

FORWARD

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INTO THE NEXT 45

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH



OUR PURPOSE

EVERYONE EVERYWHERE
EXPERIENCING JESUS

OUR PASSIONS

GOSPEL
INTERGENERATIONAL
INTERCULTURAL
TRANSFORMATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP



**FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS STEADFAST
LOVE ENDURES FOREVER, AND HIS
FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.**

PSALM 100:5

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

A church grows exponentially when she plants trees whose shade she will never enjoy. Each generation of our church has planted seeds of faithfulness and by God's grace we've experienced the saving power of Jesus from one generation to the next. We currently enjoy the shade of trees we did not plant. It's now our turn to do some planting.



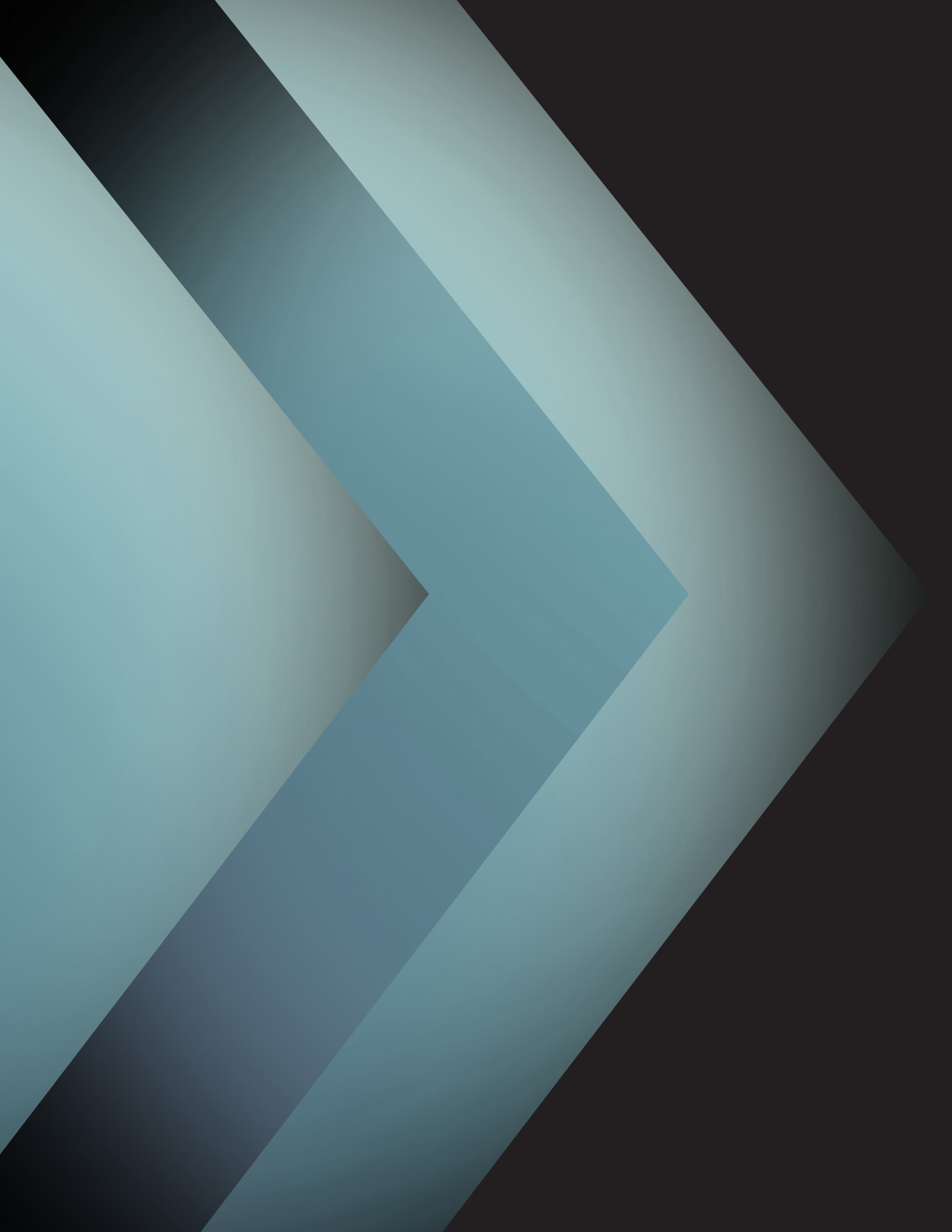
Henry Blackaby has powerfully instructed us to, "Watch and see where God is working and join him". It is clear that God is working powerfully in the families in our church, and we desire to join him in that work. We continue to see families with young children and families who have children with special needs believe us when we say "You Belong Here". I want to be a part of this movement of God. I want us to be a part of that. Fellowship, I wholeheartedly believe this is our kairos moment — the appointed time that God has ordained for us to join him in the work of strengthening families by the power of the Holy Spirit. It's our turn to plant some trees.

If we don't step out in faith and generosity, what families might not hear about Jesus? If we don't step out in faith and generosity, which special needs child will grow up to believe they don't belong in the church? Let us join God as He moves Forward and pray He does a great work in us as He does a great work through us. Now is the time — Fellowship is the place.

