

## VISUALZE

**GENEROSITY INITIATIVE** 

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## PARTNERS IN PURPOSE

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#### When the Lord led me to plant Vision Church, I wasn't sure who He would send and how we would impact our city. I just knew I wanted to be a part of a gospel movement that would outlive me and everyone who was a part of it and impact the world for His glory.

While I had ideas about how God would move, God has blown me away by how He's grown and sustained our church (Ephesians 3:20). It's been a mixture of riveting, joyful, challenging, and gratifying emotions as our church plants roots where God has called us to the north side of our city. Dream with me: what if God wanted to do more than allow us to own this building? What if He wanted to plant us for years to impact our city for systemic change rooted in the gospel?

The Lord has given us a vision that He wants us to do more than just move into and own a building. He wants to refine, reproduce, and renew our mission. This renewing of our mission empowers us to go from just giving away backpacks to tutoring youth for their futures, from giving money to businesses through our RAGE Initiative to equipping Christ-centered entrepreneurs. This building enables us to go from impacting students a few weeks at a time to training in STEEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Math), VBS, equipping, and more.

This building isn't just about more space but a place to prepare more people for discipleship, ministry in the marketplace, and more programs to transform our city (Ephesians 4:12-16). The elders and our families want you to see more than brick and mortar, chairs, lights, walls, and parking. God has called us to more than that.

We want you to see lives changed for eternity through our efforts to Glorify God and Make Disciples!

Crystal and I have and will continue to stay committed to God's calling for His church. We invite you to join us as we step out on faith in Christ and commit to funding God's mission through Vision!

For His Glory, Jerome Gay Jr., Lead Pastor

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Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20





JANUARY Began strategic partnerships with churches that were involved in planting new churches

JUNE Entered membership into Acts 29

> OCTOBER Launched Vision Church



FEBRUARY Started expositional Bible studies (book of John)

Official services at Vision Church opened to everyone

Began forming partnerships with organizations in South Raleigh



JANUARY Building search

AUGUST Given FREE building on Gilbert Avenue

OCTOBER Moved from general Bible Study to Small Groups





#### 2013

JUNE Raised money for Boys Club for damage done to the roof

#### AUGUST

Started volunteering at the Boys Club on an ongoing basis.

#### SEPTEMBER

Started a campaign to renovate the building.

#### 2014

MAY Added deacons

AUGUST Added a second service

#### 2015

MARCH Supported 4 church plants

JUNE Sent 5 people to Cambodia

#### 2016

AUGUST Started Bless the Future book bag drive

SEPTEMBER Started BARE Necessities Mentorship Program

#### Matthew 6:34

Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



FEBRUARY Started GO Campaign

MARCH Started Project PROMise

> SEPTEMBER Added 3 elders



SEPTEMBER Sold Gilbert St. Building

NOVEMBER Raised \$50,000 for Go Campaign

> DECEMBER Signed 127 people for Community Groups

Created Be 1 Make 1 Discipleship Tool



FEBRUARY Moved into a temporary location

MARCH Started LIT (Love Inspiration & Theology) Wednesdays

SEPTEMBER Signed contract for our building

> NOVEMBER Moved into new building





Served thousands of people through the pandemic and offered free COVID testing

Helped Plant Reconciliation Church in Knightdale, NC

Planted Hope Community Church in Navrongo, Ghana

2021

Purchased land for Hope Community Church, Ghana

Hosted first Annual Fall Community Outreach Event

**Relaunched Vision Youth** 

#### 2022

APRIL Started RAGE initiative

MAY Launched Be 1 Make 1 Groups

> **NOVEMBER** Added 3 Elders

# BEYOND

CURRENT OPPORTUNITY

Since planting in 2010, we've seen growth in our gatherings, events, Bible studies, and more. This led us to pray earnestly for direction as we sensed the Lord leading us to save and prepare to purchase a permanent facility to fulfill our vision of glorifying God and making disciples. In 2015 we started the GO Campaign (a campaign to find a new building), many gave towards this effort, and we were able to move into our facility in November of 2019.

After over a year of looking, praying, and planning, the Lord opened a door for us to walk through, and we were able to purchase our current building and the adjacent building in 2022. We now want to add to the building for long-term mission and service. This is why we're launching our Visualize Generosity Initiative to continue to impact the lives of those around us and the world with the gospel!

#### Dream:

Where is God leading Vision Church?

#### Dream with me:

Wouldn't you love to see a similar movement of the Spirit in the Book of Acts occur in RDU?

Do you share the burden of meeting people who've been in church for years but have never heard the gospel?

Don't you want to be a part of the movement of the Spirit in RDU that would last for generations?

If so, God has placed Vision strategically "for such a time as this" to impact our city and the world for His glory.

## IT STARTS WITH YOU.

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#### **RDU NOW**

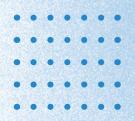
- Raleigh is one of the top 5 fastest growing cities in America.
- Raleigh ranked #2 as the best place to live in the US, according to US News & World Report.
- Raleigh is also growing in diversity and is #2 as the fastest growing city among minorities.
- Raleigh is also one of the most educated cities in the country; it is #2 according to Forbes.





#### RDU IN THE FUTURE

- The metro area of Raleigh will grow by 30% to over 1.5 million
- Hundreds of thousands of people will need to be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- RDU will continue to grow, and churches that preach the gospel and serve the city will be needed to engage, empower, and uplift people with the word of God.



