

LET'S GO!

FROM
OUR
Church

FOR
THE
City

TO
THE
World

pray. commit. go.

In the spring of 2007, a small group of friends got together and began dreaming about a new local church for Tallahassee. In a capital city, with 80,000 college students and an abundance of cultural Christianity locally, the need was undeniable. We saw Tallahassee as a city with many churches that we loved and respected, but it continued to be a city that was over-churched, and under-reached. The answer to that problem was not less churches, but new churches, with a clear vision to see the gospel go forward in our city.

In His grace, God answered our prayers and for the last 16 years, everyone who has ever called City Church their home has been part of a church that seeks to be for the gospel and for the city of Tallahassee. That vision only continues to grow. We are not a perfect church, but thankfully Jesus is the one who continues to build and bless the ministry he has called us to. God has blessed our church. We have seen incredible growth in our Sunday attendance, our church membership continues to grow, we have more people in City Groups than ever before, and we are seeing more and more people take their next step of baptism!

With all of this growth, it is tempting to settle in and get comfortable, but we cannot slow down or settle for a nice church that we enjoy. The need continues to grow, and our vision must increase with it. We can all think of family members, neighbors, co-workers, or friends who don't know Jesus. I want to be part of a church with urgency, that sees making an impact on the lostness of our city as the ultimate calling. We want to see every person in our city reached with the hope of the gospel! Jesus told his disciples that, **"...The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).**

Along with our Elders and staff, I am convinced that the greatest way we can be for the gospel and for the city is to be a dynamic and vibrant church. I am excited to introduce you to our answer to Luke 10:2, that we're calling **"LET'S GO!"** Over the next two years, we want to GO more than ever before to a city that is over-churched and under-reached. The local church is God's primary design to carry out His mission. He is calling us to GO, so **LET'S GO!** from our church, for the city, and to the world.

There is no bigger need than reaching the next generation for Christ, right here in our city. I'm grateful that has always been the heartbeat of our multi-generational church family. Our next generation ministries are reaching more families with children and teenagers than we have ever seen in our church's history! But that harvest field, as Jesus said, continues to be abundant. Our college campuses are filled every year with students who face a critical point in their lives - how they spend those years could change everything. We believe we are uniquely positioned to do something about that.

This next season of ministry is big, and it is going to take all of us, together. To carry out this vision we must have 100% participation from our church family, and I am inviting you to be a part of it. This guidebook lays out how we hope to accomplish this vision together. As you look through it, we hope you are encouraged and excited to see how two years of commitment can impact generations of ministry through our church in Tallahassee and beyond. **Bring this book with you on Sundays and to your City Group, follow along with the reading plan and prayer guide, and pray that God would make this vision a reality in Tallahassee.**

I believe the local church is the hope of the world and the city on the hill letting the light of Jesus shine in darkness. I cannot think of a more strategic place to have a thriving church than in the Capital City of the most significant state, in the most influential nation. Tallahassee is the place from which we should GO: from the church, for the city, and to the world. The gospel is only good news if it gets there on time. This is our moment to set our church up for years of gospel effectiveness, if the Lord allows. I know we can count on you to join this massive, faith stretching effort for our church. God is calling us to GO. So **LET'S GO!** together.



Dean Inserra, Lead Pastor



HISTORY OF CITYCHURCH

City Church launched as The Well, with 24 people in a living room. First Sunday evening service held at Godby High School with 130 people present.

2007

Hosted our Easter service at The Moon with 1,000 people in attendance.

2009

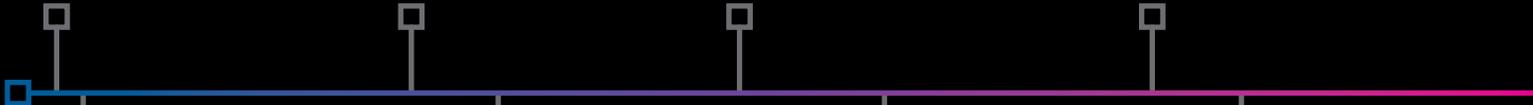
Name was changed to City Church Tallahassee to better reflect our mission to reach the city we love.

2011

Moved into second permanent location at The Centre of Tallahassee, formerly known as the Tallahassee Mall.

Held first ever City Church KiDS Camp!

2013



2008

In observance of Super Bowl XLII, the first Sunday morning service was held in place of our evening service.

Hosted the first Christmas on the Moon service this year!

2010

Services held at our first permanent location, The Warehouse on Capital Circle.

2012

Hosted first ever Easter at the Civic Center service with over 3,000 people in attendance!

2014

Left The Mall and moved to 3 services at Leon High School.

Merged with Forest Heights Baptist Church, and launched an additional campus on Tharpe Street.

Let's Go! back to where it all started...

- **24 People**
- **7 Baptisms**
- **1 Mission**

Broke ground to convert a former skating rink and State of Florida facility into our current campus on Sessions Road.

Held 6th annual Easter at the Civic Center with over 3,000 people in attendance.

Began partnership with Redeemer Queen's Park, a church plant in London, England.

Celebrated Baptism Sunday with 32 people taking their next step and getting baptized. Held in person Easter at the Civic Center service again!

Went back to The Moon to celebrate Christmas on The Moon.

2015

2017

2019

2021

2016

2018

2020

After 7 months of construction, the first services held at our new home on Sessions Road.

Moved to multi-site and launched a new campus on the East side of Tallahassee.

Held first Launch at Langford service on Landis Green at Florida State University.

Held online services for 4 months during the height of the pandemic.

Came back together in person as one campus for services in June!