There will come a time when a child, a mother, and a father places their faith in Jesus. God will have saved them. And He will have used your faith and generosity to do so. Let us go forward together and experience Jesus one generation to the next.

Investing in the shade with you,

Pastor Jason Cook



OUR
HISTORY

REMEMBER WHERE WE'VE BEEN...



1977-1979

A small group prayed consistently for God to plant a Christ-centered church in Roswell.



Summer 1979

A group of people started a bible study as the first-fruits of a church plant.



September 1979

Sunday evening bible study meetings were held in the home of Charles and Shirley Morgan to search the scriptures on philosophy and practice of church ministry.



September 30, 1979

67 people signed a commitment to plant Fellowship in Roswell, GA.



October 7, 1979

First service was held in Mimosa Elementary with 125 men, women, and children. Art Vander Veen and Bob Roland were two of the first pastors.



**October 1984**

Moved to Roswell Roller Skating Rink for weekly services.

**August 1986**

Finished construction on new church building (building A) and held first services within ongoing construction.

**September 1986**

Fellowship Christian School started with 50 students — K-5th grade and three teachers.

**November 15th, 1987**

The greatest playground on earth was built.



Fall 1993

Fellowship Christian School expands to high school with 5 students and 6 teachers.



1996

Finished construction on building B to support growing high school.



2000

Founding Pastor, Art Van Der Veen, transitions from staff.



2005

Crawford Loritts answered God's call to lead Fellowship and begins 16 years of service to our church.



2012

Fellowship Christian School transitions off of Fellowship's property and into their current residence on Woodstock Road.



2016

Construction on the student building is completed.



2017

Fellowship Christian School fully transitions out of the church and onto their current property.



2021

Jason Cook answered the call to lead Fellowship Bible Church.



**...TO SEE WHERE
GOD IS LEADING US**

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OUR 15 YEAR VISION

Connecting Families To Community In Jesus' Name

Over the next 15 years we are trusting God to strengthen our position as the hub of Christ-centered connections in North Atlanta. We desire to connect more families to life-giving community in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Each of us is called into community with others and we want Christ to be central in all of our relationships. Our heart is for the people and campus of Fellowship to be used by God so that no one feels alone and everyone experiences Jesus.

While God has already positioned us to be a core of Christ-centered connection in our area, we want to take the next step in our journey with him. Currently, Fellowship is home to those who live in at least 8 different counties. We sense that God is now calling us to be the nerve center of Christ-Centered connection that binds us and our communities to Jesus.

WHY ARE WE MOVING FORWARD?

Atlanta Is The 4th Loneliest City In America

90% of Families with Special Needs Children Don't Attend Church

We Have A Safe, but Open Children's Area.

There are over 100,000 children within a 10 mile radius of our church.

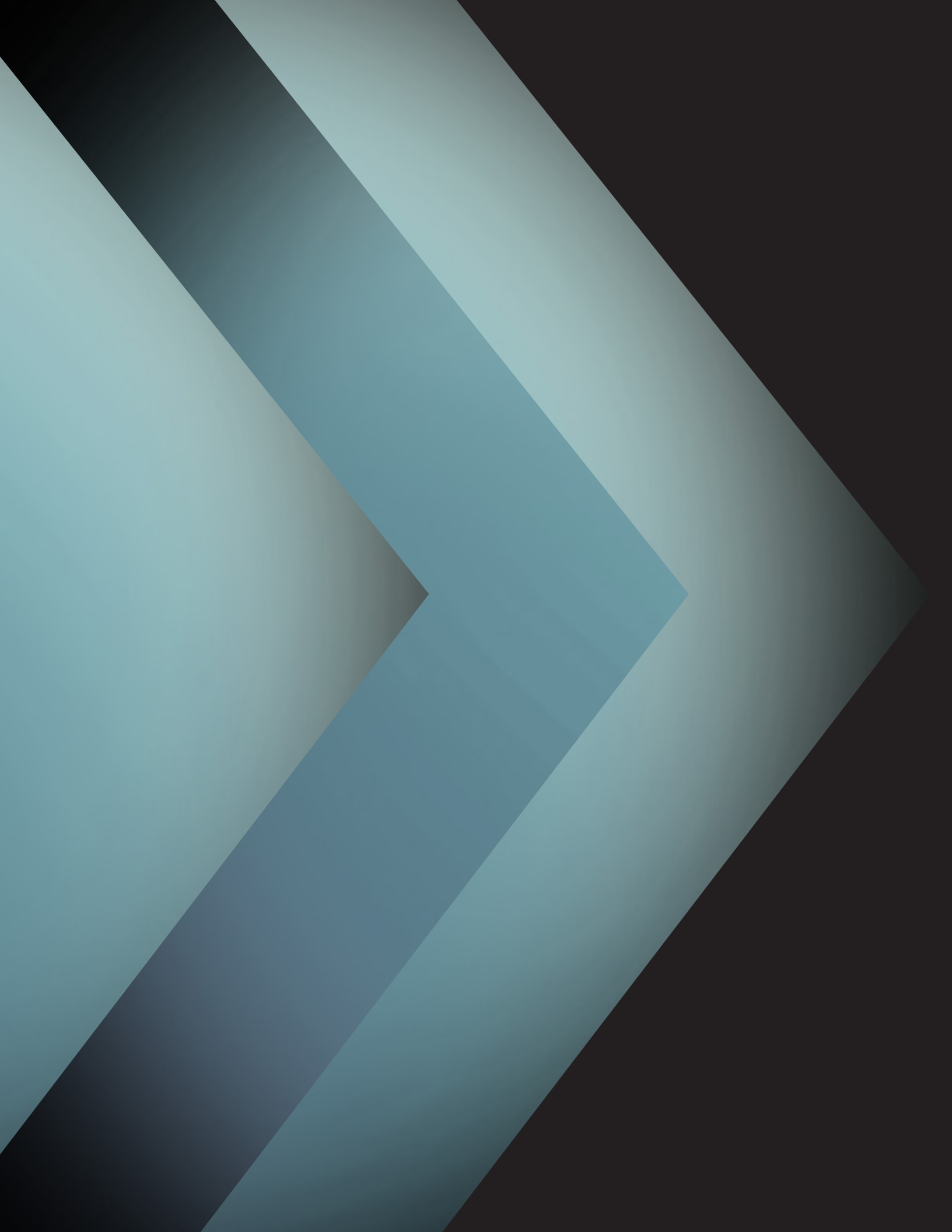
We want to prioritize the "4-14 Window": More than 50% of Christians choose to follow Jesus between the ages of 4-14

