

MAKING ROOM FOR THE NOW AND THE NEXT

A SEAT AT THE TABLE

GUIDEBOOK



SILVER CREEK CHURCH

“THEREFORE, WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.”

ROMANS 15:7 ESV

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THIS BOOKLET BELONGS TO:



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Four years ago, we prayed bold prayers over Silver Creek Church. We asked for God to move. He has done exactly what Ephesians 3:20-21 promises:

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

God has done “abundantly more” than we ever dreamed through Silver Creek Church. All of the glory of the last four years goes to Jesus. When I reflect on what God has done, I don’t see numbers. I see faces. People. Families. Stories of Transformation.

Since Silver Creek’s launch, we have more than doubled in size, and all along the way, we have done our best to make more “seats at the table.” I’m thankful we are a church who loves Jesus and His Kingdom more than comfort and convenience.

But the table is getting full. And we don’t want to turn anyone away. So we stand at a pivotal moment in the life of our church. We believe God isn’t finished. There are still empty seats with names on them...people we haven’t met yet. But to get there, it’s going to take all of us. We’ll need to commit our prayers, our time, our energy, and our resources. But it’s worth it all if more souls are transformed by Jesus.

We are inviting you to a three-year generosity initiative called, **A Seat at the Table: Making Room for the Now and the Next**. This book will guide you through the heart of the vision. This isn’t ultimately about square footage, but about spiritual fruit. It’s about making room for the now and the next. It’s about your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors, and all those who have yet to find Jesus.

We are sitting in seats together because someone before us prayed, gave, served, and sacrificed. They made room for us. And now, it’s our turn to make room for those who are coming next.

As we begin this journey together, let’s commit ourselves and our church to the Lord. We might be surprised to find God working just as much in the journey as in the destination.

I believe the best chapters of Silver Creek Church are still ahead of us. Let’s trust God together for “abundantly more.”

Pastor Todd

SILVER CREEK CHURCH TIMELINE

FOUNDATIONS (1982-2008)

Lakeview Chapel opens in Aurora.
Lead Pastor: Dean Stansbury

1982

Christ Community Chapel launches the Aurora Campus.
Lead Pastor: Nate Hunter
Average weekly attendance: **75**

2008

2007



As attendance declined, the leaders and Elders of Lakeview Chapel made a generous and faith filled decision to partner with Christ Community Chapel, gifting their property to help create space for what God would do next.

EXPANSION (2015-2017)



As the Aurora campus continued to grow, it became clear that more space was needed to welcome the people that God was bringing.
Lead Pastor: Mark Lile
Average weekly attendance: **100-150**

2015



Aurora Vision Night

The expanded campus opened. This included a new worship center, gym, and atrium which created more room for people to gather, connect, and discover Jesus.

2016 Grand opening of the completed worship center, gym, and atrium are made offering more opportunities for people to experience Jesus.



TRANSITION (2018-2021)

Ministries grew and more families began calling this church home. This created new opportunities for people to connect, serve, and take next steps in their faith.

2018

Average weekly attendance: **200-275**
Total Baptisms: **16**



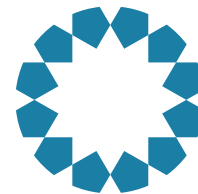
2020-2021

Even in uncertain seasons, the church continued to grow, adapt, and reach people in new ways.
Average weekly attendance: **350**
Total Baptisms: **24**
Total Community Groups: **16**
Lead Pastor: Todd Iannetta

INDEPENDENCE (2022-2025)

Silver Creek Church establishes independence on January 9, 2022.

2022



Average weekly attendance: **450**
Baptisms: **50**
Community Groups: **24**



2025 As God continued to move, Silver Creek Church expanded to three services, making room for even more people to be part of what He is doing.

Average weekly attendance: **832**
Baptisms: **87**
Total Members: **573**
New Members: **146**
Number of volunteers serving at Silver Creek Church: **496**
Total Community Groups: **32**

2025 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

CHURCH FAMILY

573

ACTIVE MEMBERS

143

NEW MEMBERS

ATTENDANCE

832

IN-PERSON

DISCIPLESHIP

32

COMMUNITY GROUPS

87

PEOPLE BAPTIZED

SERVING

496

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS MINISTRIES

2025 GLOBAL IMPACT

CLC HAITI VBC SUPPORTED

\$115,550

GIFTED TO GLO PARTNERS

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PEOPLE SHARED THE GOSPEL ON OUR 1ST LIBERIA MISSIONS TRIP

504

WATER FILTERS PROVIDED FOR HAITI

NEW MINISTRY PARTNERS:

- Aspen Ministry
- ClearView Church (Euclid)
- Filter of Hope

FIRST MISSION TEAM SENT TO LIBERIA



MAKING ROOM FOR THE NOW AND THE NEXT

A SEAT AT THE TABLE



“A Seat at the Table” is a three-year generosity initiative to “Make Room for the Now and the Next” at Silver Creek Church. Through this vision, we are expanding our physical space so more people can encounter Jesus, experience authentic community, and find a place where they belong. This project is not about concrete and steel; it’s about creating space for people to discover life in Jesus. It’s about making room for the next generation, strengthening relationships, and positioning our church to reach neighbors with the gospel.

WHY NOW?

Over the last four years, our church has doubled in size, and in the past year alone, we’ve baptized 87 people. God is certainly drawing people to Himself through Silver Creek Church. Kids are meeting Jesus, students are discovering their identity in Christ, families are finding community, and neighbors are coming to faith.

Simply put: We are running out of seats at the table.

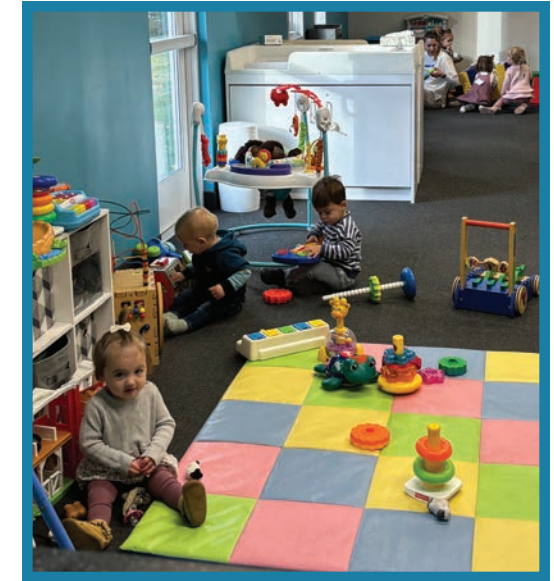
We don’t believe God is calling us to put up a “No Vacancy” sign. We believe He is inviting us to make room.



