

NEXT STEPS COMMUNITY CENTER

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GO & MAKE

Dear Friends,

Regardless of the story that has led you to this moment, I'm convinced **you are here on purpose for a purpose**. That's not just my opinion, it's how God talks about each of us. He invites us into His family and then He invites us into His mission to Go & Make disciples of all nations. This is a journey with Almighty God Himself, that we all get to be a part of, if we choose it. Choices are sacred, my friend, and I must give you a heads up: choosing Jesus is not for those wanting an "easy" way. Choosing to let God lead, to listen to Him and obey Him, will be full of highs and lows that we'll be talking about for generations to come. **God is calling our whole church and each of us individually to Go & Make.** As we follow where He leads, it will require a step or two beyond our comfort zones, but it will also be exhilarating—nothing short of an adventure that will transform our lives and create lasting impact for those around us. God knows what He's doing and that's why I am asking you to be all in. Commit to draw close to God as He draws close to you over the course of this Go & Make: Built to Last journey. As we do this together, I believe God will move in incredible ways. The way Ang and I like to say it is, "How about we just let God actually be God over our lives?"

As you read through these pages, I hope you'll discover that **this local outpost of the Kingdom of God is one where everyone feels welcomed and wanted**. We are real people, on an authentic journey toward Jesus and we believe that it's better done together. Ang and I stand with you, walk with you, celebrate and mourn with you. We're leaning in with everything we've got to reach our friends, families, community and the world for Jesus. **We know God's Kingdom isn't like the world. It's built different and it's built to last.** So why wait to take a step? Why not now? Let this new chapter in your adventure of faith begin.



—Ted Bryant
Lead Pastor



OUR MISSION

OUR VISION

We are a diverse community helping people take their next steps toward Christ...together. We do this daily by intentionally listening to and **Obeying** God, being His **Witnesses** and **Never** forgetting what God has done for us (O.W.N.). We are continuously seeking to grow relationship with God through prayer, biblical teaching, authentic worship, compelling creativity, sacred fun, selfless service and loving others as Jesus loves us. We take seriously Jesus' command to **Go & Make** disciples (Matthew 28:19) through our radical commitment to be equally focused on reaching those who don't yet know they're loved by God and equipping those who already believe for impactful ministry.

As we generously invest our **Time, Energy, Attention** and **Money** (T.E.A.M.), we get to be a growing church of small circles, celebrating stories of life transformation across every age, phase and sphere of life. God's hope is expanding locally, regionally and beyond, where we live out what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ, always seeking to serve, more than we are served. Even those who disagree with us sense our kindness and love for them. **What God is doing in and through our weekly gatherings, events and groups is decidedly different than anything the world has to offer.**

Amidst the constantly changing and complex world around us, we are making the sacred choice to wholeheartedly depend upon God. He is the only One who is unchanging, faithful and true. **Who God is and what He has done inspires us to invite everyone into the adventure of faith.** God wants us to grow His lasting Kingdom in each generation, one relationship at a time. We are unwavering in our commitment to cry out, "Here I am LORD, send me."

AS A CHURCH WE WANT TO BUILD **T.R.U.S.T.** WITH GOD,
EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY...
THIS IS HOW WE DO IT.

WE VALUE

BEHIND THE
HEART OF
"GO & MAKE"

TRUTH

Founded and grounded in God's Truth

REAL LOVE

Authentic compassion in action

UNITY

One family in God

STEPS

Simple, clear, relevant

TEAM

We is better than *me*

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

—Matthew 22:37-39

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make** disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

—Matthew 28:18-20

HELPING PEOPLE TAKE
THEIR NEXT STEPS TOWARD
CHRIST... TOGETHER





WHERE WE'VE BEEN

In 2022, we launched Go & Make: Built Different, an initiative that came with fresh goals and a new vision for the future of Granger Community Church.

Thanks to your generosity and God's provision, we met—and exceeded—those goals. Here's a little recap of what we've been up to and all the amazing things God has done!

DIGITAL FRONTLINES

To enhance our video capture capabilities, we recently completed an auditorium technology refresh. We also launched a texting tool to follow up with new guests and a brand new app that allows each of us to take steps toward Christ daily!