Gen Z is the least religiously affiliated generation in American history — which sets a trend for Gen Alpha and beyond.

***No matter the cost we must aim
our lives toward eternity.***

Paul instructs us in Philippians 3:13 to follow his example of spending our lives inviting others into a lifelong relationship with Jesus. We must push forward with great effort into what lies ahead.





NOW IS
THE TIME

FORWARD

Forward is a call to make your life count as we collectively press into God's vision for our Church.



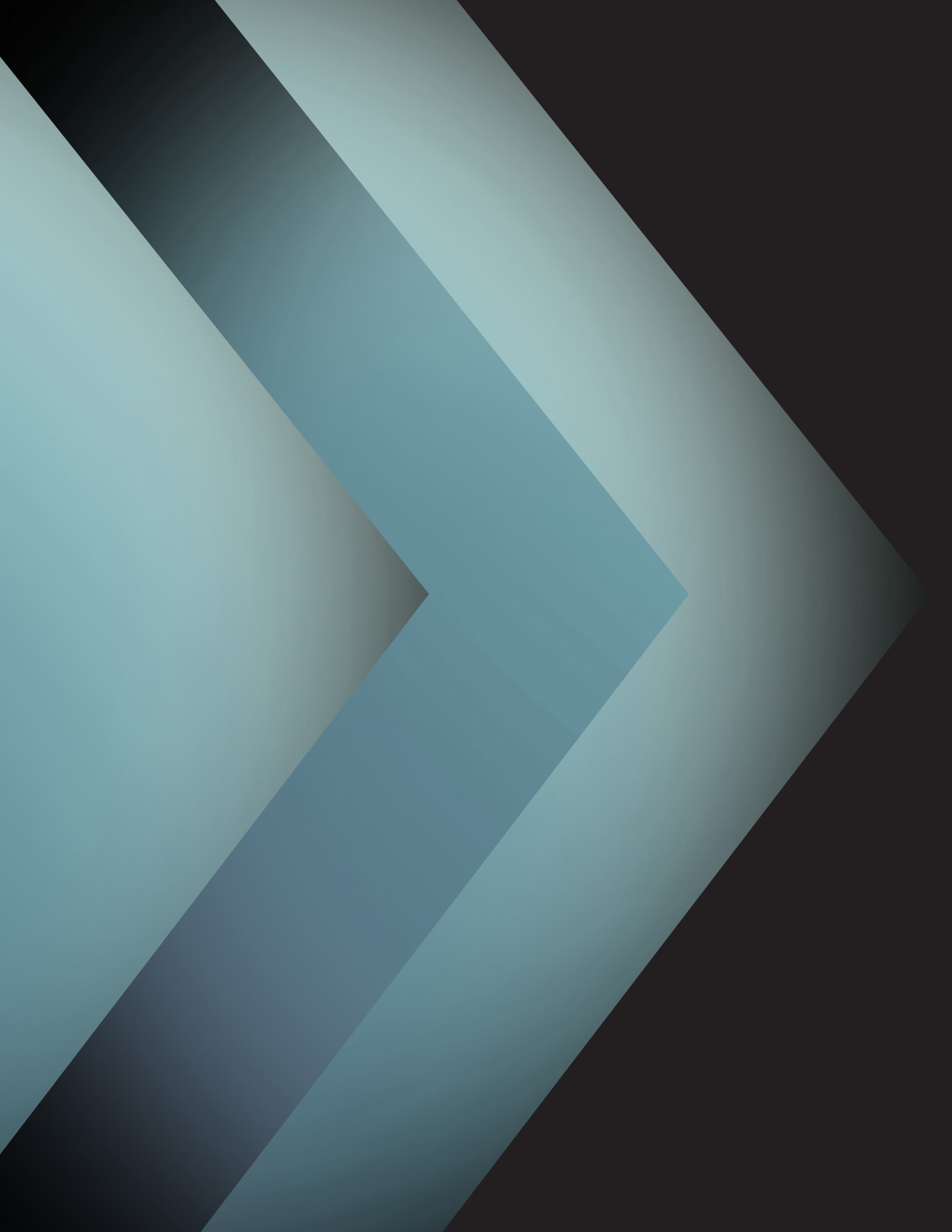
God has given us a 15 year, 3-phase vision that maximizes our campus, positions us to reach the next generation for Jesus, and creates spaces of belonging for families who have children with special needs. This 15 year vision begins now with Phase 1— a 24 month generosity initiative that will deepen our relationships with Jesus and culminate in a secure, state of the art Children's Discipleship Facility.