MAKING ROOM MEANS THIS:

MORE SPACE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Expanded kids and student environments where young hearts can meet Jesus (72% of Christians come to faith before age 18). This includes renovating the current kids wing, and adding a new wing to the South side of the building. It includes a spacious, kid-friendly, central check-in area for safety and flow. The kids’ area will have three large classrooms (75-100 capacity) for kids, students, and mid-week electives.



NEW WORSHIP SPACE

A new 800 seat worship center will be added on to accommodate our growing church family. The worship center will be double the capacity while maintaining an intimate environment for worship and will continue to be an event space as needed. Additionally, we’ll be adding multiple spaces for storage.



AN EXPANDED ATRIUM FOR BUILDING THE COMMUNITY

With more capacity, we are expanding the atrium to create space for community. The space will be ideal for meals, coffee, and space to hang out together on Sundays and during the week. It includes a new centralized bathroom, new kitchen space, a new Next Steps space, and a place to serve coffee.

MORE PARKING

We are adding parking spaces to provide a total of 400, located at both the front and back of the property.



NEWLY RENOVATED OFFICE SPACE

Our current office space will be renovated to increase our capacity for our growing staff. With individual offices and open office space, we will double our staffing capacity.

AN ACTIVE BUILDING ALL WEEK

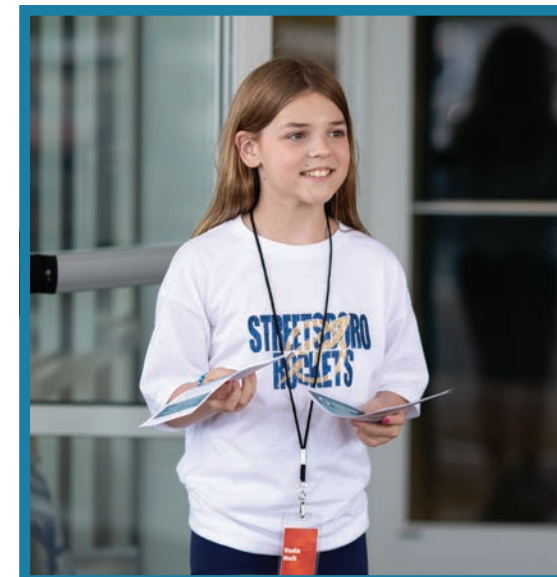
- An indoor and outdoor kids play area will provide a great spot for families to gather during the week, especially during those cold winter days.
- We will continue to utilize the gym for families on Sundays, expand current sports ministries, and expand community partnerships and event spaces.
- With a large atrium, we plan to offer free local coffee during the week, creating a welcoming space for remote workers, young moms, and anyone looking for a place to gather or meet.
- Lastly, we will relocate and expand our counseling spaces to increase our partnership with reNEW Counseling. This will increase our ability to meet the needs of the community with Christian counseling.

WE ARE BUILDING A HOME FOR THE FAMILY THAT GOD IS GROWING.

AN INVITATION

Jesus taught that what God entrusts to us is meant to be invested rather than buried. God has entrusted Silver Creek Church with visible growth, real life change, and a moment that calls for faithful action. This is our moment to respond in faith.

God has done amazing things through Silver Creek Church over the past four years, and now He is presenting us with even more opportunities for impact. We believe God has a vision for Silver Creek to be a church that impacts our community, influences surrounding communities, and reaches the world.



WHY IT MATTERS

It's about investing in the next generation, cultivating lasting relationships, and living our mission that is for the family, for the neighborhood, and for the world.



A SEAT AT THE TABLE



God has been faithful to our church through every season of growth.

Our story began with the obedience and faithfulness of the congregation at Lakeview Chapel. With humble hearts and a deep desire to see lives changed by Jesus, they stepped forward in faith and laid a foundation for what God would continue to build.

Through that faithfulness, God led us to become a campus of Christ Community Chapel. During that season, we experienced growth, discipleship, and renewed vision. In 2016, we took our first major step forward with a building expansion in response to new families, growing ministries, and an increasing desire to make room for community and spiritual formation.

In 2022, God invited us into a new chapter as our church became independent. This was a bold step of faith marked by trust, sacrifice, and unity. It reflected a deeper commitment to God's calling and to our mission of leading families to discover life in Jesus. God has continued to bless that decision.

Now, just a few years later, we find ourselves at another important moment. Each week, between 800 and 1,000 people gather on our campus to worship, grow, and connect. Once again, our facilities are stretched and our ministries are growing. God is bringing people to our church, opening doors for outreach, and expanding our influence in our community.

This next expansion is not about keeping up with growth. It is about preparing for the future God is leading us toward. Through the "A Seat at the Table" vision campaign, we are responding in faith to make room for more families, more discipleship, and more ministry.



1. EXPANDED KIDS MINISTRY ENVIRONMENTS

Since our first expansion in 2016, our kids ministry has continued to grow. Each week, hundreds of children are welcomed into safe, engaging environments where they are introduced to the love and truth of Jesus. More families are trusting us with their children's spiritual formation, and more children are building a strong foundation of faith.

To meet this growing need, this project includes the expansion of our Early Childhood Ministry through the construction of a brand new wing designed specifically for our youngest children and their families.

This new space will provide a secure, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate environment where children can learn about God's love in ways that are meaningful, creative, and fun.

The expanded kids ministry environments will include:

- A dedicated early childhood wing with thoughtfully designed classrooms
- Age-specific spaces that support learning, worship, and play
- Fun, interactive environments that spark curiosity and engagement
- An indoor playground for year-round activity and connection
- An outdoor playground that encourages healthy play and community
- Improved security, check-in, and visibility for parents and volunteers

These spaces are being designed with both excellence and care, creating an environment where children feel safe, valued, and excited to learn about Jesus.

By investing in our kids ministry, we are investing in the future of our church. These environments will help children build strong spiritual foundations, develop meaningful friendships, and discover life in Jesus from an early age.

2. MORE SEATS FOR WORSHIP

From our early days, through our independence in 2022, and into today, worship has remained at the heart of our church.

Today, our church averages between 800 and 1,000 people each week, yet our current worship center seats a maximum of 400. This means multiple services are required, and many gatherings are consistently near capacity.