WITNESS WALLS

To better help our church display God's Truth, Grace and Hope, we installed Witness Pods at the Granger Campus for people to capture and share stories of life change.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We've had the opportunity to act as partners and sponsors, as well as supply volunteers, to many wonderful community-run events, like Sunburst, Roofsit, Over the Edge and more!

MISSIONS FOR EVERY AGE & PHASE

We've provided mission trip opportunities (Chicago and Honduras) and a wide variety of serving opportunities (like #4Michiana) for all ages and phases of life, locally, regionally and beyond.

LIFE GROUP LIFTOFF

Life groups are soaring! We were able to hire new staff and focus on training and supporting group leaders. There are 1,100+ people currently involved in a life group through Granger Community Church.

LAUNCHING YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young adults (ages 19-29) are gathering in life groups and mentoring groups and twice a month they meet for worship, prayer, great food and a chance to connect with God and each other.

BIBLE REVIVAL

We've strategically given out Bibles during milestone moments. We've also launched a consistent Midweek Bible Study with a variety of topics to help every age and life stage take steps in their faith.

CAMPUS COMEBACK

Construction is FINALLY finished! What a gift to experience the renovated upper and lower levels at the Granger Campus, including the playground. Improvements at the Elkhart Campus include a brand new roof and new HVAC system.



GO

NEXT STEPS COMMUNITY CENTER

God continues to call our church to have a powerful impact in our community. Being only three and a half miles south of our Granger Campus, the Next Steps Community Center will enable us to partner with our neighbors in Mishawaka and the surrounding area to take steps toward Christ together.

We are so excited about our Next Steps Program, which will support and influence all five spheres of someone's life: spiritual, physical, mental, financial and social. There will be a food pantry, garden, teaching kitchen and outdoor activity space. With 5.5 acres of land and knowing there are four schools within a few miles distance, we're trusting God will have even more opportunities for us to help meet the community's needs as programming grows.

Humbled and honored, we look forward to beginning the process of listening to our neighbors in Mishawaka and working alongside them to grow a thriving community centered on Christ.

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

—Matthew 20:28



Note: These sample design renderings and plans are still in process. But how exciting it is to dream about what the Next Steps Community Center could look like!

“I love that as a church we lean into the hard things. Imagine a place where people can go to meet tangible needs for their family, while feeling seen and heard. Our community is hurting and there are few places pointing them toward Jesus as the solution.

One in four families struggle with food insecurity and balancing work with safe and high-quality after-school programming. Many are uncertain of their family's financial stability or have a general lack of healthy social connections.

When talking about the senior population, 80% of seniors in our community are feeling lonely, unseen or purposeless. Poverty cannot be defined just by the lack of physical resources; it's a mindset, one that fosters fear and anxiety.

But with our Next Steps Program, people will learn to break the cycle of poverty while taking their next steps toward Christ... together. I'm excited that we all get to be a part of those transformative steps!”

—Will Meyers
Director of Monroe Circle
Community Center



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

—Acts 1:8



MISSIONAL WORKPLACE

God has called us to Go & Make disciples wherever we are, in whatever we are doing. This missional effort is intended to bring the light and love of Christ into all the world...even our workplaces.

Many people invest 40-50 hours a week in their vocation. They want to have an impact and want to be a witness for Jesus, but might not know where to start.

We're building a program that will culminate in participants being commissioned to serve and lead in their workplaces. There are two tracks in this program. The first will be for the CEO-level leader to align their entire organization to God's Kingdom Culture (the way we try to live and treat one another here at Granger Community Church).

The second will be for any leader or person in their workplace who wants to make a missional impact where they work. With trainings, cohorts and action plans, this workplace commissioning is going to change the temperature of intentionality in Michiana's workplaces.

**“ Whatever you do,
work at it with all your
heart, as working for
the Lord, not for
human masters.”**

—Colossians 3:23

**“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’**

And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ ”

—Isaiah 6:8



“For the working individual, the majority of their time is spent in the workplace. So, how do we become more intentional with infusing God's truth and hope where people are? How can we help establish God's Kingdom Culture throughout other organizations in our community?”

We believe God is leading us as a church to offer strategic planning and training around being disciples and making disciples in our workplaces. This means learning to hear God's voice, obeying His leadership and living fully surrendered as we invite those around us to follow Jesus with us. If God was leading our business, school, team or organization, what would that look like? What might need to change to be more aligned to God's way of leading?”