This project plants a bold stake in the ground for those who call our church home, our neighbors and friends, as well as the special needs community. It is our love letter and heart-felt cry to those around us that "You Belong Here!"









OUR
GOALS

THE PRIMARY GOAL

Our primary goal is 100% engagement – that every person at Fellowship would accept God's invitation into trust, obedience, and generosity by asking what it means to put God first as we press Forward into his vision for us.

This journey is a call to spiritual growth. It's about running headlong into God's heart for generosity. It's about pushing the limits of following, trusting, prioritizing, and risk for his glory and the good of others. It's about stepping out in faith and watching our courage and conviction grow as we follow God's lead.

What will God do in us?

Primary



100%
ENGAGEMENT





THE SECONDARY GOAL

The financial target of the one-fund. Our secondary Goal is \$19.5 Million in generous giving to press Forward into being the hub of Christ-centered connection in our area.

This secondary goal will empower us to move Forward In The Church and press Forward As The Church. \$19.5 million over the next two years continues to fund our general budget and catalyzes Phase 1 of a campus masterplan. With this kingdom investment we will initiate our 15 year vision to see Fellowship Connecting Families To Community in Jesus' name.

What will God do through us?

Secondary

\$19.5M

OUR GOALS

FORWARD IN THE CHURCH

\$10 Million

Fellowship is responsible for between 1,200-1,400 souls weekly. We see yearly increases in attendance, families with special needs children, and membership. Our annual ministry budget will represent \$5M annually over two years. Our expanded giving target equals approximately 2x our annual ministry budget.

This investment over the next two years represents the ongoing strengthening of our “general budget” — which is anything but “general”! It is the life-blood, the central hub, and truly the core of what Fellowship is about. By providing funding to five areas, the goal for Forward In the Church is to equip every person in the Fellowship family so that everyone, everywhere experiences Jesus.

Weekend Gatherings

In-person and digital communications, weekly sermon content, and worship.

Adult Discipleship

Group life at Fellowship, Fellowship Lay Academy, and ministry to adults in every stage.

Family Ministries

Ministry for children, high school, and young adults.

Supportive Ministries

Essential components that vitalize and support ministry at Fellowship.

Global Missions

Support and empowerment of 27 missions partners.



\$10M





Forward In The Church

Weekend Worship at Fellowship

Each weekend over 1000 people gather together at Fellowship to sing of God's grace through worship, hear the Word of God preached, and be equipped so that everyone everywhere experiences Jesus. How we communicate to our intergenerational, intercultural, and interdenominational church requires both creativity and innovation. As we continue to live out our Passions, investing in weekend worship is a high priority for us.

Discipleship Growth Through Adult Ministries

Group Life at Fellowship is an essential component to healthy discipleship at Fellowship. Our increasing investment in adult discipleship will enable us to continue connecting hundreds of people with Jesus Christ, so they can create disciple-making relationships with one another.

Partnering with Families to Raise a Generation for Jesus

Every week, Fellowship small group leaders, teachers, and volunteers invest in more than 450 children and students as they teach them about the love of Jesus Christ. Through children and student ministries, we will continue to improve and expand our ability to reach the next generation and partner with parents in discipling their children to love Jesus. It is our hope that by continued investment in family ministries we will empower and equip families to raise up young men and women who are prepared to live in this world for the glory of God.

Enhanced Efficiency Through Support Ministries

Our human resources, facilities, finance, and operations teams steward our people, our dollars, and our facilities in such a way that catalyzes the most ministry impact possible. Without a committed, knowledgeable, and talented group of people, Fellowship would not be able to do what we do with such efficiency and excellence.

Ministry To The Nations

Fellowship financially supports 27 mission partners locally, nationally, and globally. We have helped plant 4 churches at a national level, supported the church in Ukraine through war, and invested in rescuing women from sex trafficking. We are also deeply committed to partnering with local ministries to provide short and intermediate term care for the homeless in our city. Our church is firmly committed to an expanding investment in the mission of God at home and around the world.

FORWARD AS THE CHURCH

\$9.5 Million

Campus Expansion – A secure, state of the art children’s facility.

A Secure Home For Fellowship Kids

There are over 100,000 children within a 10 mile radius of our church. Those children have families. And 90% of those families who have children with special needs don’t attend church.

In the next 24 months, Lord willing, we will break ground on a 25,000 square foot secure children’s wing. It will be located off the backside of our building (toward Fellowship Christian School) and will live on what is currently our back parking lot.

Features

In addition to a secure children’s facility for our next generation, this building will feature:

- An indoor playground open to our community
- An expanded outdoor playground
- A dedicated special needs wing for children with special needs
- A covered car pull-around for inclement weather
- 30 foot ceilings
- Commons Space for large gatherings and church fellowship
- Bathroom facilities in classrooms for Nursery and Preschool



\$9.5M

Project costs above and beyond \$9.5M in expanded giving will be supported with an elder-approved loan amount.