This project includes an expanded and modernized worship center, creating a space designed for both growth and meaningful worship. The new worship center will seat 800, nearly doubling our capacity and allowing us to better serve our growing congregation. With this added space, we will be able to move from three services down to two, making it easier for families to connect and participate in worship together.

This refreshed space will feature:

- Improved sightlines and seating layout for better visibility
- Enhanced sound, lighting, and visual systems
- A thoughtfully designed stage and platform for worship and teaching
- Comfortable seating and climate control
- Improved accessibility for individuals and families with special needs
- Upgraded livestream and recording capabilities

These improvements will create an environment that is welcoming, distraction-free, and focused on helping people encounter God.

WHY EXPAND AND MODERNIZE?

Modernizing the worship center allows us to create a space that serves our congregation for decades. It ensures the environment is functional, comfortable, and equipped to support large gatherings, ministry events, and family-friendly experiences. This expansion is an investment in the long-term health of our church and the spiritual growth of all who worship here.

By adding more seating and improving the overall experience, we will:

- Welcome more guests and families
- Reduce overcrowding
- Improve comfort and accessibility
- Prepare for continued growth
- Reduce the number of services, making it easier for families to attend together



Each seat represents another person who can encounter God through worship and teaching. A life changed and a redeemed story told.

3. MORE ROOM FOR COMMUNITY

Our church has always believed that spiritual growth happens best in community.

With hundreds of people gathering each week, our need for gathering space has increased significantly. Groups, classes, discipleship gatherings, and events all require room to thrive.

This project will provide:

- Flexible meeting spaces
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Areas designed for connection and care

These spaces will help our church remain relational, not just organizational, creating more opportunities for families to grow together in faith.



4. MORE PARKING AND BETTER FLOW

First impressions matter. With 800 to 1,000 people on site each week, parking and traffic flow have become ongoing challenges for both guests and members.



Improved parking and circulation will:

- Make arrival and departure easier
- Enhance safety
- Reduce congestion
- Create a more welcoming experience

These improvements remove unnecessary barriers and help people focus on worship, connection, and discovering life in Jesus from the moment they arrive.

5. MORE FUNCTIONAL OFFICE SPACE

As our church has grown to serve hundreds of people each week, so has the responsibility of our staff and ministry leaders.

Functional office space will:

- Improve collaboration
- Provide meeting and counseling rooms
- Support ministry planning
- Strengthen pastoral care



These spaces equip leaders to serve more effectively, care more deeply, and lead more intentionally.

AN ACTIVE BUILDING ALL WEEK

Our vision extends far beyond Sunday mornings.

With a growing congregation and expanding ministries, our campus is increasingly active throughout the week. This expansion will allow our building to function as a true ministry hub that is open, welcoming, and life giving.

Our facility will be a place where:

- Groups meet regularly
- Families receive support
- Parents connect during the week
- People work or study
- Community partners are welcomed
- Outreach efforts flourish

It will be a space where relationships grow, faith is strengthened, and people feel known and valued. An active building reflects a healthy, mission-focused church.



LOOKING AHEAD

From our beginnings at Lakeview Chapel, to our season as a Christ Community Chapel campus, to our independence in 2022, and now into this new chapter, God has consistently guided our church forward. Each milestone has prepared us for the next.

Through “A Seat at the Table” vision campaign, we are creating space for more stories, more families, more disciples, and more transformed lives. This approximately \$9 million project represents a bold step of faith. Our capital campaign target of \$3.5 million will provide critical support for this expansion, inviting the entire church to participate in creating spaces where families can grow in faith and experience life in Jesus.

The expanded and modernized worship center ensures that hundreds of people can gather comfortably and worship without distraction. It provides modern sound, lighting, and visual systems, improved accessibility, and a thoughtfully designed stage to support worship, teaching, and special events. With this expanded space, we can reduce services while maintaining a welcoming experience for every family. By investing in a space that will serve our church for decades, we are making a long-term commitment to helping every person who walks through our doors encounter God.

Alongside the new Early Childhood wing, expanded kids ministry environments, flexible community spaces, and active weekday ministries, this expansion positions our church to continue leading families to discover life in Jesus for generations to come.

This expansion is an investment in:

- Future generations
- Community impact
- Continued discipleship
- Gospel-centered ministry

Together, we are building on a strong foundation of faith, obedience, and generosity. We look forward to seeing God transform lives, deepen discipleship, and draw more families into a relationship with Jesus.





HERE IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF YOU...

OUR PRIMARY GOAL THROUGH "A SEAT AT THE TABLE" IS THAT 100% OF PEOPLE AT SILVER CREEK WOULD ENGAGE IN THIS INITIATIVE TO EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.

How You Can Be Part of "A Seat at the Table"

- Pray for our church, leaders, and your role in this vision
- Participate in worship & community groups during the campaign season
- Invite others into the vision and events
- Commit on Commitment Sunday May 17
- Celebrate with us at celebration Sunday on June 7

You may think your gift doesn't matter when compared to our total goal for "A Seat at the Table." You're wrong! Every gift matters to God. It's not about the amount, but what that amount means to you.

(Luke 21:1-4)

Use this chart to see how your monthly gift adds up over three years!



THREE-YEAR GIVING TABLE

MONTHLY GIFT OF	OVER 36 MONTHS EQUALS
\$10	\$360
\$20	\$720
\$30	\$1,080
\$40	\$1,440
\$50	\$1,800
\$60	\$2,160
\$70	\$2,520
\$80	\$2,880
\$90	\$3,240
\$100	\$3,600
\$125	\$4,500
\$150	\$5,400
\$200	\$7,200
\$250	\$9,000
\$300	\$10,800
\$350	\$12,600
\$400	\$14,400
\$500	\$18,000



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE ROOM?

SACRIFICE.

Would you prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to give up during the next two years to allow you to give more to His Kingdom through the work of Silver Creek?

TRUST GOD.

Will you join us by trusting God in a way we have never done before? We need every person at Silver Creek to unite in faith that God will work out all of the details.

EVERYONE.

We can't do this alone. We need everyone in our church to join together in unity as we stand up, take a step and live a life that is "A Seat at the Table."

PRAY.

This journey is so much more spiritual than financial. Please pray for His wisdom, His courage and direction every step of the way.



THREE-YEAR GOAL \$3.5 MILLION | 36-MONTH COMMITMENT

As you pray about what God is asking you to give additionally during this time, allow this gift chart to be a discipleship tool that inspires you toward greater generosity for God's kingdom.