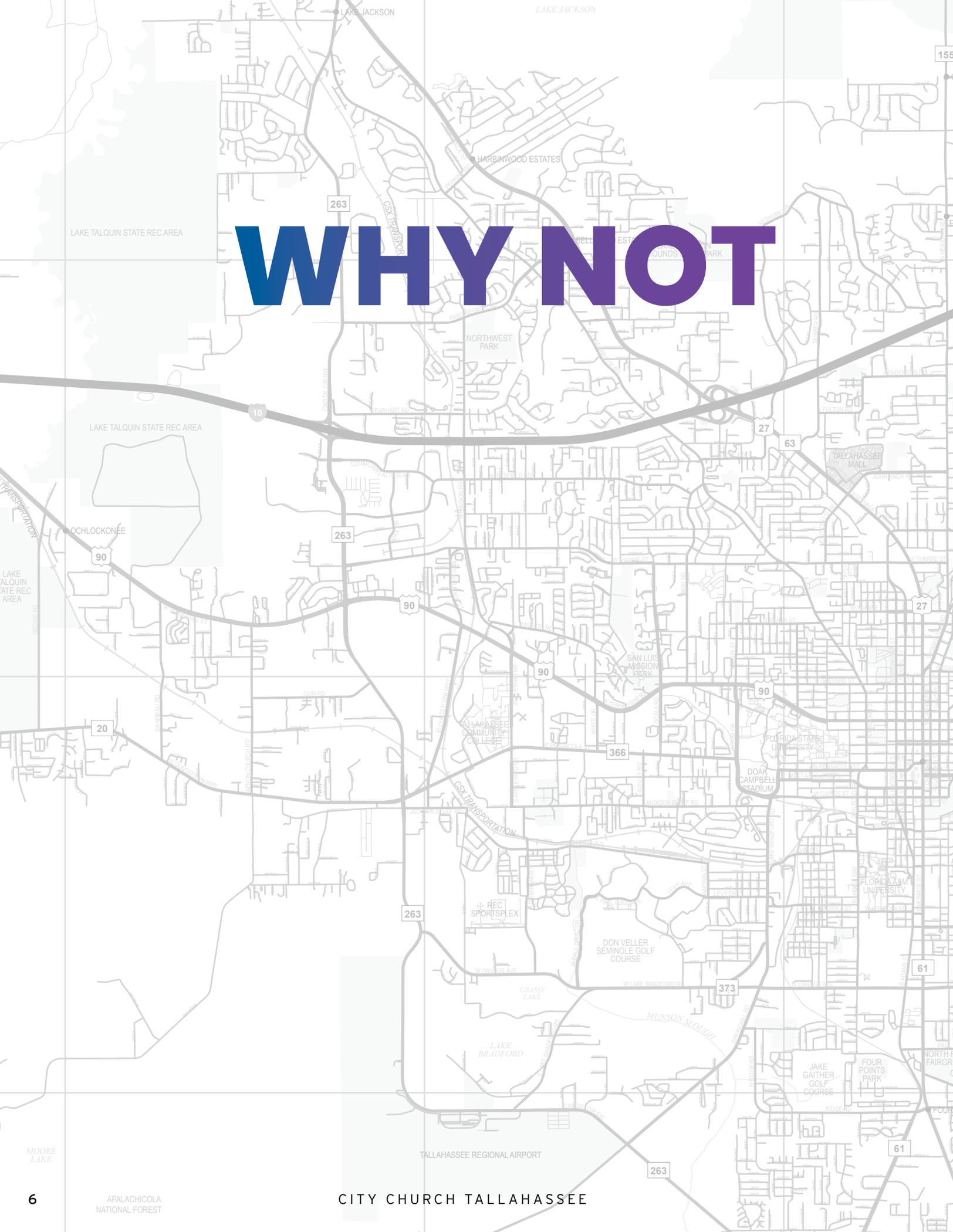
TODAY:

600+ Baptisms

15 Years

1 Mission

WHY NOT



TALLAHASSEE?

**Two years of commitment
can impact generations
of ministry through our
church in Tallahassee
and beyond.**

LET'S GO!

16 years ago, City Church began with a vision to be for the gospel and for the city, and that vision has continued to grow! We want to see every person in our city reached with the hope of Christ - and there is still work to be done. We believe that the local church is God's plan for reaching our city, and we are convinced that the best thing we can be for Tallahassee is a dynamic, vibrant local church.

To do this, we need more space and opportunities to connect, equip, and send more people to our city and beyond. Let's Go! is a two-year expression of our vision to be for the gospel and for the city to expand our reach in Tallahassee and beyond. We are halfway through this season of Let's Go! and we are already seeing this big vision come to life! God is calling us to GO - to our neighbors, our coworkers, our classmates, our friends - to a city that is over-churched and under-reached. So, let's keep going

FROM OUR *Church*

We believe that the local church is God's plan to reach our city and the world. Our vision for LET'S GO! desires to see our church as a launch pad for ministry by:

- Creating new, welcoming environments for guests
- Increasing KiDS Ministry space to serve more families
- Establishing intentional space for our STUDENTS Ministry
- Developing leaders through serving opportunities, internships, & residencies

FOR THE *City*

The primary mission field for our church is Tallahassee. We want to expand our gospel influence and serve our city more than ever! Together, we can accomplish this by:

- Hosting events that allow us to reach our city and share the gospel
- Increasing our involvement with and financial support of community partners
- Connecting our college campuses to the gospel and the local church
- Equipping every member to be on mission

TO THE *World*

Our mission field is not only located here. God has called all of us to take the gospel to those who haven't heard it. Our vision is to participate in the command to make disciples of all nations through:

- Sending equipped members abroad
- Sending a church plant team to a college town through the SALT Network
- Creating more short, medium, and long-term missions opportunities
- Increasing giving to church plants, international missions, and missionaries around the globe



WHAT HE'S DONE:

FROM
OUR
Church

FOR
THE
City

TO
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World

- We had our highest recorded attendance on a Sunday, outside of a special event, with over **2000** people on campus!
- We have more people than ever participating in City Groups with an average of **500** people in groups weekly this fall.
- We have celebrated over **90 baptisms** since the start of
- Over **500** college students joined us for Launch at Langford on FSU's campus to hear the gospel!
- We provided **200** backpacks to our community partner, Godby High School, to set their students up for a successful school year.
- We hosted City Church KiDS Camp where over **340** kids heard the gospel on their level, and over **120** volunteers took time out
- We have sent over **30** people on short and long term missions over the last year, with more in the pipeline ready to GO!
- We hosted our first ever missions conference called To The World, with **200+** people in attendance.
- We gave **\$20,000** to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, our

What You Can Do This vision is big! And it is only possible with all of us working together. As we continue to pursue this vision together, there are a few steps we are asking you to take:

1. PRAY

Pray for our church and our city; that our efforts to take the gospel to the city and beyond would be successful. God is calling each of us to GO – pray and ask God how He is calling you to participate.

2. COMMIT

Say "I'm in!" by filling out a commitment card and making a financial commitment for the next year. Help us reach 100% participation as we GO together.

3. GO

GO first! Be a leader by joining us in LET'S GO, coming on Sunday mornings, and inviting others to participate.



what does this look like?



FROM OUR *Church*

We believe that the local church is God's plan to reach our city and the world. Everything that you know and love about City Church is included in this Let's Go! vision. We hope to see our church as a launching pad for ministry, so here are a few areas we are focusing on:

- **Serving**

We want to see every member take a next step of serving! From our KiDS team to the parking lot to production, during this Let's Go! season, there are more opportunities than ever to serve on one of our ministry teams.

- **Discipleship**

From parents looking to better lead their families at home, to adults looking to grow more in love and knowledge of God, we are planning to increase the number of Equip environments provided to our church.

- **Leadership Development**

Growing our residency and internship programs is also a goal of Let's Go! We want to continue to invest in developing leaders before they are sent out into vocational ministry, or equipped to live on mission in their professional career.

- **Community**

We believe life is better in community, not alone. City Groups are small groups that meet all across our city to study God's word and grow in community. We want to focus on City Groups, with a goal to see 20 new groups launched over the next two years.