GIVING PATHWAY

This tool is designed to help you to build God's Kingdom. The journey focuses on the condition of our hearts, further transforming us into the likeness of Jesus. Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice.

Initial Giver

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift. They experience the initial joy of putting Jesus' words into action (Matthew 7:24).

Consistent Giver

A Consistent Giver decides to give on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, this giver decides to make their gift an online recurring gift and will be learning the joy of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well, of course; it just requires more discipline. They begin to feel being a part of something substantial and bigger than themselves.

Priority Giver

A priority giver is an intentional giver who prioritizes generosity to God's kingdom through the local church. They see the church as God's "Plan A" and prioritize their giving to that cause. One distinctive of a priority giver is they may become a percentage giver — intentionally giving a percentage of their money to the local church. By prioritizing the local church, they join into God's "Plan A" work.

Generous Giver

A Generous Giver embodies the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver." This growing generous spirit informs how they use everything they've been blessed and entrusted with — whether that be through direct monetary giving or through a God-honoring use of an existing resource (i.e., honoring God with the use of your home or other possessions). Their trust in God's provision leads them to give to give without reservation because they know that he is able to supply resources for their continued above and-beyond generosity (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

Legacy Giver

A Legacy Giver seeks to have their giving make a multiplying impact even after their time on this earth has concluded. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to "do good, to be generous and ready to share," the more they are laying up a foundation of eternal treasures as they "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19, ESV). This encourages them to keep growing! They make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, areas of service) in light of how it affects their eternal impact. This is the ultimate stewardship goal for every disciple of Jesus. They are driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this world.

STORIES OF IMPACT

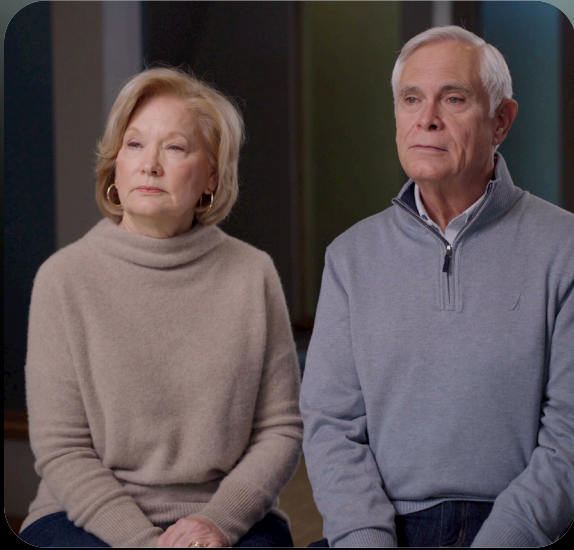
"When it was difficult for me as a single mom, Fellowship has walked alongside me and helped in ways I couldn't have imagined."

- ***Chelle Hassanali***



"From the beginning we knew that Fellowship was not just going to be a place we stopped on Sunday, but a place that invested in our family."

- ***Jess Wardell***



“We wanted, as a church, to help young families that were raising their children, and that is still who we are. I see the young families every Sunday, and that fits our vision from day one.”

- **Geoff Wiggins**

“We were looking for a place that was grounded theologically, with sound doctrine rooted in the gospel — and welcoming to our family and what we needed at that time. Fellowship is the place where we found that.”