You may think your gift doesn't matter when compared to the total goal of A Seat at the Table, but that's just not true! Every gift matters to God. It's not about the amount, but what that amount means to you.

(Mark 12:41-44)

GIFTS NEEDED	3-YEAR GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$750,000	\$20,833	\$750,000
1	\$375,000	\$10,417	\$375,000
1	\$200,000	\$5,556	\$200,000
1	\$100,000	\$2,778	\$100,000
2	\$75,000	\$2,083	\$150,000
4	\$50,000	\$1,389	\$200,000
12	\$25,000	\$694	\$300,000
35	\$10,000	\$278	\$350,000
50	\$7,200	\$200	\$360,000
50	\$5,400	\$150	\$270,000
50	\$3,600	\$100	\$180,000
50	\$2,700	\$75	\$135,000
50	\$1,800	\$50	\$90,000
MANY	-\$1,800	-\$50	\$40,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL: \$3.5 MILLION			

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I/We intend to give over-and-above our regular giving for the next three years in the following way:

\$ x 36 months =

\$

+ gifts from stored resources \$

=

MY TOTAL OVER-AND-ABOVE COMMITMENT

\$

JUNE 2026 - MAY 2029

Name(s)

Phone

Email

Please return completed card on Commitment Sunday: May 17, 2026.

GLO TITHE

Since Silver Creek began, our elders decided that we would give a portion of our income to like-minded global and local ministries. Today, we are committed to giving 10% of everything you give to Silver Creek away to GLO ministry partners. This includes giving 10% of all that is given to “A Seat at the Table.”

In the same way that Silver Creek needs more seats at the table, we have noticed that some of our GLO partners have building projects for the purpose of adding more seats to their tables to expand gospel impact. So we are pleased to announce that as you commit to this project, part of what you give will be go to global and local projects through our partner ministries.

Here is a list of the ministries and projects we are planning to support through, “A Seat at the Table.”



MATSIKO:

We are launching an expanded learning center in Liberia designed to serve every child in the district—including those currently unable to attend formal schooling. This center will be a vibrant hub for music, sports, theater, and leadership development. At its heart, our mission is spiritual growth; children will encounter the Gospel and grow in their faith through dedicated Bible teaching. The impact of this model is already being recognized: Liberia’s Ministry of Education has requested to use our gospel-based program as a national template, helping children across the country thrive with the same spirit and character seen in ‘Matsiko kids.’”

NOVA:

We are thrilled to announce the renovation of two basement rooms to establish a dedicated training center. This facility will serve as a vital regional hub, providing much-needed space and capacity for the entire network of sister centers that currently lack the room for professional development and team-building. With a separate entrance, this new center ensures that these vital programs can thrive downstairs while the clinic upstairs remains a quiet, focused environment for patient care. It’s a transformative step that allows them to pour into staff and partners without ever disrupting the high-quality care their patients depend on.



COMMUNITY LIFE CENTERS OF HAITI:

Much like Silver Creek, CLC Church has been blessed with incredible growth—and with that growth comes a need for more space! To meet this exciting challenge, we are helping fund a permanent home for Hope Academy, a three-year pastoral training program that prepares and sends leaders to plant Bible-based churches across Haiti. By contributing to these permanent classrooms and the first stages of a new community center, we are investing in a space that does double-duty: it serves as a launchpad for national church planters while providing a vibrant hub for Sunday School and weekly Bible classes. This isn’t just a building project; it’s a foundation for the Gospel to flourish in Haiti for generations to come.

FUTURE SILVER CREEK CHURCH PLANT:

One of our 10-year goals is to plant a church within 10 miles of Silver Creek to expand our regional gospel impact into a community that needs it. While, we are focused on expanding our building, our elders are committed to setting aside funds for the future church plant.

So with every gift given to “A Seat at the Table,” you will be pulling up chairs at Silver Creek and multiplying your impact in Liberia, Haiti, and our local community.

CREATIVE WAYS TO MAKE AN OVER-AND-ABOVE GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH

Generosity initiatives rely on church members making gifts that expand and accelerate their current level of giving. The best path to increased giving is the spiritual path, where you set your heart on things above. Financial priorities then take shape from the spiritual priorities.

One way of defining this is “Lifestyle Stewardship,” a term used to describe a level of giving that affects one’s living. The challenge of Lifestyle Stewardship is to find ways, boldly and prayerfully, to let your giving touch your living!

King David declared, “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing” (2 Samuel 24:24 NIV). David understood the gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the heart of the giver! This is the spirit of Lifestyle Stewardship: If it is for my God, my gift must have value and meaning to me.

Often, Lifestyle Stewardship means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another. The three keys to effectiveness in Lifestyle Stewardship are:

- Reassess lifestyle
- Rearrange priorities
- Reallocate resources

Many believers have been amazed at their ability to give more generously to their church. The following seven steps are offered to help you in this regard.

1. PRACTICE PRIORITY BUDGETING

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more to a generosity initiative. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, home remodeling, or other major purchase. Many Christians giving to capital stewardship campaigns find a way to give through sacrificial commitments made in faith and coupled with priority budgeting.

2. REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Often, families have significant short-term expenditures for special needs. One example is the large expenditure a family incurs for a child to attend college. A family realized that their daughters would be graduating from college during the three years of the generosity initiative and, as a result, they were able to increase their commitment to the second year of the campaign by thousands of dollars by giving what they had been spending on their daughters’ tuitions. Another example would be the cash flow that is freed up when a loan is paid.

3. INCREASED GIVING WITH INCREASED INCOME

Some people receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses from their employers. The temptation for many of us is to increase our lifestyle to fit the higher income. In many instances, families have decided that they will commit the full amount of salary increases.

4. GIVE FROM YOUR EXCESS

A young man decided that two collectors’ baseball cards worth over \$20,000 he had been holding for a number of years would be the most appropriate means of sacrifice for his family. Some families save money over a period of years for a special project. A couple had saved \$80,000 to build a lake cabin. When their church entered a generosity initiative, they decided the needs of the church were greater than their need for a second home.

5. COMMIT UNEXPECTED CASH

Often, people pray for God to show them a way they can give beyond what they can presently see or afford. Sometimes, the answers come unexpectedly. A couple had been praying for weeks about their commitment to the church’s generosity initiative. Much to their surprise, they received an inheritance of several thousand dollars. They gave the entire amount to their church as part of their three-year commitment, in addition to giving from their regular income.