FOR THE *City*

The primary mission field for our church is Tallahassee. We want to see every person in our city reached with the good news of the gospel! Here are a few ways we want to expand our gospel reach and be for the city:

- **Outreach Events**

We are more committed than ever to outreach events like Easter at the Civic Center and Christmas On the Moon where we have the chance to leverage cultural holidays for the sake of sharing and proclaiming the gospel in Tallahassee. This is true for our next gen ministries as well with events like Launch at Langford, which is programmed with the goal to reach students on college campuses, and our annual KiDS Camp designed to reach families from all over our city.

- **Community Partners**

We will be increasing our giving to all of our community partners, including a significant increase in financial support to A Women's Pregnancy Center and the Hang Tough Foundation. We want to give more than we ever have to these organizations who are already serving those in need in our city. You can find a full list of our community partners on our website at citychurchtallahassee.com.

- **Every Member on Mission**

We want to see every member equipped to live on mission in our city and beyond. We are excited to continue to grow and develop equipping environments like our quarterly Men's Gatherings and Women's Gatherings, designed to do just that!



TO THE *World*

Although Tallahassee is our primary mission field, it is not our only mission field. God has called us to take the gospel to those who have never heard it. Here are a couple of ways Let's Go! will allow us to participate in the command to make disciples of all nations:

- **Salt Network**

We want to increase our involvement with church planting in university cities by not only continuing our partnership with The Salt Network, but also planting a Salt Network church in a college town in the next couple of years. There are over 400 major universities across North America. Through the Salt Network, we pray we will see a thriving church and college ministry established in all of these major university centers. Through Let's Go! we will increase our financial support to the network as well as fund the Salt Company college ministry here at City Church.





- **Missions Partners**

We want to increase our giving to missions during this season! Every year we support the International Mission Board (IMB) and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) through both the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. During Let's Go!, we plan to make our largest gifts ever to both of these offerings to support missions work here and abroad.

- **Sending**

We want to create more short, medium and long-term missions opportunities that you, our church family, can be part of. Because of this, we have recently made key hires so we can see more people equipped to be sent to the nations.

- **Redeemer Queen's Park**

Let's Go! will allow us to continue participating in the command to make disciples of all nations by helping to directly fund Redeemer Church in London, England. London is a global city comprised of more than 11 million people, who speak more than 300 languages. Taking the gospel to London takes it to the world.

FROM OUR *Church*

THE ZAK FAMILY

NATHAN & KAREN

EMILY, 14; ELLA, 13

EDISON, 10; EVERETT, 7

CITYCHURCH MEMBERS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN TALLAHASSEE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING CITY CHURCH?

We are both Tallahassee natives, but have lived in Crawfordville for 16 years and have been attending City Church for 10 years.

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

This November we will celebrate 17 years of marriage! Karen is a stay at home mom, while Nathan works for the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection. We love to spend our time at the beach (we live 15 mins away!), we love Hoosier basketball, and all things FSU. Go Noles!

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO START SERVING IN KIDS?

Simply put, we love kids! We also believe in the mission of the gospel and that is to make Jesus known; not only to our friends and family, but to our children as well. We feel blessed to be able to take part in teaching and leading the next generation to know and love Christ.

WHY DOES YOUR FAMILY LOVE BEING A PART OF THE LOCAL CHURCH? WHY DO YOU LOVE SERVING IN KIDS?

We love the local church because it is a safety net for our family; it is another home for us, filled with our chosen family. We also believe it is important for Christians to come together through the local church because we can do more for the kingdom together than apart. We love serving in KiDS because of the relationships we have made with other families. Getting plugged in to serving in KiDS has made going to a church with a large congregation more personal, because you develop these life long bonds and friendships with people that you would normally never come in contact with.



HOW HAS YOUR FAITH GROWN SINCE BEING A PART OF CITY CHURCH?

We have grown the most through our City Group because we are studying the Bible every week and really doing life together with gospel-minded people who are in the same life stage(s) as our family. They are our cheerleaders, but also challenge us, which is important.



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NEW ENVIRONMENTS

**THE BEST THING WE CAN BE FOR
OUR CITY IS A DYNAMIC, VIBRANT
LOCAL CHURCH.**

**TO DO THIS, WE NEED MORE
SPACE AND NEW ENVIRONMENTS
TO CONNECT, EQUIP, AND SEND
MORE PEOPLE TO OUR CITY
AND BEYOND.**

NEW ENVIRONMENTS

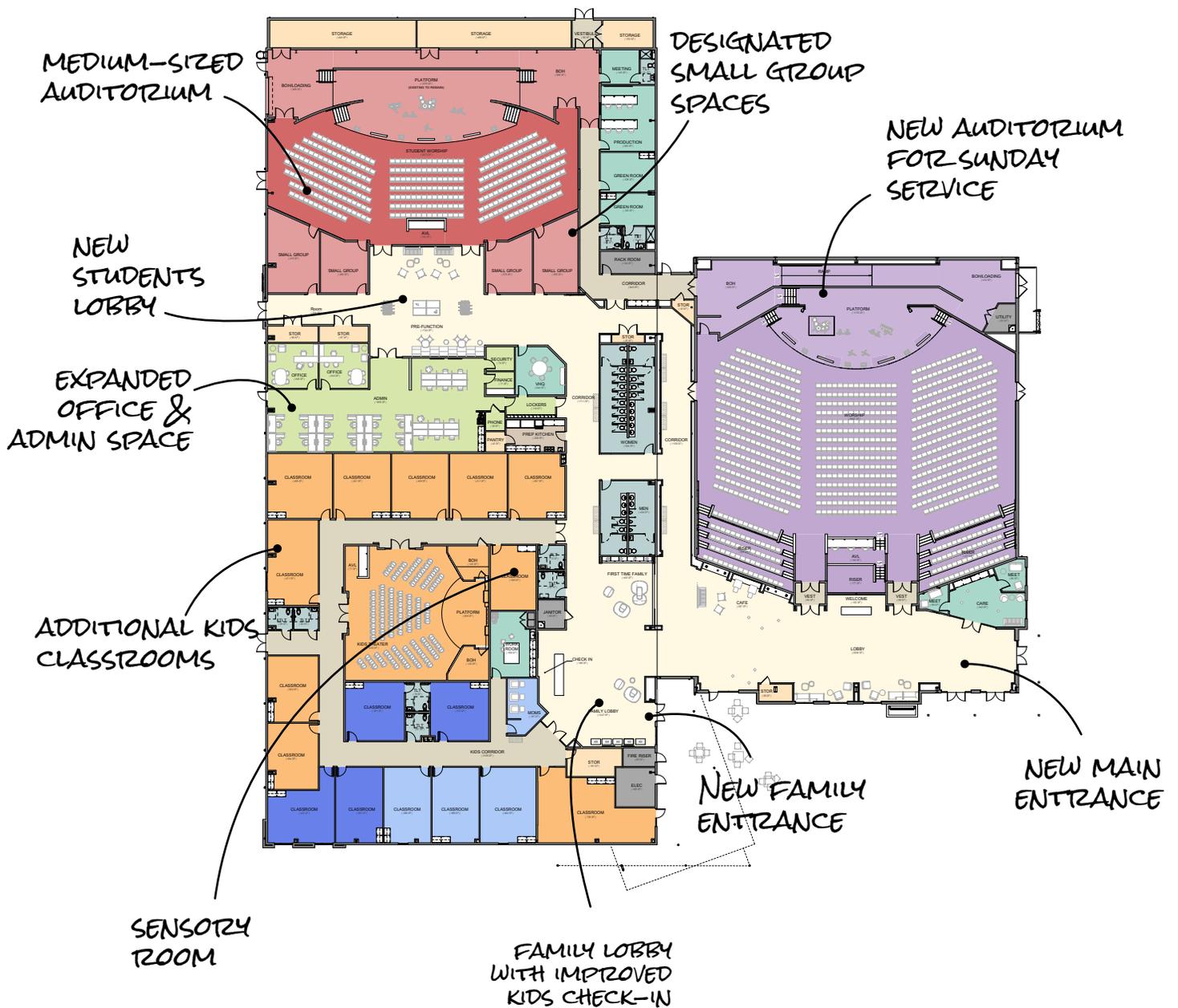
In order to expand our reach, we know that we need to increase the size and scope of our campus. The proposed design plan accomplishes that goal by providing exciting new environments for our lobby and kids space, as well as intentional space for students, and a brand new auditorium.