### WE ARE COMMITTED TO REACHING OUR VISUALIZE PROJECT GOALS FOCUSING ON THREE KEY AREAS:

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For Our Church Family: We aim to raise funds to enhance our building, making it a nurturing space for discipleship, ministry, and outreach. Our goal is to create an environment where our church family can grow in faith and serve one another effectively.

For Our Community: We are dedicated to expanding our building to create systemic change in Raleigh-Durham (RDU) and beyond. By partnering with like-minded non-profits, we seek to serve our city throughout the week, meeting the diverse needs of our community and fostering positive change. Our vision extends beyond our immediate community. We aspire to build a playground for our children and the wider community, providing a safe space for recreation and connection. Additionally, we are preparing to host a STEEM program, fostering education and innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, and Math. Through these initiatives, we hope to impact not only our city but contribute positively to the global community.

For Our City (World): Our Vision extends globally. The upfit of our church building will play a pivotal role in training Pastors and leaders who will carry the message of hope and faith to regions beyond our city. Our facilities will serve as a center for educating and equipping individuals for meaningful service, missions, outreach and leadership in churches, both locally and around the world. This generosity initiative will help extend our mission far beyond our immediate vicinity.

#### WE ENVISION OUR BUILDING

- Hosting outreach events.
- Serving our community.
- Meeting the pressing needs of the poor.
- Resourcing single parents.
- Rehabilitating prisoners.
- Teaching financial literacy.
- Equipping the next generation in STEEM and much more

We know that not everyone can give the same amount to this campaign, but if we all give, we can make this vision a reality. We are trusting God that we will start this campaign with \$25,000 raised on **Visualize Sunday**.

#### **PROJECT COST (ESTIMATED)**

Welcome Area (Lobby, Lounge Areas, etc.)	\$20,000
Playground	\$50,000
Additional Security Doors and Alarms	\$5,000
Visualize Campaign Cost	\$15,000
Kitchen Area	\$30,000
Church Grounds (Signage, Parking lines, landscaping, flagpoles)	\$25,000
Technology (Soundboard/CPUs/Cameras)	\$55,000
Up Fitting New Spaces (Adjacent Building)	\$35,000
Miscellaneous (A/C Unit, general building upgrades)	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$250,000

Regarding the Above amounts...

The Elder Board will use ALL funds towards this generosity initiative as needed.

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We believe that we can hit this goal as a church, and we know that God can raise every dollar for His glory instantly, but to stretch our faith, we think one year is a realistic amount of time to hit our goal. We will allow others outside of Vision to give towards our goal, but we must own this mission as members of the Vision family.



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#### **TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

## HOW DO ISTART?

Contemplate, ask questions, and most importantly, PRAY.



Ask "How can I give?"

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 1**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$150** or a recurring gift of **\$12.50** per month.

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 2**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$500** or a recurring gift of <u>\$41.67</u> per month.

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 3**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$2,000** or a recurring gift of <u>\$166.67</u> per month.

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 4**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$5,000** or a recurring gift of <u>\$416.67</u> per month.

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 5**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$10,000** or a recurring gift of <u>\$833.33</u> per month.

#### **VISUALIZE TIER 6**

I'm committing in addition to my regular tithes and offerings

I could give a one-time gift of **\$20,000** or a recurring gift of **\$1,666.67** per month.

### HOW TO MAKEYOUR COMMITMENT

#### In addition to regular tithes and offerings

1 YEAR COMMITMENT	# OF DONORS	TOTAL
\$150	40	\$6,000
\$500	48	\$24,000
\$2,000	30	\$60,000
\$5,000	20	\$100,000
\$10,000	4	\$40,000
\$20,000	1	\$20,000
Total		\$225,000
Visualize Sunday Offering		\$25,000
Grand Total		\$250,000

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. 16 I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, 19 and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

MONTH	YEARLY
\$150	\$1,800
\$16	\$192
\$10	\$120
	\$100
	\$300
	\$200
\$325	
	\$150 \$16 \$10

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing. When our standard of living increases, so should our standard of giving.

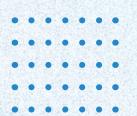
### NEXT STEPS TO MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

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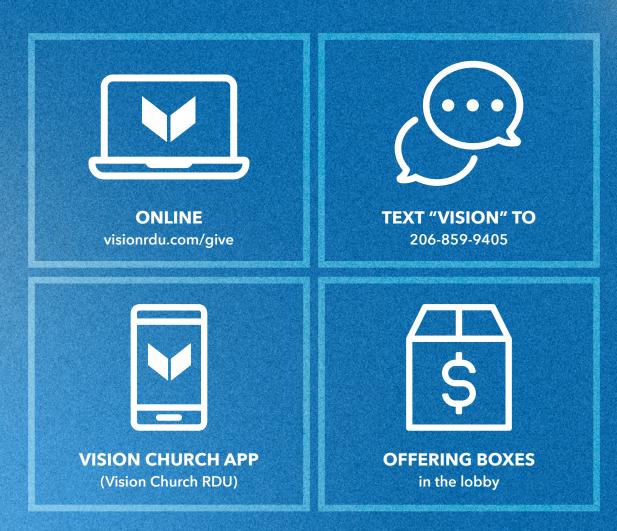
Fill out a Commitment card to submit your generous gift to the Visualize Generosity Initiative.



Fill out a Giving envelope for your Visualize Sunday gift to the Campaign.



Turn either one of these in on Visualize Sunday and live with expectancy to celebrate how God provides for us. Make sure you write or select "Visualize".







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