6. SACRIFICE YOUR EXTRA TIME

Some family members have extra time that they would be willing to use in a part-time job to be able to give more to the church. This is particularly true for families whose children are grown and away from home and for semi-retired or retired couples. A man was in the process of retiring when his church entered a campaign. He and his wife secured new jobs and gave the first two years of their retirement income to the generosity initiative.

7. DONATE APPRECIATED ASSETS (STORED RESOURCES)

Many people own stocks that are worth significantly more than the original purchase price. That is good news. The bad news is that if these stocks are sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation.

Gifts of appreciated assets – typically investment securities or real estate – can be very advantageous to both the donor and to the church. By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids capital gains taxes on the sale of the asset. In addition, the donor receives an income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset. That, in effect, makes these gifts less costly to make.

	Sell asset and gift net proceeds	Give asset directly
Value of Asset	\$12,000	\$12,000
Original Purchase Price	\$3,000	\$3,000
Amount of Appreciation	\$9,000	\$9,000
Capital Gains Tax*	\$1,640	\$0
Proceeds to Church (asset value minus taxes)	\$10,360	\$12,000

Assumes 12-month holding period, 15% capital gains tax, 6% state income tax rate.

Though it is important to invest your giving to further the mission of the ministry God has laid on your heart, it is also important to consider the tax implications of making a gift to the church. Before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA, tax attorney or other financial advisor.

8. CONSIDER A CHARITABLE IRA

In 2026 and following, individuals age 70 or older can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) gift directly from their IRA to the church. Using a QCD is a wonderful way you can help continue our work and also receive a tax benefit this year.

BENEFITS OF A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$111,000 from your IRA to Silver Creek
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 60% deduction limits on charitable gifts

A FINAL WORD

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the three-year period of the campaign. You might be able to give more in the second year than in the first. As you think about your financial commitment to the campaign, think not just of your potential to give right now, but also of your potential to give in the future. It might be that you can make a three-year commitment in which 20-30% is given in the first year, 20-30% is given in the second year and 30-40% is given in the final year.

Finally, as you consider your financial commitment to the Lord's work, you might want to consider estate planning. Many sincere, committed Christian people have not made provision for God in their wills and estate planning. Now might be a good time to do that. It might be as simple as including a provision in your will that 10 percent of the value of your estate will be donated to the church holding your letter of membership at the time of your passing. Or, it could involve a planned gift such as a charitable remainder trust. While such gifts do not provide immediate financial benefit to a generosity initiative, they are marvelous gifts of faith commitment to carry on the work of the church for future generations.



DAY 2

Romans 8:11: You Need Him

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

This is a staggering truth: the very same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside every believer. This verse is not just about future resurrection; it's about present reality. God's Spirit is not distant or passive; He is actively dwelling within us. He brings life where there is weakness, hope where there is weariness, and strength where there is fear.

Often, we live as though we must face challenges in our own strength. We become overwhelmed by sin, discouraged by circumstances, or exhausted by the demands of life. But Paul points us to a deeper source of power: The Holy Spirit within us. He is a constant reminder that we are never operating alone. God's resurrection power is at work in us even now, renewing our hearts and transforming how we live.



PRAISE

Thank God for the Holy Spirit who fills you with God's presence and power.



ASK

Ask God for an eternal mindset, recognizing your earthly struggles as temporary compared to the glorious life promised through the Spirit, removing fear of death.



ACTION

The Holy Spirit manifests Christ's life in you. Today, seek to fulfill your purpose and be a blessing to others, bringing glory to God.

DAY 3

Psalms 24:1: Everything Belongs to God

1The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Everything belongs to God. The world we see, the resources we depend on, and even our very lives are not ultimately ours, they are the Lord's. This verse challenges the subtle belief that we are owners rather than stewards.

When we recognize God as the rightful owner of all things, it reshapes how we live. Our time, talents, finances, and relationships are no longer possessions to guard, but gifts to manage faithfully. This perspective invites humility and gratitude, reminding us that every good thing comes from Him.



PRAISE

Thank God as He reveals Himself in your daily life and circumstances.



ASK

Ask for God to empower you to overcome challenges with His strength, not your own.



ACTION

Take time to really look at God's creation around you. Experience God's glory in your daily life.

DAY 4

1 Chronicles 29:9: God Gives Generously

9Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

This verse reminds us that God is not merely interested in what we give, but how we give. Willing, wholehearted generosity reflects a heart that trusts God as the true provider. When we give freely of our resources, our time, or our service, we experience a joy that cannot be manufactured. It is the joy of aligning our hearts with God's purposes.

The response of leaders also matters. King David rejoiced greatly at the people's generosity. Their wholehearted giving flowed from gratitude and devotion. The result was shared joy and unity. God often uses faithful leadership to inspire cheerful obedience, reminding us that our actions can influence others toward deeper devotion.



PRAISE

Thank God that all blessings, resources, and abilities come from Him, and that He is exalted as head over all creation.



ASK

Ask God to cultivate a willing and cheerful spirit to serve Him with a pure heart dedicated to His glory.



ACTION

Be an example of generosity and servanthood among your peers.

DAY 5

1 Chronicles 29:14: He keeps on Giving

14“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”

After witnessing extraordinary generosity from the people, King David acknowledges a profound truth: nothing the people gave to God was truly theirs. Every resource, every ability, and every opportunity had first come from the hand of God.

We must reshape how we view generosity and worship. Giving is not a transaction where we earn God's favor, but a response to His grace. When we understand that all we have belongs to Him, gratitude replaces pride, and humility replaces entitlement. Our giving becomes an act of worship and an expression of trust and thanksgiving.



PRAISE

Thank God for everything we have: our abilities, possessions, and prosperity all come from His hand.



ASK

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you use your time, talents, and finances to honor God and further His kingdom.



ACTION

Commit to making decisions that glorify God with your resources, focusing on eternal results.

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Series Big Idea:

Healthy churches don't protect the table – they keep pulling up more chairs.

Icebreaker

- Who was the person that most influenced your faith journey?
- Who first shared the Gospel with you?
- Who discipled you?
- Who invited you to church?

Follow-Up:

- What would your life look like if that person had never taken that step of faith?

Vision Reflection

Briefly recap the vision:

- We are doubling capacity in worship, parking, and kids ministry.
- This isn't about space – it's about people.
- "A Seat at the Table: Making Room for the Now and the Next."