project overview:

- Constructing a 17,740 sq. ft. new addition
- Renovating 34,461 sq. ft. of existing space
- Updating building exterior and entrance
- Approximately 18 months of construction
- Completed in 3 stages

PROPOSED PLAN





entrance:

- Improved landscaping
- Updated facade
- New main building entrance
- Improved signage

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www.equipstudio.com



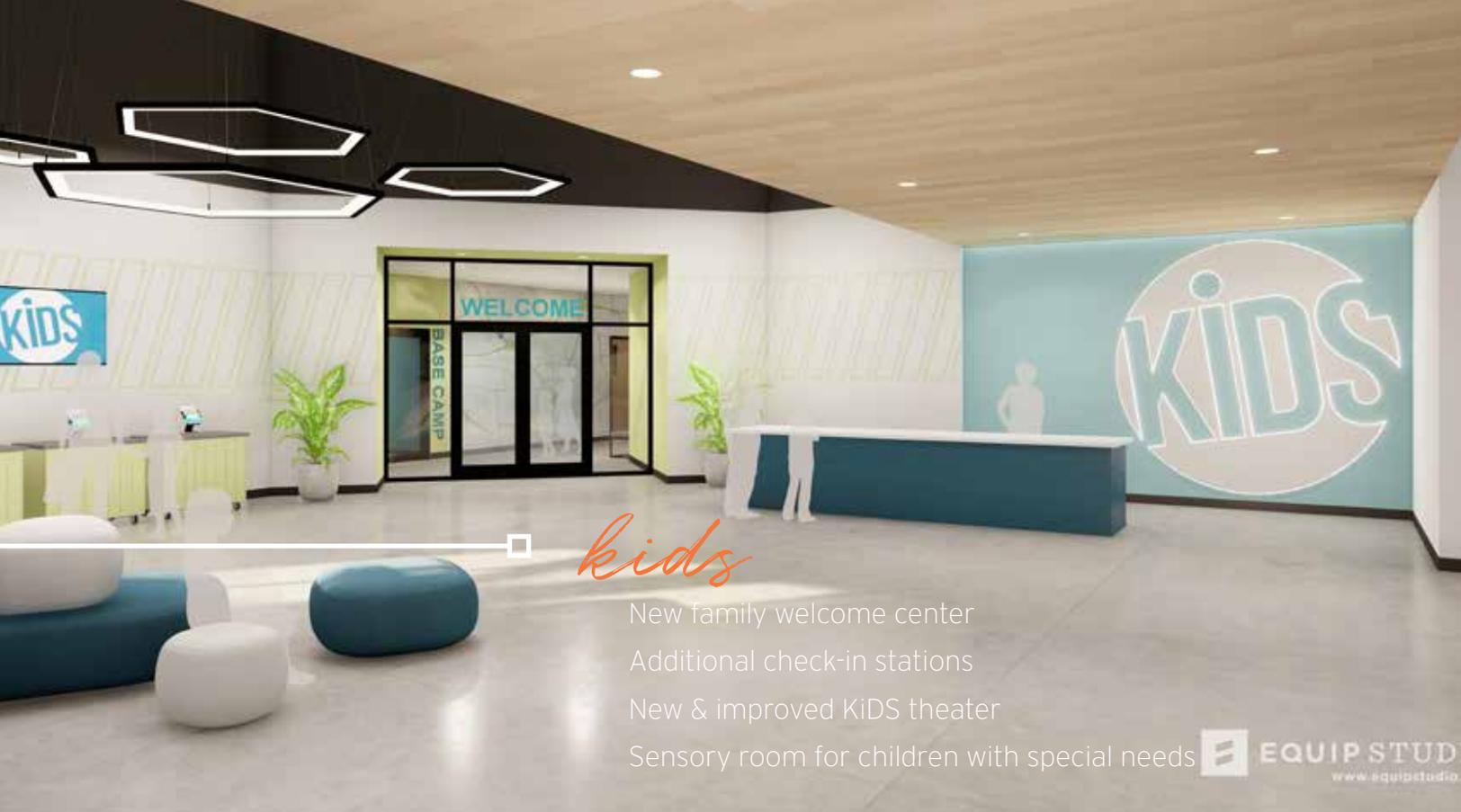


Lobby

- New expanded lobby
- Updated coffee bar with additional seating
- Gathering spaces and seating throughout
- Additional spaces to facilitate connections & next steps

EQUIP STUDIO
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kids

- New family welcome center
- Additional check-in stations
- New & improved KiDS theater
- Sensory room for children with special needs

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students

Medium-sized auditorium used for weekly Students gatherings and other church ministries throughout the week
Pre-function space for gathering and connecting
Classrooms for Students and Discipleship environments



auditorium

New auditorium space for Sunday gatherings
Improved audio, video, and lighting systems
Improved seating layout and sight-lines





□ *other improvements*

- Designated space for volunteers, we're calling Volunteer Headquarters
- Additional storage across the campus
- Administrative & support space for weekly operations
- Small group spaces throughout the facility

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE:

Design Development: July 17, 2023 – October 4, 2023

Pricing: October 9, 2023 – November 6, 2023

Construction Documents: November 13, 2023 – February 9, 2024

Final Pricing & Permitting: February 12, 2024 – March 22, 2024

Construction: April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

FOR THE *City*

HARRISON HAWTHORN

**HARRISON ATTENDED
FLORIDA STATE
UNIVERSITY AND WAS
INVOLVED IN SALT
COMPANY, OUR
COLLEGE MINISTRY. HE
NOW SERVES AS A
FULL-TIME RESIDENT
IN SALT.**

CITYCHURCH RESIDENT

HOW DID YOU GET CONNECTED TO CITY CHURCH?