—Josh King
Teaching Pastor



MAKE

PRAYER PATHWAY

We believe that prayer was never intended to be a last resort, but a first choice. Prayer is what has always led God's people throughout all of Scripture.

Prayer is what Jesus relied on for strength, comfort and wisdom. Teaching and training people how to pray is no longer optional. We must further engage the power and purpose of prayer.

Along this prayer pathway, there will be intergenerational trainings, including life group and family experiences. Prayer cohorts will be formed that will function as short-term life groups, focused on specific spiritual giftings. There will also be transformational prayer events to help guide people in replacing lies with God's truth.

The practice of prayer was evident in Jesus' life, and it must become even more foundational for each of us as Granger Community Church.

PRAYER COHORTS

These smaller groups will allow people to be connected to both learn how to pray for one another and develop a sensitivity to listening for God's voice and direction.

TRAINING EXPERIENCES

Learning to pray and to connect with God in constant conversation requires work for all of us! This initiative includes more opportunities for training so that prayer becomes second nature for us.

PRAYER EVENTS

Opportunities to gather with others and pray with specific focuses will also be part of this new initiative. How exciting to watch the power of prayer transform hearts and minds!



“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” —Romans 10:17

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” —1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

“One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and He prayed to God all night.” —Luke 6:12

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” —Hebrews 4:16

“Can you imagine living from a place of joy, peace and rest? God promises His truth will set us free. His truth pushes back darkness and replaces the lies, fear and shame we have carried for way too long. Prayer is the very gift God has given to receive His truth so we can live loved and renewed so we may extend that transformative truth to a community in need. It is how we grow our trust in the unfailing love of Christ in our everyday lives. Prayer fuels our love for God, His people and His mission. He has given us the choice—will we choose prayerful dependence, an invitation to depend on God and the power of the Holy Spirit, knowing nothing of eternal value happens unless we join with Him? As God's Church, we are committed to investing in God's priorities through cultivating a growing, vibrant prayer life. May we truly listen to and obey God, seeking to know and trust His voice to lead us daily to Go & Make disciples.”

—Ang Bryant
Pastor of Spiritual Growth



MAKE GRANGER NEXT

In order for the Kingdom of God to be built to last, we must be investing strategically and intentionally in the next generation of church leaders. Who is that, you might ask? We believe kids and students aren't the church of tomorrow, they're the church of today!

Building upon our incredible Granger Kids and Granger Student Ministries (GSM) and Granger Young Adults programming, we will continue to develop those who are interested in further ministry training.

The Granger Academy will both theologically educate young adults and give them a wide variety of work experience within the church. Interns will get full-time, real-world training and responsibilities in their area of interest. Residents will engage a year-long program to help them clarify and strengthen their call to full-time ministry.

The global Church needs great leaders in every ministry area and we believe that God is calling us to help grow the next generation to take Go & Make to a whole new level of impacting God's Church.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

—Galatians 6:9

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

—1 Timothy 4:12



“One of the great needs in the global Church today is faith-filled, equipped and trained leaders who will live out God's calling to Go & Make disciples. And one of the great difficulties for young leaders stepping into that call is having opportunities and environments to get real-world ministry leadership experience. It can also be a challenge to gain necessary training and mentoring so they can grow into their calling and be prepared to lead in the Church.

Whether it's 'homegrown leaders' who have grown up through Granger Kids, Granger Student Ministries and Young Adults programming, or college students we discover through intentional partnerships with universities, God is calling us to equip and mobilize young leaders in every area of ministry.

Granger Next is our opportunity to strategically and intentionally invest in the next generation of church leaders that will make a Kingdom impact in Michiana and beyond!”

—John Keim
Pastor of Family & Missions



WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

We know that in order to accomplish this BIG vision and see transformation and life change happen in the next two years, it will require **the power of T.E.A.M.**

That is, **each of us must contribute our TIME, ENERGY, ATTENTION and MONEY** to ensure that this new phase of “Go & Make” will unfold with great impact.

We aren’t in this just for short-term gains—this movement of God’s Church is **built to last**.

By 2028, we’re anticipating that what God will do in and through these initiatives will be decidedly different than anything the world has to offer.