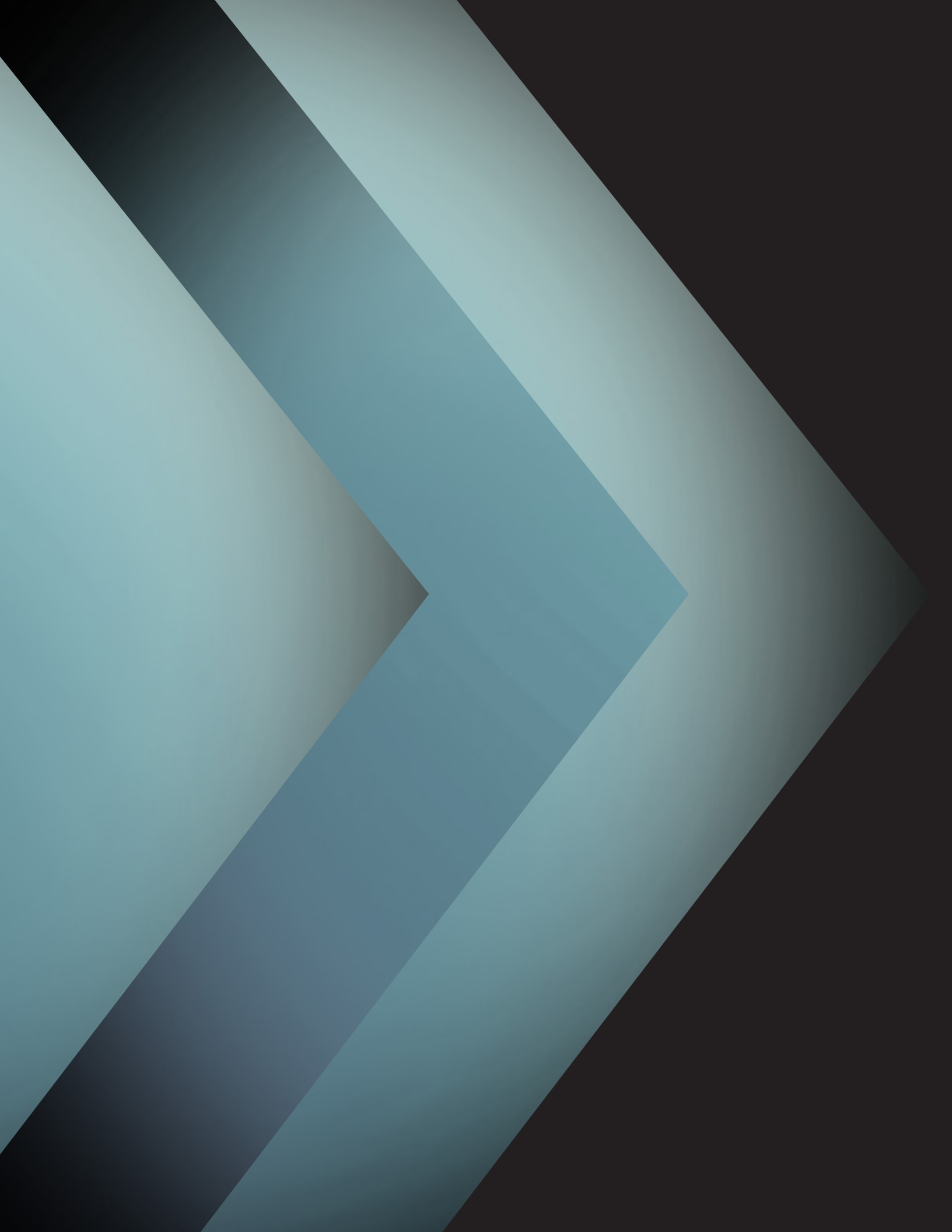
- **Jeremy Greene**



“Here at Fellowship there is a place for everyone. There’s a space where you can feel cared for, nurtured, and supported in whatever stage of life you’re in — so that you can overcome and be the person that God has called you to be.”

- **Ciara Royal**





OUR
COMMITMENT

GIVING CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool. Let it be something that inspires and challenges you toward greater generosity for Kingdom impact as He works in and through you.

	Initial Giver			Consistent Giver						Priority Giver		
	Monthly Giving											
Annual Income	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	12%	15%
\$20,000	\$17	\$33	\$50	\$67	\$83	\$100	\$117	\$133	\$150	\$167	\$200	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$67	\$100	\$133	\$167	\$200	\$233	\$267	\$300	\$333	\$400	\$500
\$60,000	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$600	\$750
\$80,000	\$67	\$133	\$200	\$267	\$333	\$400	\$467	\$533	\$600	\$667	\$800	\$1,000
\$100,000	\$83	\$167	\$250	\$333	\$417	\$500	\$583	\$667	\$750	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,250
\$120,000	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500
\$140,000	\$117	\$233	\$350	\$457	\$583	\$700	\$817	\$933	\$1,050	\$1,167	\$1,400	\$1,750
\$160,000	\$133	\$267	\$400	\$533	\$667	\$800	\$933	\$1,067	\$1,200	\$1,333	\$1,600	\$2,000
\$180,000	\$150	\$300	\$450	\$600	\$750	\$900	\$1,050	\$1,200	\$1,350	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,250
\$200,000	\$167	\$333	\$500	\$657	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,167	\$1,333	\$1,500	\$1,667	\$2,000	\$2,500
\$250,000	\$208	\$417	\$625	\$833	\$1,042	\$1,250	\$1,458	\$1,667	\$1,875	\$2,083	\$2,500	\$3,125
\$300,000	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750

COMMITMENT CARD

We've included a copy in this book so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God over these next two years. Please take time to think and pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new hard copy on Commitment Sunday, March 2.

YOUR GIVING JOURNEY

COMMITMENT CARD

What I/We normally give in a year
(General Fund, Special Gift, etc.)

+

My/Our expanded annual generosity
as part of the Forward initiative

=

X TWO
YEARS =

+

Gifts from my/our stored resources
(Savings, Stocks, Sale of Assets, Etc.)

=

My/our two-year Forward Commitment
March 2025 - March 2027

NAME

MOBILE #

EMAIL

ADDRESS

WHAT'S *NEXT*

We are asking you to join us on a spiritual journey with God to take the largest step of generosity you've ever taken as we move together to take the largest step of faith in our history.

What are you asking of me?

Pray

Pray that God would work in the hearts of everyone at Fellowship, and that we would be obedient to his prompting. Ask that God would multiply our efforts in making disciples and reaching those who are far from him. Pray that he would add to his kingdom by and through our efforts.

Commit

Commit to what God is inviting you to during this generosity initiative. Commit to being obedient to the Lord's prompting and allowing him to refine and develop you. Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement in Forward by putting your 'yes' on the table for the next generation.

Give

We are asking that everyone commit to a step of faith in one of 4 directions:

- Give to Fellowship for the First Time
 - Become A Consistent Giver
 - Become a Priority Giver
 - Stretch Your Giving
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FAQ'S

Q: What will we do about parking?