I got connected to City Church through a few friends living in my freshman-year dorm. They had attended a summer event that, at that time, City Church U hosted to welcome freshmen. When I arrived in the fall, I was in a place in my faith where I felt that I could do the Christian life alone. However, through this, I came to a point where God was not at all at the center of my mind and I was more focused on chasing the world and its temporary glory, rather than chasing Jesus. So, coincidentally, I met and became friends with them, and upon finding out where I was in my faith, they encouraged me to attend Launch @ Langford. So, after their encouragement, I decided to attend.



WHAT DID YOU THINK WHEN YOU WALKED UP TO LAUNCH @ LANGFORD?

When I first walked up to Launch, I was shocked to see hundreds of college students covering Langford Green, all with the goal of worshipping God. Students with different grades, backgrounds, schools, and life goals, all gathered together for one mission. There were people who were excited that I was there and excited to meet me and welcome me into the community. I could not help but think to myself, "There is something different about these people."

WHAT HAPPENED OUT OF THAT EVENT? WHAT NEXT STEPS DID YOU TAKE?

At that event, I heard the gospel preached clearly and concisely. I felt surrounded by people who truly cared about the gospel and believed in what it meant for their lives. In that moment, my eyes were opened to my need to be in Christian community and a body of believers that took the Bible seriously and reached the college campus seriously. There was no other response to what God was showing me and teaching me that night than to join a City Group and take fellowship seriously.



TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE KNOWING JESUS AND HOW IT LOOKS DIFFERENT NOW.

I grew up in church all my life and my parents were fantastic at stressing the importance of Spiritual Discipline. However, I fell into a lukewarmness where I knew intellectually what I should do, but I did not let my life and actions be truly changed by the implications of the gospel. That was until I realized, the gospel DEMANDS a response and that some changes needed to be made. God used City Church and the people in it to disciple and teach me what it looks like to follow Christ. This is a multigenerational church that believes in following Jesus into the world, not just being a cruise ship

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for believers, but a battleship for the mission. Every ministry at City Church from SALT, to Students, to discipleship has worked together to grow me in my faith and what it looks like to serve and be a part of the living body of Christ.

TELL US ABOUT RESIDENCY. WHAT MINISTRY DO YOU SERVE IN NOW & WHY?

I serve City Church as a Resident in the college ministry, Salt Company. In my time attending FSU, God broke my heart for the college campus and showed me the need for the gospel in the lives of these young adults. City Church joined the SALT Network, which is a network of churches that are based in strategic college campus cities, with the goal of impacting those campuses with the good news. We are committed to the verse, Luke 10:2 which talks about the harvest being plentiful and the laborers that we need to both pray for and be. So, when I decided I wanted to do a residency after graduation, I could not think of any better area for me and my convictions, than the college ministry!



COMMITMENT



VISION FUND

As we pursue this Let's Go! vision together, we have unified our generosity around one central fund-- a Vision Fund. It really is as simple as it sounds. Every dollar given will both support our existing yearly ministry goals, everything you know and love about City Church, while also expanding our gospel impact like never before. We have a \$6+ million dollar goal to accomplish this expanded vision over the next year. Below is one way we believe God could use you, our church family, to make this happen.

GIVING GUIDE

This vision is big, and it can only happen with all of us, together. The Giving Guide below represents total giving over a one year period. We want to challenge you to find the level you are currently giving at, then pray and consider moving up one level. We know that this is only possible with God. So we are trusting Him to provide, and we are asking you to join us!



\$6+ MILLION DOLLAR GOAL

COMMITMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	CUMULATIVE
1	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
1	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$875,000
2	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,375,000
3	\$125,000	\$375,000	\$1,750,000
5	\$62,500	\$312,500	\$2,062,500
10	\$35,000	\$350,000	\$2,412,500
15	\$25,000	\$375,000	\$2,787,500
25	\$18,000	\$450,000	\$3,237,500
50	\$15,000	\$750,000	\$3,987,500
100	\$10,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,987,500
150	\$5,000	\$750,000	\$5,737,500
225	\$2,500	\$562,500	\$6,300,000
275	\$1,500	\$412,500	\$6,712,500

commitment card

We have a goal to see 100% participation from those who attend City Church and the Commitment Card allows us to track that goal. We are asking everyone to fill out a **Commitment Card** and turn it in on **Commitment Sunday, October 29**. Below is an example of a Commitment Card. As we look forward to turning these in together, we encourage you to begin thinking and praying about what God is calling you to do in this season of expanded giving. You can use the Giving Guide on the previous page to help you as you plan your commitment to Let's Go!

LET'S GO!

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Tell us why you're excited and committed to give to Let's Go!

pray, commit

MY COMMITMENT

Calculate Here

What I normally give each year
(Tithes, offering, missions,
special gifts)

+

How much I am adding to
my tithe

=

Gifts from
Stored
Resources
(Savings,
stocks, real
estate, etc.)

+

=

**My one year
Let's Go!
commitment**

I AM NEW TO LET'S GO!

I would like to make a 1-year commitment to Let's Go! in the amount of: _____

AT THIS HALFWAY POINT IN THE LET'S GO! JOURNEY, I WOULD LIKE TO:

I would like to CONFIRM my LET'S GO! commitment to finish strong.

I would like to INCREASE my LET'S GO! commitment to: _____

Please be sure to complete this card by providing your name and contact information on the back.

You'll have a chance to turn your Commitment Card in on Commitment Sunday, Oct. 29th

LET'S GO!

Name(s): JAMES DOE
 Address: 123 SESSIONS ROAD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303
 Phone: 850-555-5555
 Email: JAMESDOE@EMAIL.COM

Tell us why you're excited

MY COMMITMENT

Calculate Here

<input type="text"/>	What I normally give each year (Tithes, offering, missions, special gifts)		
+			
<input type="text"/>	How much I am adding to my tithe		
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Giving Guide:



First Time Giver Example:



MY COMMITMENT

Calculate Here

<u>10,000</u>	What I normally give each year (Tithes, offering, missions, special gifts)		
+			
<u>5,000</u>	My expanded annual generosity		
=			
<u>15,000</u>		+	<u>3,000</u>
			Gifts from Stored Resources (Savings, stocks, real estate, etc.)
		=	
			<u>18,000</u>
			My one year Let's Go! commitment

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18,000

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The Let's Go giving period is November 13, 2022 through December 2024. If you are joining in at this halfway point, we will kick off Let's Go giving in November!

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

In Matthew 6, Jesus says, where your money is, there your heart will be also. We want to see everyone who calls this church home growing more like Jesus. If we are growing in Christ we should also be growing in generosity. We believe that Christian generosity begins with giving to the local church and that every Christian should have a plan to support their local church.

Whether you are considering giving for the first time, or you have faithfully given for years, we believe there is a step you can take to grow in generosity. As we grow in generosity, we not only increase our giving, but also our Kingdom impact. We want to equip you to grow in generosity, so we've put together this guide to help you along the way.

FIRST TIME - *I am giving for the first time.* Growing in generosity always begins with a first step. Taking that first step is never easy, but required if you are going to grow. If you have never given before, take your first step by giving today.