The Next Steps Community Center in Mishawaka will be thriving and welcoming neighbors to grow in all five spheres of life. We’re igniting new pathways for people to learn how to listen and connect with God through prayer. We’ll be strategically equipping and commissioning newly-energized leaders in workplaces across Michiana. We’re actively developing the next generation of church leaders and witnessing their impact in God’s Church.

And for those who haven’t yet walked through the doors or connected online or in the app, our hope is that they’ll take a step to engage and discover that, at Granger Community Church, there’s a place for them.

THE GOAL:
\$7 MILLION
2,000 HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING

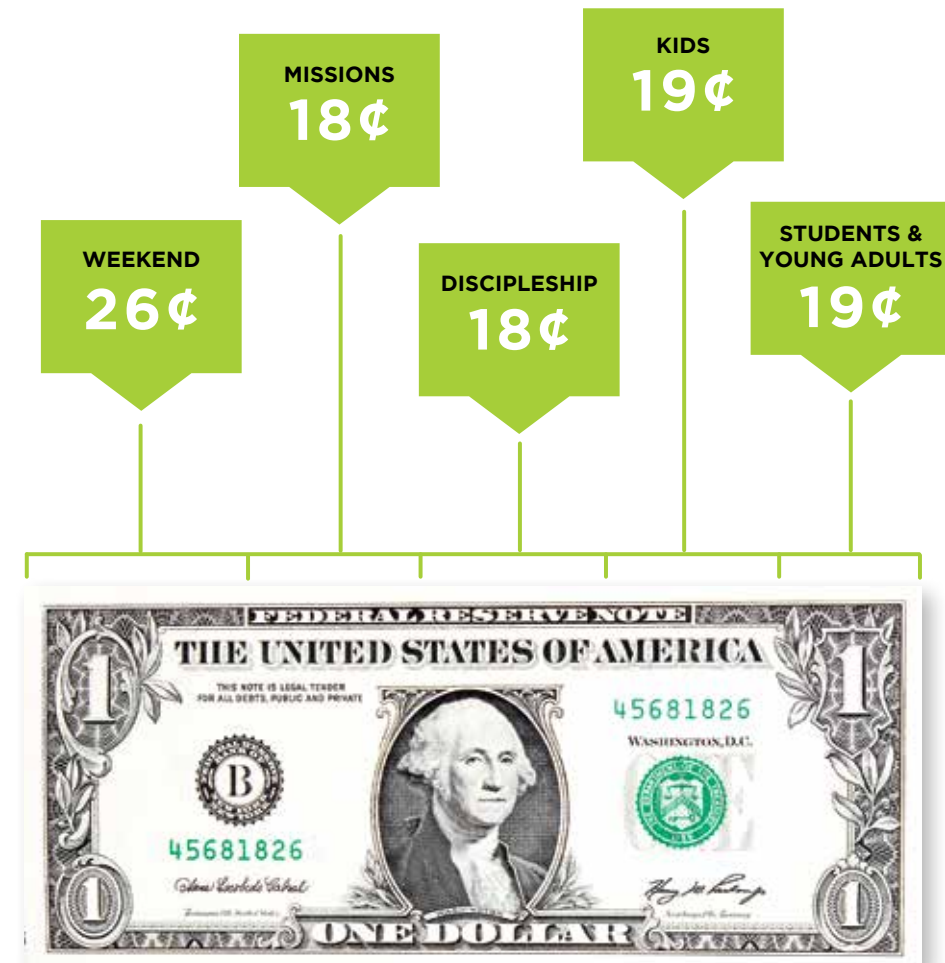
We want to raise \$7 million above our normal operating budget over two years to accomplish these four “Go & Make: Built to Last” initiatives, in addition to all of the amazing programming we’re already doing.

As you’re praying and considering what God might have you contribute, know that we’re always planning ahead for future growth and expansion. A portion of all money raised for “Go & Make: Built to Last” will be set aside for our next BIG growth step. We don’t know what that is yet, but are trusting God is going to want to use our church in BIG ways! So when He asks us to take a step toward growing and expanding, whatever that looks like, we’ll be ready to take action.

