your riches. I believe that You are opening doors that I can't open and showing me favor that I don't deserve. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
<b>Reflection:</b> How do I hear the invitation to stop and surrender to the Father in trust today?

#### DAY 12: HE GAVE

Galatians 2:20 — I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I praise you for your spirit in me, for the life I have by your spirit. I live by your spirit today, God. What a gift that you've not left me alone. That you have put your Holy Spirit inside of all of us who have trusted in Jesus. Help me to give myself fully to you as you have given yourself fully to me.

Reflection: What does it mean to live this life according to His will and not my own?
DAY 13: ENTIRELY IN YOU
Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."
Lord, I will not be anxious about tomorrow, but instead I want to place my trust in you entirely . Father, help me remember that you have always been faithful to provide in any and every situation. Help me remember that your plans are to prosper me, and never to harm me. Teach me to meet each day with grace, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
Reflection: What is God asking me to trust Him for?

## DAY 14: GOOD SACRIFICE

Hebrews 13:16 — Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lord, You always do good and share with me. Help me to be intentional about doing good and sharing with others. Thank you for this reminder for me to set reminders to do your will in giving to others. In Jesus' name, amen.

### DAY 16: HONOR

Proverbs 3:9-10 — Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

God, use my wealth for your purposes, not the purposes of this world. Help me to honor you with my wealth. You have provided all my needs Lord and I am so grateful! In Jesus' name, Amen.

<b>Reflection:</b> Do I view "my wealth" as something that belongs to me or belongs to God?
DAY 17: THE FUTURE OF GRACE
Philippians 1:6 — And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Dear Lord, thank you that you began this amazing work of grace in me. You knew me before I was formed in my mother's womb, and you knew each day of my life. In your grace and mercy, you will perfect and complete the good work that you have begun, to my eternal benefit, and to your eternal praise.
<b>Reflection:</b> We don't have to live plagued by the anxiety of the unknown. What fears am I having a hard time surrendering to the Lord?

#### DAY 18: REMOVING OBSTACLES

ACTS 20:35 — In every way, I showed you that by working hard like this we should help the weak and remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Lord, thank you for the blessings in my life. I want to bless others. It's such a simple thing, but so often, I find obstacles to keep me from acting on my gratitude--limited finances, time, energy, indecision. Help me overcome the challenges I face that prevent me from doing your good works to bless others as you have blessed me.

<b>Reflection:</b> What obstacles or fears keep me from giving generously to God's plans?
DAY 19: PRAYER AND POWER
Isaiah 42:6 — "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
Father, I know you have blessed me with your salvation because of your great mercy, grace, and kindness. Please empower me as I commit to sharing your great blessings with others. In Jesus' name.
Reflection: What joys and fears accompany my giving?

#### DAY 20: ABIDE IN ME

John 15:7 — If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Lord, you have made me your vine, that I may bear fruit. I give you thanks for the fruit that you have borne in my life. And for the blessing that I am able to share with others around me that they may have the fruit that brings joy.

#### DAY 22: CONTINUAL COMMUNION

1 Thessalonians 5:17 — Pray without ceasing.

Loving Heavenly Father, I praise and thank you for all Your loving-kindness to me. Thank you that I can come to you in prayer any moment of the day. Help me to come boldly to your throne of grace, where my prayers are like sweet smelling fragrance to You. Keep me ever humble before Your throne.

Reflection: You and I weren't created for independent living. We were created to be dependent on God. What area of my life is God asking me to surrender to Him?
DAY 23: TREASURES IN HEAVEN
Philippians 4:17 — Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.
Loving Father, I stand amazed at Your gracious bounty, knowing that You care about both the little things that I need today, as well as the eternal blessings that are being laid up for me in heaven, for which I praise your holy name.
<b>Reflection:</b> Do I desire what He has planned for me and through me or am I seeking my own selfish desires?

## DAY 24: ALL TO THE LORD

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Psalm 24:1 — The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

Prayer You are the creator of heaven and earth. The Lord of heaven's armies. You spoke all things into existence and I stand in awe of your power and authority. Teach me to steward your earth well and to honor others by loving them well.

Am I acting as if everything belongs to You already?
DAY 25: FOR YOUR GLORY
Psalm 115:1 — Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory,
for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!
Lord, there is none like you. I want to know you as my Father, the one who sets me free to live this life for you. Far above all this world has to offer. Far above all my loyalties or expectations. I want to live this life for your glory alone.
Reflection: Am I living this life according to the culture's standards or the LIving God's standards?

#### DAY 26: BELONGING

Reflection:

Romans 12:5-8 — In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously.

Father God, I am so grateful for my brothers and sisters in Christ and for the gift of community. We aren't meant to walk through this life alone. I pray that I may do all to the glory of God and present my body as a living sacrifice unto You.

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DAY 27: CONTENTMENT
Psalm 73:25-26 — Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Lord, always remind me that if I don't have you I have nothing. Remind me that nothing else will satisfy me. What makes heaven is that You are there. You will be my portion forever.
<b>Reflection:</b> He is the God of heaven and deserves my adoration. Do I need to ask for forgiveness for putting other things or people above Him?

#### DAY 28: GENEROUS HEARTS

2 CORINTHIANS 8:2-3 — For in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord

Father, show your grace to me and my family by giving us hearts so generous that we will share liberally with those who need our help. May we give ourselves first to you, and then to our brethren. Help us to give of our means, even beyond our means, and of our own free will joyfully!

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AY 29: THE GOOD FIGHT
1 Timothy 6:12 — Fight the good fight of the faith.
ather, today I submit my dreams, desires and thoughts to You. Use my imagination for your urposes. Grant me the grace to store up your word in my heart. Help me to rely on your word to ght and win.
<b>Reflection:</b> I's important to know what God's word says so I can fight the battle and win. Am I making time to ide His word in my heart?

#### DAY 30: OFFERING SACRIFICE

MARK 12:41-44 — And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.

Father in heaven, you have graciously given me everything in Jesus. Please help me as I seek to be a responsible and generous steward of the gracious gifts you have lavished upon me. Help me, Lord, to know what it means for me to give generously and sacrificially.

Reflection: Have I fallen for the lie that I just don't have enough to give, despite the fact that the greatest examples of giving in Scripture were poor people?	
DAY 31: YOUR WILL BE DONE	

Matthew 6:10 — Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Heavenly Father, I humbly come to you today and invite your will to be done in my life. I submit every area of my heart to you. Let everything I say and do bring glory to You.

#### Reflection:

As we finish our month of prayer together, celebrate what God has done in you and One Church, continue to pray that we would surrender to His will and His Kingdom each day as we KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.	

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