

# Fearless

Capital Stewardship Campaign

And without faith it is impossible to please God...

Hebrews 11:6

Fear often prevents faith, let's be fearless!

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### NOTE FROM PASTOR GREG

Hi! My name is Greg Bondurant. I serve as Lead Pastor at Westerville Christian Church. You are receiving this because you are part of the family at Westerville Christian. This newsletter will help you understand the challenges we face and our next steps. We have contracted with The McKnight Group, a church design-build firm, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the potential of our current campus.

We are calling this campaign "Fearless!" Here's why. It's easy to be fearful. It's easy to be afraid of nearly everything, but that is not how God wants us to live. Starting on October 3, we will spend six weeks looking at the life of Abraham. God told him to leave behind everything familiar and go to a place he had never been. Can you imagine the fear Abraham must have felt?

Capital Stewardship Campaigns are not solely designed to raise money. They are designed to raise or grow our faith. The Hebrew writer said this.

**Hebrews 11:6:** *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. 8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*

Would you join me on this journey of faith? The end result might be each of us living life with a faith in God that's fearless.

### SAVE THE DATES!

Contact Care Calls: **September 19 - 26**  
Information Meetings: **Sep 29 - Oct 10**  
Commitment Sunday: **November 7**  
Announcement Sunday: **November 21**

## The Growth

- **1968:** WCC is founded to love and disciple people in Westerville and greater Columbus.
- **1996:** Above the Rim Basketball programming is launched as the first major outreach arm of our church, deepening the roots and connections in our community.
- **2006:** Central Park Playland, The Global Cafe, and additional children's facilities are formed to create more common ground for both our church and the local community.
- **2008:** WCC further embraces our outreach-first perspective and launches the WCCares ministry. This ministry includes packing 150 bags per week for Friday Fare, collecting and distributing clothes through the Wardrobe and hosting the Gift Shop which provides families in need the opportunity to receive Christmas presents at no cost.
- **2020:** WCC expands outreach to include a multiplication mindset, casting vision to be a church that plants churches - to provide places where people can find hope.
- **2020:** WCC launches our first church plant, Multiply Christian Church.

## The Beginning

On November 3rd, 1968, Westerville Christian Church was founded with one purpose: to change lives in the name of Jesus by ministering to multiple generations throughout the community of Westerville as well as greater Columbus. In 1974, the doors at 471 E. College Avenue were officially opened to all. In the years to follow, our church would not only grow in attendance and square footage, but also in people disciplined, ministries provided, communities built, and lives changed.

## The Challenge

To be a church that cares, we must continually see what God sees by identifying hurting people, and meeting their needs, and introducing them to the hope of Jesus Christ. Church data tells us that once a church reaches 15 years of age, that church is less likely to reach new people. The truth is that every church is one generation away from extinction. Even at this moment, our culture is evolving, and the Church must endure - not only to remain relevant to the culture but also to influence people toward the words and ways of Jesus. Since we are a church that cares, we recently updated our mission to speak directly to the trend of hopelessness spreading throughout our community and the world - *"Providing places where all people can find hope in Jesus."*

## The Plan

Our passion of making disciples moves us to plant two more churches by 2025. Our next two church plants would be quite unique.

## Introducing Church Plant #2: A church for Generation Z

Gen Z are people born between the years 1997 – 2012. They are people 24 and younger. Doesn't it make sense that we want to reach this generation? Here's one issue. We would like to better understand them. How they think. What they need. Who they believe Jesus to be. We need the church to pray for this generation and for a minister to research how to best guide a generation of people who are not sure they need God. What we do know about Gen Z is that our building should invite this generation. Most of our building originated in the 20th century. Students look at Westerville Christian Church as their parent's or grandparent's church. A Campus Branding Plan has been developed to transform every wall and floor on this property to target Gen Z students. To reach this generation we also must utilize technology to create relationships in person and online. Our digital presence is crucial - it's our new front door.

## A Center of Hope

Expanding WCCares into a Center of Hope speaks directly to the heart of Gen Z and their desire to make a difference. Imagine a huge facility becoming the heartbeat and hub of WCCares. This flexible, multi-use space would exponentially expand our ability to store and pack food for Friday Fare. We would also have more space to collect and distribute clothing through our Wardrobe Ministry. We could offer English as a second language, conduct regular meal packing through Lifeline Christian Mission, offer after school day care and create space for a mental health counseling center.

## Introducing Church Plant #3: Multi-Ethnic Church

Recent findings tell us more than 37% of people within a five mile radius of WCC are people of multiple ethnicities. We want to reach our community! The first step is to secure a minister to help lead this effort by establishing relationships within these groups which would lead to a physical church plant within the area.

## The Cost

Planting our second and third churches, remodeling our building, replacing our technology and building our Center of Hope would cost 4 million dollars. After prayerful planning, discussion, and consultation we are convinced that based upon the health of our church and the remarkable generosity of our people, this is within our reach. Take a moment to think about what could be!

## We need you!

Planting two more churches by 2025 will be a transforming step in Westerville Christian Church's future!

Your chance to make a difference is this---if each of you will accept one small piece of this plan, we can accomplish a great step forward!

You will have the opportunity to serve on one of the several teams that will be organized to help spread the word about the campaign and show people how they can respond. The assignments are broken down into smaller jobs, so no one is asked for an unreasonable amount of time. You will be fully trained and prepared for your task. No one will be expected to ask for money or pledges.

As you become involved, you will learn how important this project really is to the future of our church!

## Contact Care Calls

The Contact-Care Team will call every home to receive reservations for the Information Meetings. Each caller will be assigned approximately 10 calls each. The calls will be made from **September 19 - 26**. No one will be asked to talk about pledges.

Contact Kristina Rowland, [kristinalrowland@gmail.com](mailto:kristinalrowland@gmail.com) if you would like to serve!

## Information Meetings

The Information Meetings Team will enlist and organize a number of locations in material will be shared through print and video. The video will present the details regarding the church project and encourage people to prayerfully consider how to respond. All materials will be supplied. Those volunteering may pick a date between **September 29 - October 10**. An invitation will be sent to each household of the congregation along with a list of locations of the Information Meetings. A Contact-Care Caller will call to secure reservations. Pledges will not be discussed or received.

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