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

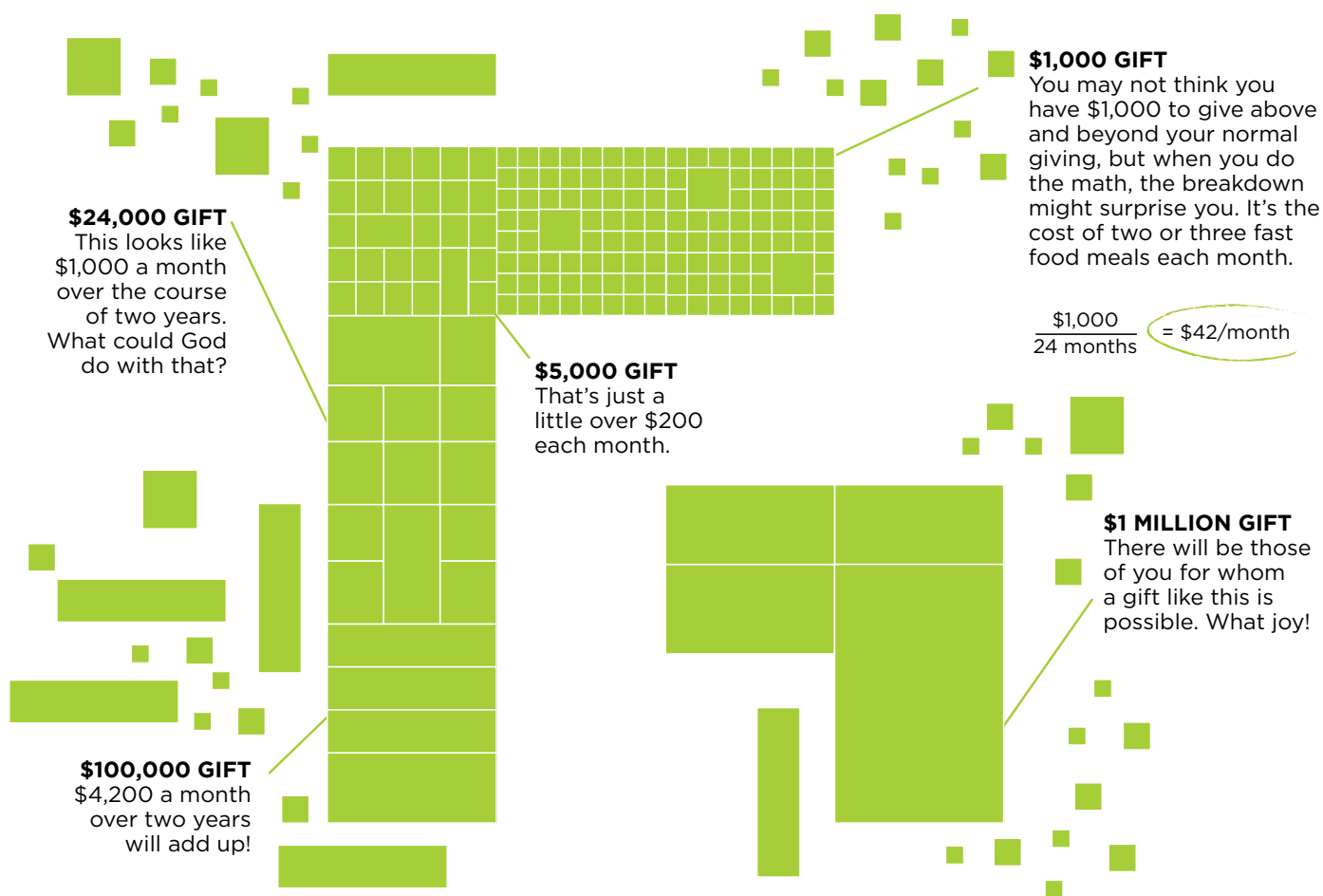
—2 Corinthians 9:8

IN 2025, EVERY DOLLAR GIVEN WENT TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:



GENEROSITY BUILT TO LAST

When it comes to gift-giving, we know everyone's gifts won't be the same. But by each of us giving joyfully whatever it is that God lays on our hearts to give, we can do this! And though our gifts aren't the same, we're all on the same page with our next steps: pray and ask God what He might want us each to give. Then listen. And then, obey. It sounds simple, but it won't be easy. How good is God to let us partner with Him in this dream to transform hearts and lives? Let's take a step together into the adventure of faith!



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP IN GIVING?