OCCASIONAL - *I have given before, but not consistently.* If you have given something in the past, but done so inconsistently, oftentimes your next step is to begin giving regularly. A great way to move from giving occasionally to giving consistently is to set up a recurring gift.

CONSISTENT - *I give consistently, but not as much as I could.* The consistent giver has taken steps to give regularly. They are committed to the act of giving. At this stage, our next step of growing in generosity is to give in a way that reflects the generosity we have been shown through Christ. A next step to grow in generosity is to evaluate the level at which you are giving.

TITHING - *I faithfully give 10% of my income.* Tithing simply is giving back the first 10% of what God has given us. The tithing giver has gone from giving consistently to giving intentionally in a way that models a heart of generosity. Growing in generosity means looking for additional ways to further God's Kingdom with your resources.

SACRIFICIAL - *I give more than 10%, prioritizing God's Kingdom over mine.* The sacrificial giver is someone who gives beyond what is normal or accepted. When we grow into sacrificial giving, we begin to choose God's Kingdom over our own comforts. The sacrificial giver shows the transforming work Jesus has done in our lives by giving in a way that impacts their lifestyle.

LEGACY - *I give to make a Kingdom impact that outlasts me.* The legacy giver believes that every resource, whether financial or otherwise, is a gift from God to be used for His Kingdom purposes. The legacy giver intentionally gives by acknowledging that their generosity will outlast them, and that everything in their life is to be freely and generously given for God's work. Legacy giving leaves an impact that outlasts the giver and serves the Kingdom beyond their lives.



FIRST TIME

I am giving for the first time.



OCCASIONAL

I have given before, but not consistently.



TITHING

I faithfully give 10% of my income.



CONSISTENT

I give consistently, but not as much as I could.



SACRIFICIAL

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LEGACY

I give to make a Kingdom impact that outlasts me.



FAQ:

- **What is Let's Go!?**

Let's Go! is a two-year expression of our vision to be for the gospel and for the city, to expand our reach in Tallahassee and beyond. It includes a two-year financial commitment to accomplish this faith-stretching, exciting vision, and we are asking you to go with us.

- **Why is the project called Let's Go!?**

Besides our Lead Pastor's love for Tom Brady, the campaign is called Let's Go! because we believe that is exactly what God is calling each of us to do over the next two years. City Church started with a vision to be for the gospel and for the city. That vision has not changed, it has grown. We know that it takes all of us going - from our church, for the city, and to the world - to make that vision possible. God is calling us to go - so LET'S GO!

- **How much will the facility expansion and renovation cost?**

The current estimate for the building expansion and renovation is approximately \$12,200,000. Of that figure we anticipate using \$2,200,000 from strategic reserves, \$5,000,000 raised during Let's Go!, and financing the remaining \$5,000,000.

- **Are there phases to this expansion?**

The construction will be completed in stages, but there are not multiple phases to this expansion. We will begin by building a new auditorium, lobby, and administrative spaces. Once complete, we will renovate the current auditorium into a medium-sized auditorium and small group rooms for Students. Upon completion of that stage, the current KiDS space and a portion of the original lobby and auditorium will be converted into a new and expanded KiDS ministry space. During the construction, we are planning to continue meeting in our current space, and not needing to relocate during the construction and renovation. This is in part due to the ability to work being completed in each stage. Some ministry operations may change locations during the construction, but we plan to remain on campus during that time.

- **Why should I consider giving to Let's GO!?**

Giving to Let's Go! looks similar to your regular giving to the church, just more focused and expanded to help catalyze this season of growth. As Christians and local church members, we want to obey the Scriptures and obey the call to give to the local church. In giving to the local church, you are financially supporting the expansion of God's kingdom here in Tallahassee, and around the world. Giving to Let's Go! allows us to go from our church, for the city and to the world. Your giving helps us proclaim the Gospel in the city of Tallahassee, continue making disciples, and allows us to expand our facilities to create a more adequate environment for the mission God has called us to. Additionally, giving to Let's Go! continues to support all of the ministry that is happening at City Church that you know and love.

- **Why do churches talk about money, finances, and giving so much?**

We believe that it is important to talk about money, finances, and giving because Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. We have a desire to be people who are committed to living lives that glorify the Lord. We also want to make sure that we are not greedy or ungodly in the way that we handle our possessions. We believe the local church is God's "Plan A" for reaching the world with the good news of the gospel and that every Christian should have a plan to support their local church. We talk about money, finances, and giving because we care about our hearts and acknowledge that everything we have has been given to us freely by him.

- **How do I know that this church is a trustworthy place to give my resources?**

We seek to use the resources that are given to City Church in the most God-honoring ways possible. A few steps that we have taken to ensure that you can have confidence in the way we handle the resources given to City Church are: We are accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). As members of the ECFA, we uphold their 7 Standards for Financial Accountability. To view those standards, visit ecfa.org. Additionally, we have our financial statements audited annually by an independent third party accounting firm. We also desire to be transparent in how we plan to spend and allocate resources, so our budget is available at citychurchletsgo.com.

FAQ:

- **Are we financially healthy as a church?**

Yes. We are, by God's grace and the generosity of many of you, in a very financially healthy position. We currently have more than 6 months of operating reserves, and 12 months of debt service reserves. According to prominent CPAs in the non-profit sector, these measures as well as others give us a strong financial position. As we move into this project we are committed to retaining those reserves and holding a sound financial position into the future.

- **How can families participate?**

This is a great opportunity to get your children involved and excited about the mission and vision of our church, and the work God is doing in Tallahassee and beyond. For our preschool and elementary age kids, we have put together a Family Guidebook with weekly devotionals, conversation guides, and more to help you follow along as a family! We also have family discussion questions in our 2023 Guidebook!

- **How are we seeking the Lord's guidance in these efforts?**

Through every step of this process, we have sought prayer, wise counsel, and looked at the scriptures to make sure the decisions being made are honoring the Lord and working to build His church. Every effort put forth is carefully prayed through, thought through, and decided on by our staff team and our elders, as we seek to be good stewards of what the Lord has given us. We also ask that you pray with us throughout this season. We've included a weekly Bible reading plan and prayer guide later in this book that we invite you to follow along with! This is a big vision, and we know that we are dependent on the Lord to make it a reality.

- **Can I donate real estate, stocks/bonds, and other stored assets?**

Yes, you can include stored assets in your Let's Go! giving plan. Most of the wealth owned by Christians is in the form of non-cash assets, yet most of the giving to churches is in the form of cash, NOT assets. For some, there can be great advantages to giving from assets instead of cash. If you have specific questions about gifts from stored resources, please email Alex Scott, Executive Pastor, at alex@citychurchtallahassee.com.

- **What is a Commitment Card?**

A commitment card is a tool to make known your commitment to Let's Go. We have a goal to see 100% participation from those who attend City Church and the commitment card allows us to track that goal. We will be giving out Commitment Cards in October and we will fill them out on Oct. 29th.

