

Dear Apex Baptist Church Family,

For 153 years, God has been faithful to Apex Baptist Church.

Generations before us gathered here to worship Jesus, hear His Word, share the gospel, make disciples, and send people out on mission. They prayed, served, sacrificed, and gave so that people they would never meet could hear the good news of Jesus.

Now, God has entrusted that mission to us.

Jesus told His disciples, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). That same mission belongs to us today. We gather around the gospel, grow as disciples, and go so that others can know Jesus.

That is the heart behind GATHER: A Movement of Radical Generosity.

Gather is about more than raising money or improving facilities. It is about discipleship. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). Our prayer is not simply that God would increase our giving, but that He would deepen our faith, shape our hearts, and make us a more generous and surrendered people.

In this season, we believe God is calling us to do two things.

We want to make room here.

God has given us a footprint in the heart of this community, and we want to steward it well. We want to maximize the space we have so that more people can gather, more children and students can be discipled, more families can find biblical community, and more people can hear the gospel.

The goal is not simply a fuller building. The goal is for more people to know and follow Jesus.

But the mission Jesus gave His church will never allow us to think only about ourselves.

We want to live sent.

We want to reach people here, and we want to send people from here. We want to strengthen the daily ministry of Apex Baptist Church while expanding our gospel reach through missions, leadership development, and planting churches/campuses. We want to live as sent disciple makers in the fields God has uniquely given us.

Who can we reach here? And who can we send from here?

That is the heartbeat of Gather.

So over these coming weeks, I'm asking you to pray before you decide anything. Ask God a simple question: "What would You have me do?"

Ask Him to grow your faith. Ask Him to give you a greater love for people who do not yet know Jesus. Ask Him how He would have you use what He has placed in your hands for the advance of the gospel.

For 153 years, God has used Apex Baptist Church to proclaim the gospel and make disciples. We are grateful for that history, but our mission is not finished.

There are still people in our community who need Jesus. There are still families who need biblical community. There are still places that need healthy churches. There are still people who need to be sent.

So, church, let's go.

Let's fill the space God has given us with people hearing the gospel. Let's raise up disciples who make disciples. Let's hold what God has given us with open hands. And let's eagerly step into the fields He has uniquely entrusted to us.

Let's gather. Let's make room. Let's give generously. And let's live sent.

For the glory of God and the advance of the gospel.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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