

Dear Faithful Kingdom Builder,

Thank you. Thank you for your faithful service. Thank you for your faithful stewardship. Thank you for your faithful sacrifice. In a world filled with many uncertainties, you embody 1 Corinthians 15 *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”* 1 Corinthians 15:58 (CSB). You are steadfast. You are immovable. You are excelling in the Lord's work!!! Thank you! Since early 2020, our church has been enveloped by one driving factor, COVID. In a world at times that felt turned upside down, there is one thing that never changed. God!! He remained faithful. He remained ever present. His Word remained ever true. The Prophet Isaiah declared *“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”* Isaiah 40:8 (ESV). While many churches experienced great difficulty, The View embodied what View Strong means and looks like. Through the loving direction of the Holy Spirit, tactics and strategies were put in place to ensure that we remained a church that is necessary. In 2020 we grew by over 80 new members. In 2021 we grew by over 100 new members. And as of September 2022, we have grown by over 125 new members.

Since 2016, God has added over 700 new members!!! WOW!!! To God be the glory! It is God's desire for us to be owners and not borrowers. We purchased the North Campus in 2015 and in three short years, we were blessed to purchase The Miracle on McCall. In 2016, we completely renovated the North Campus. Moreover, since 2018, we have continuously improved The Miracle on McCall, transforming a 50-year-old and 30-year-old buildings into updated, current spaces to the glory of God. None of this could have happened without you. Thank you.

This growth has stretched our ability to serve our new families well. We do not have sufficient space for student and children's ministry. We do not have space for learning and spiritual development. We do not have adequate space to comfortably accommodate our faithful members who join us each week. Over 18,000 new homes are either under construction or slated to be built within in a 10-mile radius of The View. We want to serve our families well. We want to provide space for our children to grow in their faith. We want to provide space for our seniors to connect and fellowship. We want to provide space to serve our community. These things will ensure that we remain a church that is necessary. To do this requires that we expand our campus to support our growth. Expand our worship center, expand our capacity to serve our children and youth, and expand our ability to meet the needs of the community around us.

Vision 20/25 has four overarching pillars:

- Open a faith-based child development center;
- Launch the Hope Center;
- Launch the Senior Housing Corporation; and
- Reduce our operating debt by 50%.

This remains our road map to our shared future and this expansion moves us closer to making it a reality. Take a look at our new campus:



Accomplishing this is God sized and this God sized call requires God sized faith. Faith is best demonstrated in the most difficult situations. When we choose faith over fear, God always responds in a miraculous way. The View, we choose faith over fear and doubt. God gave Joshua a battle plan. A plan so crazy that most of us would have rejected it outright. God told Joshua and his army to march around the city of Jericho for seven days. And then, after marching on the seventh day, to have the army blow their trumpets and shout in victory. At this, God promised the mighty walls of Jericho would collapse. Disregarding the skepticism of his fellow soldiers, and the ridicule of Jericho's inhabitants, Joshua believed God. He led God's people on a seven-day march. On the seventh day, Joshua and his men let out a cry and discovered firsthand the power of faith. Jericho's walls collapsed. The Promises of God always hold true for those who walk in faith! We believe God to use us as willing vessels to accomplish this God sized call.

COST PROJECTIONS	
AREA/EXPENSE	COST
Children's Area – 3,300sf	\$907,000
New Office Space – 750sf	\$150,000
Youth Area – 2,175sf	\$543,000
Lobby – 1,500sf	\$487,500
Sanctuary – 3,500sf	\$1,120,000
Parking Lot Restoration	\$185,000
Plumbing	\$80,000
Asbestos Removal	\$50,000

500 Faith Champions who give \$2000 over and above their tithes and offerings at rate of \$333.33 on each **BIG Give Sunday** for the next 6 months (**October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19**) will raise \$1,000,000. This will ensure we have the liquidity needed to accomplish this God sized effort.

To succeed, we need equal participation and equal commitment by all, but we know not every sacrifice will look the same. For those who cannot become a Faith Champion, we ask that you will be a Faith Partner, by giving at a rate of \$33.33 or even \$3.33 over and above your tithes and offerings on each **BIG Give Sundays** for the next 6 months (**October 16, November 20, December 18, January 15, February 19, March 19**).

Will there be naysayers? Yes. Geshem, Sanballat, and Tobiah repeatedly tried to destroy the work of Nehemiah and just like Nehemiah prevailed so too will we. Will there be those who will seek to work against us? Yes. The Apostle Peter in Acts 11 had to address naysayers who did not believe that Gentiles were able to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit. "Naysayers" are busybodies. People who do not work to build up the Church. They are people who go around and spread rumors and gossip to tear down the church. Solomon reminds us of these people who God hates in Proverbs 6. He says *"There are six things which the Lord hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying*

tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.” Proverbs 6:16-19 (NASB). Why does God hate these people? Because God loves to build up that which is tore down, repair the broken, mend the torn apart. Naysayers do the opposite. They tear down, break things, and destroy anything that belongs to God. During our journey to victory, you will encounter naysayers. Pray for them but do not participate with them.

We will break ground in January 2023. The projected completion date is the Spring of 2024. Stay tuned, more details to come. I'm grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you and together we BELIEVE GOD!

Salutation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Perkins', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Gregory Perkins
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