A: We will transition the field area behind the Student Building into parking to gain the 122 parking spots we will lose.

Q: What will happen to the playground out front?

A: It will remain where it is and as it is during Phase 1.

Q: How does this fit into 15 year vision or plan for entire campus? Specifically what is phase 2?

A: We must maximize our campus to meet our 15 year vision. Phase 1 ensures that our children and families are our highest priority. Once completed, Phase 2 will reform our main building, Building A.

Q: Once children have transitioned out of Building B, how will we use the empty space?

A: We have plans for adult education/groups space, as well as co-working space with non-profits and churches in our area.

Q: What was the process from start to finish? Were there appropriate stops and accountability for the development of this vision/project?

A: After considerable prayer and discussion, Pastor Jason brought an idea to the Elders, Executive Leadership Team, and the Staff Leadership Team. After nearly a year of investigation, review, and prayer to refine the vision, all three teams agreed on our course forward.

Q: What does it mean to Connect Families with community in Jesus' name?

A: God has positioned us to meet each person where they are and connect them into meaningful relationships. Our greatest assets are our people and our property. Forward seeks to equip our people and leverage our assets so that everyone everywhere in North Atlanta experiences Jesus.

Q: When do you anticipate the project completion?

A: Once the money is raised and the city of Roswell has approved our project we anticipate between 17-24 months for construction from ground breaking to grand opening.

Q: What happens if we do not raise the money?

A: While we trust that God will provide \$9.5 million incremental dollars over the next two years, if we are unable to raise the money we will extend our time horizon or scale down the project. Meaning, we will extend our initiative beyond two years or scale down the size of the project to fit our giving level.

Q: What is a one fund?

A: Over the next two years we will continue to focus all of our generosity (tithes, offerings) into one fund. This single fund will provide the resources needed to go Forward As The Church (\$9.5M) and Forward In The Church (\$10M).

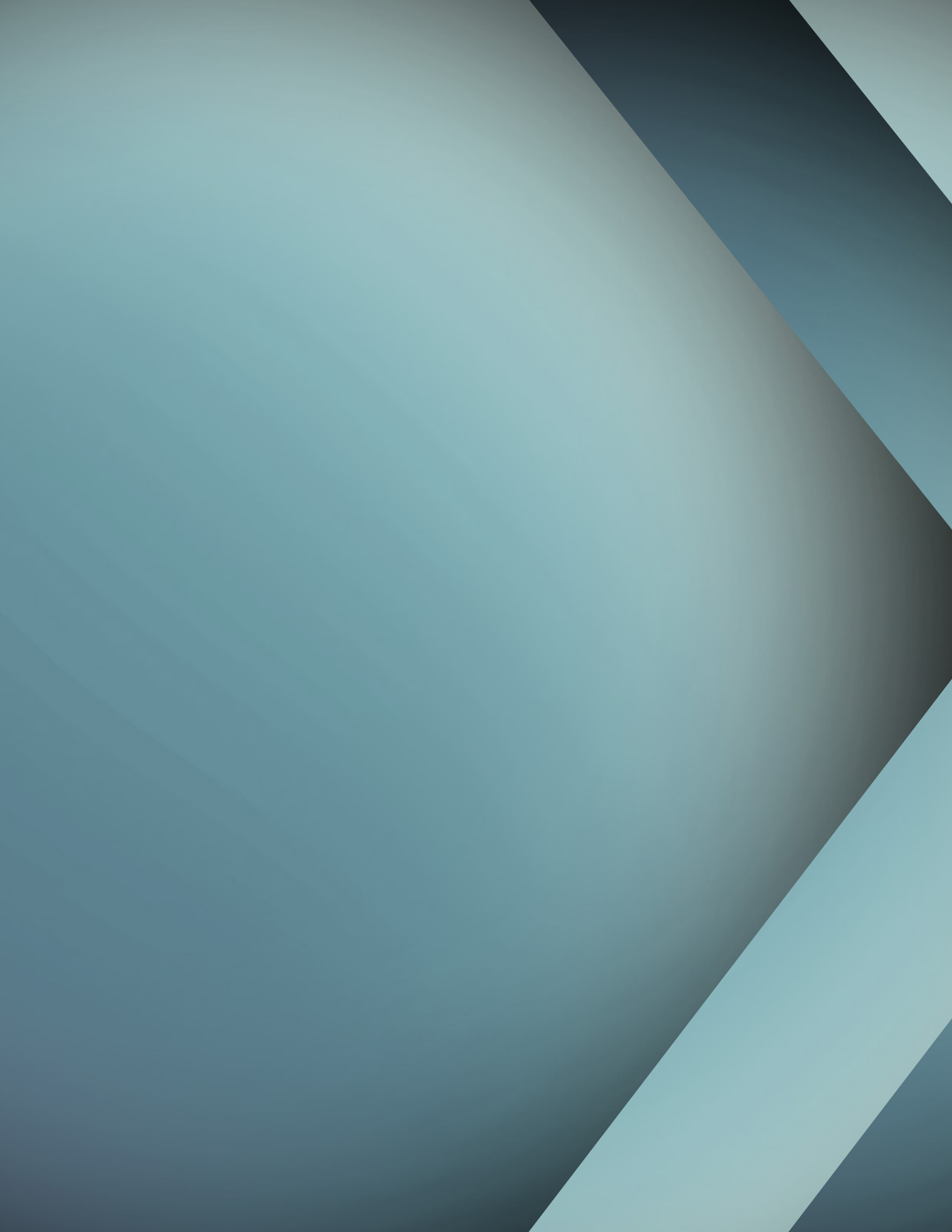
Through a one fund initiative we can invite everyone to grow in generosity, regardless of whether they currently give or what they currently give. Forward will last for two years. During that time, every financial gift will go toward multiplying our ministry, investing in children and students, and expanding Christ-centered connection in our area.