Discussion:

1. Why is it easy for churches to drift from mission to maintenance?
2. What are subtle signs that a church has begun protecting seats instead of making room?

Read Luke 14:7-24 out loud.

Ask the group to listen for:

- Who gets invited?
- Who refuses?
- What the host does next?

1. WHO IS THE TABLE FOR?

(Luke 14:12-14)

Discussion Questions

1. Why do we naturally gravitate toward people who are like us?
2. What does it reveal about our hearts if everyone at our table looks like us?
3. What would it look like for Silver Creek to reflect God's table rather than our preferences?
4. Who might God be nudging you to notice that you've overlooked?

2. WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TABLE?

(Luke 14:16-24)

At God's table:

- Strangers become friends.
- Friends become family.

Discussion Questions

1. What are common excuses believers make today for not engaging in mission?
2. The sermon said hospitality is not just opening your home; it's opening your life. What makes that costly?
3. How does the vision of expanding our space connect to this idea of kingdom hospitality?

What is one practical way you could "set the table" this month?

- Invite someone to church?
- Open your home?
- Share your testimony?
- Invest in someone spiritually?

3. HOW DID YOU GET TO THE TABLE?

(Luke 14:15)

Jesus was rejected so we could be welcomed.

- He was pushed away from the table.
- He had no place to lay His head.
- He became the outsider so we could belong.

Discussion Questions

1. How does remembering your own salvation change how you view mission?
2. Why is mission not a program but a response?
3. If we truly grasp that we didn't deserve a seat, how should that shape our generosity?

Reflect: Who might God be asking me to invest in for the next generation?

Who specifically are you saving a seat for?

PRAYER

Pray for:

- Gratitude for those who invited us.
- Boldness to invite others.
- Unity as a church family.
- Wisdom and generosity during this campaign.
- Specific names of people far from God.

FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 1

WEEK 1 — AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Scripture: Luke 14:7-24

Big Idea: God invites everyone to His table.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Who do you like sitting next to at meals or at church?
2. Why do you think Jesus wants everyone to feel welcome?
3. How can our church make room for new people and families?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: SET AN EXTRA PLACE

During a family meal this week, set one extra chair and plate at the table.

- Ask: "Who might need an invitation to church or friendship?"
- Take turns naming people at school, work, or in your neighborhood.
- Leave the seat empty as a reminder: God's table always has room.

FAMILY PRAYER

"God, thank You for inviting us to Your table. Help us welcome others with love and kindness, just like You welcome us. Amen."

Engage Your Preschooler

- *Say:* "Jesus loves everyone and invites everyone!"
- *Do:* Let your child place the extra plate on the table.
- *Ask:* "Who could we invite to be our friend?"
- *Repeat Together:* "Everyone is welcome!"



DAY 7

Matthew 6:31-33: First Things First

31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The people listening to Jesus had things to be concerned about, such as food, clothing, and shelter. The very things Jesus said not to worry about were their daily concerns. Jesus wasn't dismissing their reality. He was trying to shift their focus by telling them that this is not all there is to life. He challenged them to shift their focus and realize that life holds a greater purpose. To focus on the temporary is to live with the same vision as the pagans. Instead, Jesus pointed them to seek God's kingdom first.

Jesus' words are an invitation to reprioritize. Seeking His kingdom first means aligning our finances, our stuff, and our lives with what matters eternally. His words are a call to seek first what truly lasts.



PRAISE

Praise God for His righteousness for He is worthy to be praised.



ASK

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.



ACTION

Be intentional before each meal to express gratitude to the Lord who provides so generously.

DAY 8

Matthew 7:24-27: The Illusion of Security

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Many times, the circumstances we face are so overwhelming and unrelenting that we are tempted to give up and turn away from the Lord. These verses, while familiar to most of us in the church, are quite comforting, especially when we find ourselves in the midst of stormy seasons. Jesus never promises that we will be spared the storms, and He never promises that we will always feel fine in the midst of the storms. But He does clearly promise that all who build their lives upon Him and His Word will never fall when those storms come upon us.

Let us not look to our feelings or to our senses during the storm; let us look to Christ and take Him at His word. For even though we may feel like we are losing our hold upon Him, He will never lose His hold upon us.



PRAISE

Praise God that as your firm foundation, He will never leave you nor forsake you.



ASK

Ask for deeper understanding that your security is in Christ, not your savings or circumstances.



ACTION

Examine yourself and ask, "Where is my security really found? Is it in my finances? Is it how others see me? Is it in my possessions?" Or, am I building my life on the firm foundation of trusting in God and His promises while reminding myself of God's faithfulness in the midst of life's storms?

DAY 9

Luke 16:10: Posture of Your Heart

¹⁰ One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

If you have ever carried a heavy backpack for a long time, you know how exhausting it can be. At first, you might think, “I can handle this.” But as time goes on, the weight presses down, making every step more difficult. Financial debt can feel the same way, always there, always pressing, making each financial decision heavy.

Regardless of our financial situation, God wants our heart more than our money. Debt, or anything else, doesn’t have to be our master. We already have a Master who cares for us more than we can imagine. With His wisdom, we can find ourselves free from the mastery of debt and with increased freedom to be generous.



PRAISE

Praise God that He is faithful, constant, and true. He gives you everything you need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-4).



ASK

Ask God to teach you quiet obedience, integrity when no one is watching, and faithfulness in both large and small things.



ACTION

Consider reading a book about stewardship. Ron Blue has several that are good.

DAY 10

Luke 12:20-2: Storing Treasures in Heaven

²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Jesus contrasts storing up things for ourselves versus being rich toward God. This story is as relevant today as it was in His day. Regardless of our wealth, we are naturally inclined to prioritize ourselves. The default is to use our time, energy, and particularly our money, in a way that makes us happiest.

Being rich toward God involves building His kingdom rather than our own. It includes being a blessing to others rather than hoarding only for ourselves. This “others first” thinking doesn’t come naturally. However, with God’s help, we can practice this by making a plan that gives first, saves second, and lives on the rest.



PRAISE

Praise God for His provision. All good gifts come from Him.



ASK

Ask God to make your heart generous like His.



ACTION

Consider making a plan that gives first, saves second, and lives on the rest. This is a practical way to prioritize generosity.

LIFE AROUND THE TABLE

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Series Big Idea

**It's not just about getting people to the table.
It's about what happens around the table that changes us.**

Opening Question

- What's a table (family, team, church, friend group) that helped shape who you are today?
- What made it impactful?