- **What is the giving period for Let's Go?**

The giving period for Let's Go! is November 13, 2022 - December 2024. For those of you joining in at the halfway point, the giving period will begin November 2023 and will go through December 2024.

- **How can I give to Let's Go?**

You can give to Let's Go! the same way you currently give to City Church. You can give online at citychurchgive.com. If you don't currently give, that's okay too! This is a great time to start! One way to give consistently is to automate the important by setting up recurring giving. Our online giving platform allows you to easily set that up. You can also give cash or check in person or mail it in anytime.



don't miss these special events!

**OCT
08**

**VISION NIGHT
AT 6PM**



**OCT
22**

**BAPTISM
SUNDAY**



**OCT
29**

**COMMITMENT
SUNDAY**



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1

- Week 1: Let's Go:
At All Costs
- Connect Class

OCTOBER 8

- Week 2: Let's Go:
A Call for Church Unity
- Vision Night at 6pm

OCTOBER 15

- Week 3: Let's Go:
Follow Jesus into the World

OCTOBER 22

- Baptism Sunday
- Week 4: Let's Go:
The Presence of the Lord

OCTOBER 29

- Commitment Sunday
- Week 5: Let's Go:
For the Gospel +
For the City



TO THE *World*

REBECCA ALBIN

**REBECCA ALBIN SERVES
ON OUR SEND TEAM. THIS
YEAR SHE PARTICIPATED
IN BOTH OUR SPRING
BREAK TRIP TO BERLIN,
GERMANY AND OUR
SUMMER TRIP TO
LONDON, ENGLAND.**

CITYCHURCH MEMBER

WHAT TRIPS DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

I went to Berlin during spring break and London in the summer of 2023! The bulk of both trips was mainly focused on prayer walking and evangelizing. In Berlin, we got to serve local church leaders through preparing a meal and participating in a 10k hike as they were ministering and building relationships with their non-believing friends. In London, we got to have so much wisdom shared with us from Redeemer's church leaders about how they have leveraged their lives for the sake of taking the gospel to the Nations. My favorite moments of the Berlin trip were definitely seeing how the Lord used our team to encourage each other and the missionaries/church planters serving in the city - all while sleep deprived, not knowing the language and navigating a completely different culture. In a few days, we got to share the gospel with nearly 15 people, which is about 10 more people than any of the local missionaries were expecting!

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GO?

When Thomas West (Pastor at Redeemer QP in London) came and spoke at City Church in 2019, he shared how he felt the Lord calling him from NC to London to start a church plant. I was in college at the time and he was speaking on a Tuesday night. He opened up the scriptures to show us how the Lord has commanded us to be a part of the great commission and to bring the gospel to the Nations. I immediately felt like I wanted to be a part of that too. I wasn't anticipating going to Berlin, but when I heard pastor Craig talking about what the city was like and how desperate the people are there for the gospel, I knew I had to go and see for myself. I wanted to take part in sharing the good news with Berliners.



HOW HAS YOUR FAITH GROWN SINCE GOING?

I didn't realize how much I had been neglecting evangelizing in my personal life and how much that was impacting my faith. The minute I got back, it was like I was seeing every conversation differently - an opportunity to bring Life into every discussion. I used to think of evangelism just as a means to bring Life to others- but what I experienced was that it ALSO brought Life to me! It is a beautiful thing what the Lord shows you if you're willing to be obedient. You don't just preach the gospel to yourself by sitting alone with your Bible, you preach the gospel to yourself from hearing it as you share it with others.

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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE WHO IS THINKING ABOUT GOING?

Let's Go! I understand the commitment may seem daunting; but the time will pass anyway, the money will go someplace anyway. We all know the feeling of, "wow the summer flew by!" Or "my vacation went too quick!" Why not use the time to do something you won't be able to help BUT remember what you were doing! After all, our time and money don't belong to us anyway. What a sweet way to offer up these gifts back to God. Also - you're not in this alone! City Church wants to come alongside you and help you through this process. Just reach out!

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE?

After going on these trips, I really feel the Lord stirring in my heart a LOVE for the lost and for the Nations. We know that Jesus Himself had a love for the lost and for the Nations (Luke 19:10, Matthew 28:19). God used this experience to make me more like Jesus. What a precious gift!



WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYER GUIDE

Week of October 1: At All Costs (Acts 21:1–16)

Pray that you would be emboldened to share and live out the gospel at all costs, knowing that Jesus is worth it!

Pray for the project to stay on schedule for design and construction for the building renovation.

Pray that God would reveal His love for you and that you would be reminded of His sacrifice on the cross for you.

Week of October 8: A Call for Church Unity (Acts 21:17–36)

Pray that we would be unified as a church for the sake of the gospel and that we would keep minor differences with one another from becoming barriers to the gospel going forth.

Pray for the project team to make wise decisions for the building renovation and pray that through this project, many of those involved will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pray that God would help you to have a desire for His word and to not only read it but live it out.

Week of October 15: Follow Jesus Into the World (Acts 21:37–22:21)

Pray that you will follow Jesus in true discipleship which means that we follow the call He has given us to engage the lost world all around us.

Pray for pricing to stabilize for the building renovation.

Pray that God would give you the opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with your family, friends, neighbors, classmates, and co-workers.

PRAYER GUIDE

Week of October 22: The Presence of the Lord (Acts 22:22–23:35)

Pray that you would be keenly aware of the presence of the Lord in your life and that His presence would give you comfort and confidence to walk the path He lays before you.

Pray for continued generosity to fund the Let's Go! vision.

Pray that God would help you to know and do His will where He has placed you.

Week of October 29: For the Gospel...For the City (Acts 24)

Pray that you would live a life of consistency, having a clear conscience before God and people and that your life would be a light to this city and beyond.

Pray for the people who will one day fill the spaces of the newly renovated building.

Pray that God would help you identify someone that you can disciple and someone who can disciple you in your walk with Christ.

**Write the names of 3 people you want to see reached
with the hope of the gospel through Let's Go!:**

WEEKLY SERMON OUTLINES

City Groups Discussion Guide

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OBSERVE

What were Paul's friends urging him not to do, and why?

Looking at verse 13, what was Paul's response to them?

Where in this section of scripture do we see references to friendships and Christian community? How are they described?

Why do you think Paul stood firm in his convictions to take the gospel to Jerusalem?

Why do you think God uses the Holy Spirit to communicate the hardships that await Paul in Jerusalem?

And why does Paul go anyway?

INTERPRET

What does Matthew 16:24-28 tell us about the cost of following Jesus?

Referencing Acts 21, how is Paul an example to us of how to live out Matthew 16:25-26?

Sometimes the cost of following Jesus puts us in an uncomfortable spot, how can Philippians 3:8 encourage us as we pursue a life of being obedient to Jesus?

What is the value of knowing Jesus? What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus personally?

APPLY

What do the experiences of Paul and other missionaries teach us about the cost of following Jesus?

In what ways has following Jesus in your everyday life cost you in the eyes of the world? How was it worth it?