Q: What if I'm new around here?

A: We are thrilled you've decided to be a part of our church! Forward is a great opportunity to get invested into the life of our church and be generous to the Kingdom of God. We invite you to jump in and be a part of what God is doing through our church.

Q: What if I can't afford to give right now?

A: There are seasons when our giving capacity is not what we would desire it to be. We acknowledge that for many of us giving is rarely convenient. Yet, Jesus gives high praise to the widow who gave a minuscule amount because that little amount was representative of her great faith. Taking her example, the better assertion is: I can't afford NOT to give right now. Your soul is more important than a particular amount.





FORWARD
SERIES

WEEK 1

*A DESIRE TO BE
GENEROUS*

WEEK 1 | A DESIRE TO BE GENEROUS

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

You can't _____ God.

God didn't have a _____ when it came to offering his only son as the _____ in the salvation of humanity.

Jesus saw value in the _____ of his life for the church

_____ to be generous and _____

with that intention.

Jesus is worth _____.

Thrust: Jesus' radically _____ life compels us to

_____ **AND** _____ *to Give.*

Notes

Discussion Questions

1. Where does your desire to be generous show up most frequently?
2. Describe a time when you had a desire to be generous but did not follow through?
3. How has Jesus' generosity shown up in your life?
4. Where do you see a scarcity mindset showing up in your life the most?
5. How could you follow Jesus' example of radical generosity?

WEEK 2

*A RETURN ON YOUR
GENEROSITY*

WEEK 2 | A RETURN ON YOUR GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:1-6

Follow through must accompany _____ and _____.

Life is a garden, _____. Then _____ it.

Jesus is worthy of being _____.

John Lawrence's "Laws of the Harvest"

1. We reap _____ what has been _____.

2. We reap the same in _____ as we sow.

3. We reap in a _____ than we sow.

4. We reap _____ than we sow.

5. We reap in _____ to what we sow.

Thrust: _____ Jesus to the point that you sow willingly and bountifully — so that you and _____ might reap bountifully.

Notes

Discussion Questions

1. Is Jesus worthy of being trusted? Why or why not?
2. What are ways that you cultivate generosity and/or would areas you'd like to start?
3. When it comes to financial generosity being given to the church, what are your biggest concerns?
4. Can you identify a time when you've reaped what others have sown?
5. When did you have to wait for a season between your sowing and reaping?

WEEK 3

JOYFUL GENEROSITY

WEEK 3 | JOYFUL GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:7-9

Jesus is worth _____.

God's _____ is revealed in his _____.

"What goes _____, comes _____."

God is the God of _____.

There is an invisible but _____ chain between our
_____ and our _____.

God _____ for hilarious givers.

Give God the first _____. Save _____.

Live off of _____. Proverbs 11:24

*Thrust: _____ and _____ with joy knowing
that God's grace never runs out.*

Notes

Discussion Questions

1. How do you decide in your heart what to give to God and others?
2. Why does it matter that God's grace abounds to us when it comes to generosity?
3. When you read 2 Corinthians 9:7, what does it mean that God loves a cheerful giver?
4. Honestly, what is the location of your heart based on your spending?
5. How could you prioritize Jesus more in your life?

WEEK 4

RISKY GENEROSITY

WEEK 4 | RISKY GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:10-12

_____ + _____ = _____

What feels like _____ to you may actually be an
_____ to deeper faith.

Your generosity leads others to _____.

There is _____ of God to _____.

What can you live _____, so that God can have
_____ of you?

Jesus is worth the _____.

Thrust: God's _____ and _____ never run out.

Notes

Discussion Questions

1. Why is our perspective of our circumstances so important?
2. Have you experienced spiritual growth to be easy?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-12. How would the generosity of the Corinthian church lead others to worship God more fully?
4. What are you willing to say 'no' to in order for God to have more of you?
5. Do you believe the risk of discomfort is a fair price for deeper intimacy with Jesus?

WEEK 5

*A COMMITMENT TO
GENEROSITY*

WEEK 5 | A COMMITMENT TO GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 9:13-15

Jesus is worth _____.

Your generosity leads others to _____ God.

_____ + _____ = Worship

Both seeds and money have their greatest potential in the _____.

Stewardship is always connected with _____ and _____.

Generosity is fuel for _____.

Thrust: _____ to Be Generous and Watch God

_____ Your Life.

Notes

Discussion Questions

1. How has the generosity of others been a catalyst to your worship?
2. What vision did God have for humanity that propelled him to be generous with Jesus' life?
3. Have you committed your finances fully to Jesus? Why or why not?
4. What is your next step on your generosity journey that takes you a step closer to Jesus?

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