Most of us have eaten at thousands of tables. Very few have actually formed us. Scripture shows us that real transformation happens around the table.

Read Acts 2:42-47 Aloud Together

- What stands out to you about this early church community?

WHO BELONGS AT THE TABLE? (VV. 42-44)

The early church was incredibly diverse – different backgrounds, stories, and struggles. Yet they “had everything in common.”

Not because they were the same, but because they were anchored to the same Savior.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do churches often try to build unity around sameness?
2. What does it look like to build unity around Jesus instead?
3. How does the wedding table analogy help explain Christian unity?
4. Where might God be stretching you to love someone different from you?

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TABLE? (VV. 42, 46)

The early church shared four rhythms:

- **Teaching** - Truth shared
- **Fellowship** - Lives shared
- **Breaking Bread** - Meals shared
- **Prayer** - Dependence shared

They met in:

- The temple (large gatherings)
- Homes (small spaces)

Formation happens in relationship.

Discussion Questions

1. Why don't people grow spiritually by only attending Sunday services?
2. Which of the four rhythms (teaching, fellowship, meals, prayer) do you most need right now?
3. How has relationship shaped your spiritual growth?
4. What might God want to do through expanded atrium and gym space that goes beyond Sunday morning?

WHY IS THE TABLE SO POWERFUL? (VV. 46-47)

Discussion Questions

1. Why is a Jesus-centered community so compelling?
2. How does genuine joy and worship impact those watching from the outside?
3. What would it look like for our church to be known as a place where strangers become family?

VISION CONNECTION

The expanded atrium and gathering spaces are not about square footage.

They're about:

- Conversations over coffee
- Kids forming friendships
- Families connecting
- Shared meals
- Shared lives

We're not just building space.

We're building environments where formation can happen.

PRAYER

Pray that:

- Our church would build unity around Jesus.
- Relationships would deepen.
- Our worship would fuel witness.
- God would use life around the table to change lives – including ours.

FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 2

WEEK 2 – LIFE AROUND THE TABLE

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea: God grows us when we share life together.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What is your favorite meal to eat together?
2. Why do you think the early church ate meals together so often?
3. How does spending time together help people grow closer to God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: SHARE SOMETHING GOOD

Each family member brings one thing to share:

- A snack, a story from the week, or something they're thankful for.
- Talk about how sharing brings people closer, just like the early church.

FAMILY PRAYER

"God, thank You for our family and our church family. Help us love one another, share with joy, and grow closer to You together. Amen."

Engage Your Preschooler

- *Say:* "God loves it when we share."
- *Do:* Share a snack and say "thank you" together.
- *Ask:* "Who do you like sharing with?"
- *Repeat Together:* "We share because God loves us!"



DAY 12

Philippians 4:12-13: Contentment

¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

If anyone knew what it means to need God, it was Paul. Writing these words from prison, he shares with us his secret to contentment. It's not found in material wealth, emotional stability, or a strife-free life. It comes from the firm conviction that God will never abandon us. God did not forget Paul in prison; He won't forget us in our suffering either. The same God who cared for Paul in his shackles and pain, the same God who causes the dead to rise and storms to cease, cares for us too. When our lives feel like they are crumbling and the noise in our heads tells us we're not good enough, God cares. We can face whatever the day brings because He gives us the strength to move forward. He never shows up too late.

God sent His son, Jesus, to bring us peace. Not just the peace of eternal security, but peace for the here and now. The reason we can be content when the fig tree doesn't bud and there are no sheep in the pen, is because the Sovereign Lord will be our strength. He will make our feet like the feet of a deer. He will enable us to go on the heights (Habakkuk 3: 17-19).



PRAISE

Thank God for His blessings, even the small ones, and even when life feels hard.



ASK

Ask God to help you fix your eyes on Jesus rather than on the things you lack.

DAY 13

Luke 12:15: Behind Greed

¹² And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

The Declaration of Independence highlights our natural desire for: "...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Christ tells us that He came to give abundant life, liberty from sin, and happiness or joy. So why, then, do we continue in America to chase material possessions as if they could secure these very things?

God has already given us the greatest treasure of all in Christ our Redeemer. One reason Scripture warns us not to covet is because it harms us. It can consume our hearts, and it ultimately leaves us deeply unhappy. Fixating on possessions, longing for more, or envying what others have leads us down a path opposite to fulfillment. It brings spiritual death, bondage, and ultimately dissatisfaction, as though something is missing - an unhappiness. Do you desire a full life, liberty, and happiness today? Then take up Christ's incredible offer!



PRAISE

Lord Jesus, thank you for the price You paid that I might experience freedom from sin.



ASK

Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, may I have life to the fullest in Christ Jesus.



ACTION

Today, choose to abide in Christ, and not the things of this world, so you may truly experience complete joy.

DAY 14

Luke 21:1-4: Heart Work

¹Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ²and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

How God measures worth is different than how the world measures worth. God views our worth from knowing Christ, not from what we own. Therefore, when we are generous in spirit, we reflect God’s generosity towards us. Out of God’s abundant love for us, He sacrificed His only Son for us. As J.I. Packer talks about in *Rediscovering Holiness*, “The measure of all love is its giving. The measure of the love of God is the cross of Christ, where the Father gave His Son to die so that the spiritually dead might have life.” The cost Christ paid for our sins is immeasurable.

In this passage, Jesus shows that he’s not looking at the monetary value of our gifts, but rather the heart behind all our actions. Whether rich or poor, we can all give sacrificially. Here we see the widow, whose husband, her sole means of support, had been taken from her, yet she still came to give what she could never afford out of her overflowing love for God. She trusted God to provide for her needs, and we can too.



PRAISE

Praise God for all He provides for you. All you have belongs to Him.



ASK

Ask God to help you focus on giving sacrificially out of devotion to Him rather than out of a sense of duty.



ACTION

Look for ways to give sacrificially at church, be it time or money, in ways that may go unnoticed by others but are always seen by God.

DAY 15

Psalm 115:1: Show me YOUR Glory!

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Earlier, in chapter 8 of the Psalms, David asks, “What is man that you are mindful of him?” In the book of Job, God challenges human pride with the question, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” Sadly, humans have the terrible tendency of making ourselves the gods of our own little worlds. How absurd that is. Popular culture insists that we are the masters of our own universe: what foolishness. “It’s all about us,” right? Truly the darkest of lies told to us by the father of lies himself.