CONSISTENT

Maybe you've never given anything to Granger Community Church or you've been intending to start. Maybe you give occasionally. Start now, make your first gift and plan to give regularly. Trust God and get ready for the adventure!

PERCENTAGE

Maybe you give on a regular basis. Accept the challenge to give in the same way you budget for other expenses: consistent percentages of your income. Will you move from giving something to giving 2%, 5% or 7%, consistently?

TITHING

What if you accepted the biblical challenge to test God's faithful character by giving 10% of your income (tithe) consistently? What could God do through you and in you?

ABOVE & BEYOND

Are you currently tithing, giving 10%? What might a next step of love look like for you? What if you increased your percentage of giving to 11%, 13% or even 20%?

FEARLESS

Perhaps you're already giving beyond your tithe to the movement of Granger Community Church. If you find yourself here, consider setting a fearless generosity goal for the next two years. Embrace this step of faith and see what God does!



TIP: Wherever you are on the Giving Steps, consider additional resources God has blessed you with. Did you know you can give appreciated assets like mutual funds, precious metals, stocks and crypto currency? (Assets are one of the most tax-efficient ways to give!)

GO & MAKE
BUILT TO LAST
MY COMMITMENT

MY BUILT TO LAST COMMITMENT

What I Normally Give Each Year* (tithes, missions, special gifts) **A** \$5,000

My Expanded Annual Generosity **B** \$2,500

\$7,500

x 2 years = **\$15,000**

Through my faith in God's provision, my intention is to give to GCC: **C** \$3,000

What I plan to bring for my kickstart offering: **C** \$3,000

I'm taking a step today and moving to this level of giving:

FEARLESS
 ABOVE & BEYOND
 TITHING
 PERCENTAGE
 CONSISTENT

(information to be used for budget purposes and your next step of trust in God's faithfulness.)

*Not sure what your current annual giving is? Visit grangerchurch.com/give, log in to your account and view your donation history. If you have questions or have trouble logging in, please email giving@grangerchurch.com.

- A** Chris faithfully gives 10% of his \$50,000 salary.
- B** After spending time in prayer, Chris feels led to become a generous giver, increasing his gift to 15%.
- C** For Chris's kickstart offering, he chooses to give a generous gift of stock, which the church then sells for \$3,000.
- D** Chris goes to grangerchurch.com/goandmake to adjust his online giving so it now matches his step of faith.

WHAT'S NEXT?


NOTES OF REFLECTION

PRAY.

If you feel ready to give right now, that's awesome! But most of us will need time over the coming weeks to think, pray and process where we are, so we're ready to step into what God has for us. Join us in the Granger Community Church app each day, in the Daily tab, and take time to pray and connect in relationship with God. Let Him guide you in this journey of generosity.

TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD.

Prayerfully consider what next giving step you're going to take. There is no one-size-fits-all formula. God has a specific next step for each of us; be sure to invite Him in as you fill out your commitment card or set up your giving online (just go to grangerchurch.com/goandmake). Be bold and courageous; rest in knowing that God has you and He will help you.

CONSIDER YOUR KICKSTART OFFERING.

Throughout God's story, we can see that generosity is a very personal experience for everyone involved. One person might sacrificially give a million-dollar gift while another will give \$100 and have to radically adjust their spending. Prayerfully evaluate how much of your two-year commitment you can give up front to kickstart God's vision for our church.

BE A WITNESS.

Tell others why you are excited about this vision that we're building to last. Let your friends and family know why this is so important to you that you're making changes in your lifestyle in order to give. We want to hear about it, too! You can share your excitement at grangerchurch.com/stories or step into a Witness Pod at the Granger Campus and record it. God can use your story to inspire others to take their next step in generosity, but only if you tell it!

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Set it up at grangerchurch.com/give



IN THE APP

In the Granger Community Church app you can give under the "Next Steps" tab.



IN PERSON

Drop it in a giving box before or after a service.



TEXT

Text GIVE to 574.575.4114



APPRECIATED ASSETS

Learn about the benefits of giving stocks or other assets: giving@grangerchurch.com

SCHEDULE OF GIVING

If you've decided to take a step and give, will you consider setting up a schedule of giving online? If you already give online, please check your schedule of giving to ensure it matches the step you've taken. When giving online, be sure to select "general" giving. We are one church. One mission. One fund.



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