In what ways is God calling you to be uncomfortable (maybe specifically in this Let's Go! season) as you seek to live a life that is gospel centered? How is He encouraging you in this season?

Take a few minutes to pray for one another and encourage one another as you seek to live your life for Christ no matter the cost.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What might we need to leave behind to follow Jesus?

Talk to your child about the cost of loving and obeying Jesus. Help them think about ways others might react to them.

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OBSERVE

Last week we talked about the cost of following Jesus. Why is it essential that we have brothers and sisters unified in the gospel alongside us?

Looking at verses 20-26, what does Paul say about both the Jews and Gentiles in relation to the unity found in Christ?

Looking at verse 28, who stirred up the crowd against Paul and what was the accusation presented?

As a result of this accusation, what happens to Paul?

INTERPRET

Compare Acts 21:20-26 with 1 Corinthians 9:15-23. Are Paul's actions and his missionary policy consistent? Paul is living out the words he wrote in Galatians 5:13-15. Read through this passage - what does it look like to "serve one another through love?"

On the contrary, what does it look like to "bite and devour one another" in the context of the church?

Read Philippians 1:27-29. What does this passage teach us about where our unity is found as Christians?

APPLY

Paul was willing to bend over backwards for the church in Jerusalem in order to preserve the unity of the church. How important is the unity of City Church to you? What are some things you can do to help foster unity in the church?

In view of this, in our own lives and in the life of the church, how do we discern between non-negotiables and preferences?

What does it mean to defend the faith? When might you need to do this?

One of the main missions of Let's Go! is to take the gospel news to those in our city. Take a few moments to pray for God to help you present the gospel this week. Ask God to bring your hearers to faith in Christ.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What ultimately unites us as believers in the church?

Prompt kids to realize that believers are united in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. God gathers people who have faith in Jesus and invites us into His family. We are like the parts of one body—the church—and Jesus is the head of the church. He holds the whole universe together, and He unites us.

(1 Corinthians 1:12-13)

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OBSERVE

What was the Commander's response to Paul's plea to speak? Why do you think he was surprised? Summarize Paul's defense in Acts 22: 1-21.

What did Paul mean when he said in verse 4, " I persecuted the Way"? Do people still persecute "the Way"? Overall, what does Paul try to accomplish in his defense speech?

INTERPRET

How does Paul's testimony in Acts relate to his account in Galatians 1:11-24?

Why do you think Paul told his testimony as a defense?

What does Romans 8:18 tell us about the relationship between present suffering for Christ and the reward that Christians will receive in heaven?

How does Romans 8:18 contradict with what the world tells us about how and where to find security and success?

APPLY

What does the believer receive at the point of conversion?

How does the gift of the Holy Spirit help and give confidence to the believer when following Jesus into the world?

What does it look like practically for you to follow Jesus into the world?

How can giving a personal testimony of your conversion story help others understand the goodness of the gospel message?

FAMILY DISCUSSION

What can we gain by following Jesus?

Discuss the unending joy, and eternal life we have with God when we have faith in Jesus. Point kids to the hope they have in life: that we gain new purpose, can resist sin, and are filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Also discuss the hope we have for the future: that Jesus will return and fix all that sin has broken. On that day, we will reign with Christ as children of God.

City Groups Discussion Guide

OBSERVE

What was the significance of Paul being born a Roman citizen?
Looking at Acts 23:7-8, what was the difference of beliefs between the Pharisees and Sadducees?
What did the Jewish leaders conspire to do to Paul? How was their plan thwarted?
Where do we see God's hand of protection over Paul in this passage?

INTERPRET

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. What is your reaction to this text? How did Paul live out this passage?
What does verse 12 mean? And how can this be encouraging to us when we go through times of hardship and persecution because of our faith?
Read Acts 24:14-16, 26:6-8, and 28:20. Notice how Paul emphasizes the resurrection. How do these passages relate to what Paul told the Sanhedrin in 23:6-10?
Why must we emphasize the resurrection when sharing the gospel?

APPLY

Have you ever shared the gospel before an unfriendly and unbelieving audience? If so, what were your biggest challenges?
How can Acts 23:11 encourage you?
How can you experience the reassuring presence of Jesus on a daily basis?
How long have you attended City Church? During that time how have you seen the Lord at work?
What has been your favorite part of the Let's Go! initiative?

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Why did Paul continue to obey Jesus, even when his freedom and safety were threatened?
Help your child understand that Paul knew the promises of God. Paul had hope for the future, and was being made more like Jesus each day. Jesus gave His life for us, and we can give our lives so others can believe the gospel.

City Groups Discussion Guide

OBSERVE

What were the allegations against Paul? (Acts 24: 1-9)

What is Paul's defense to these allegations? (Acts 24: 10-21)

Explain what Paul means in Acts 24: 21 when he says, "Today I am on trial before you concerning the resurrection of the dead"?

Why do you think Felix became afraid after Paul shared his faith in Christ with him? Even though Acts 24: 22 tells us that he "was well informed about the Way"?

INTERPRET

What do you find most striking about Paul's message to Felix when he speaks to him privately? (Acts 24:24-26)

How is the gospel message both terrifying (Hebrews 10:31) and uplifting (Romans 8:1)?

Does Paul serve as an encouraging example for you in the way that he never wastes an opportunity to share the gospel even in the midst of extreme persecution?

APPLY

Do you find it difficult to transition general conversations into gospel conversations? Why? What does this passage and Paul's example teach you about how to do that more effectively?

One of the main goals of City Church is to be "For the Gospel, For the City." Why is it important that they are in that order? What happens when we put the gospel second in our lives?

How can you proactively live "For the Gospel, for the City"?

Take some time to share some "wins" that have happened during the "Let's Go!" initiative.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Have you done difficult things to share the gospel?

Help kids think critically about their lives. Paul was willing to do hard things to share the gospel. He knew that Jesus alone had the power to save people from sin. Paul trusted God's plan. Pray over your children that God will give them courage and opportunities to share.

WHAT

HE'S DONE:

FROM OUR CHURCH

- We had our highest recorded attendance on a Sunday, outside of a special event, with over **2,000** people on campus!
- We have more people than ever participating in City Groups with an average of **500** people in groups weekly this fall.
- We have celebrated over **90 baptisms** since the start of Let's Go!

FOR THE CITY

- Over **500** college students joined us for Launch at Langford on FSU's campus to hear the gospel!
- We provided **200** backpacks to our community partner, Godby High School, to set their students up for a successful school year.
- We hosted City Church KiDS Camp where over **340** kids heard the gospel on their level, and over **120** volunteers took time out of their summer to invest in the next generation!
- **4,000+** people heard the gospel at Easter at the Civic Center!

TO THE WORLD

- We have sent over **30** people on short- and long-term missions over the last year, with more in the pipeline ready to GO!
- We hosted our first ever missions conference called To The World, with **200+** people in attendance.
- We gave **\$20,000** to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, our largest financial gift ever to the North American Mission Board!

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