But no, God alone is the Master of all: the heavens, the earth, and the entire universe; men, women, angels, and every created thing. It was God who formed the foundations of the world and crafted them in perfection out of love for us, for our flourishing and joy. As Scripture declares: “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4: 11).



PRAISE

Lord, thank You for Your love that surpasses all understanding and Your unwavering faithfulness.



ASK

In humility, ask the Lord to fill you with a deeper understanding of His majesty, glory, and love. See Psalm 8.



ACTION

Dwell on Psalm 115:1 and meditate for 5 minutes on the fact that God, the Creator of the world, loves and cares for you personally.

PREPARING THE TABLE

Text: Nehemiah 2:17-20

Series Big Idea

Before you build the table, you prepare it.

This vision isn't about walls.

It's about people flourishing around God's table.

Opening Question

- Have you ever been part of something bigger than yourself?
- What made you confident it was worth committing to?

This week we pause and ask an important question: How do we know this vision is from God?

Read Nehemiah 2:17-20 aloud.

Also read Nehemiah 1:3-4 and Nehemiah 2:1-8 for context.

FOUR QUESTIONS TO DISCERN GOD'S VISION

1. DOES IT MATCH THE MISSION OF JESUS?

Nehemiah wasn't burdened by broken walls.

He was burdened by broken people.

The walls were a tool.

The mission was restoration.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did the walls matter spiritually?
2. How can buildings serve the mission without becoming the mission?
3. How does expanding our space align with making disciples?

2. ARE WE UNDER GOD'S AUTHORITY?

Nehemiah waited, prayed, and submitted to the king.

He didn't bypass authority to accomplish the vision.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is submission and patience a sign of spiritual maturity?
2. Why is it dangerous when leaders push vision without accountability?
3. Where have you seen God affirm something slowly over time?

3. IS THERE OPPOSITION?

Read Nehemiah 2:19-20.

Whenever God moves, resistance often follows.

Opposition can look like:

- Fear
- Fatigue
- Logistical challenges
- Spiritual resistance

Discussion Questions

1. Why does meaningful, mission-centered vision often face resistance?
2. How can we tell the difference between healthy questions and destructive opposition?
3. What stands out to you about Nehemiah's response in verse 20?

4. IS IT A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

Read Nehemiah 2:17-18.

Nehemiah didn't build for the people.

He built with them.

Later in chapter 3, every family repaired a section of the wall.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is shared ownership essential in a church vision?
2. What does "not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice" mean to you?
3. How can this campaign strengthen us as a sending church—not just a growing one?

VISION EMPHASIS:

Expanded office space is not just administrative—it can become a training ground to send church planters and leaders.

A Seat at the Table means:

- No one builds alone
- No one is overlooked
- No one is unnecessary

PRAYER

Pray for:

- Clear discernment
- Unity
- Courage in the face of opposition
- Generous hearts

FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 3

WEEK 3 – PREPARING THE TABLE

Scripture: Nehemiah 1-2

Big Idea: God calls His people to prepare space for others.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What do we do to get ready when guests are coming over?
2. Why did Nehemiah pray before he started building?
3. How does preparing church spaces help people meet God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: BUILD IT TOGETHER

Using blocks, LEGO, or household items:

- Build a table, building, or city.
- Talk about how churches prepare spaces so people can worship, learn, and serve.
- Parents can explain how offices help leaders help others.

FAMILY PRAYER

"God, thank You for calling people to build and prepare. Help us serve You with willing hearts and trust You as we help others know You. Amen."

Engage Your Preschooler

- *Say:* "God helps us get ready."
- *Do:* Build something simple together.
- *Ask:* "What did you build?"
- *Repeat Together:* "We build for God!"



DAY 17

Matthew 6:19: Eternity

¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

As believers and followers of Christ, our lives here on earth are just the beginning. We are called to be wary of earthly possessions, money, and greed, which are finite and can lead to temptation and sin set by Satan.

The Gospel instructs us to fill our hearts and minds on building spiritual wealth and treasures that are pleasing to God. Devoting our time on earth to building a relationship with Him, sharing His word with others, and leading a life that honors Him will never rust or be destroyed. Through Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, our salvation is secure! That is the true treasure, and it is eternal!



PRAISE

Thank you, Lord, for providing all that I need. I recognize it all belongs to You.



ASK

Ask the Lord to help keep you from storing up earthly possessions or desires that disrupt your focus from Him.



ACTION

Read Matthew 6:20 - 22 to further understand that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

DAY 18

Isaiah 40:28: Mysteries of God

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.

Our Lord and Savior is so powerful and divine that our human minds struggle to grasp the very nature of His holiness. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. He created and knows all things.

It is comforting to stop and reflect that our God, the one true holy and almighty God, LOVES you! He knows the struggles and challenges of human life. He has called you by name and knows you personally. He is asking you to trust in Him as He will never grow tired of protecting and loving you, no matter how difficult the situation may seem!



PRAISE

God's creation is perfectly fine tuned and so is His plan for your life. Today, give Him thanks for His creation and love for you!



ASK

Pray to lean on Him for all things big or small in your life, and He will deliver on His will!



ACTION

Reflect on a time when there was a situation in life that seemed insurmountable and the odds were stacked against you. Spend a few minutes praying and thanking God for helping you navigate the situation. Nothing is too great for our God.

DAY 19

Galatians 3:2: Life with the Holy Spirit

²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

In this verse, the Apostle Paul is asking how the Holy Spirit is received: by actions or belief? The Gospel says that those who turn their life to Christ and believe in Him receive the Spirit, not by our works but by grace through faith. When we confess this truth, the third member of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, dwells within us.

With a changed heart and the Holy Spirit living in us, Christians feel called to do great works that honor God, not because Heaven is the reward, but to honor our Savior who has already accomplished salvation on our behalf.



PRAISE

Thank God for sending His Son down from Heaven to save you from your sins and bring you into eternal life with Him.



ASK

Start your daily prayer this week by asking the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide you in your time spent with God.



ACTION

Proclaim today that you are saved by faith and think of a way that you can pay it forward by doing a good work.

DAY 20

Psalms 73:25-26: Contentment

*²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

As humans, we all struggle with contentment. It is so easy to compare what we have to those around us. We may find ourselves wishing for just a little bit more money, a bigger house, a better job, or a different relationship. We may believe that if we had these things, then we would finally be content!

While having earthly possessions isn't a bad thing, this verse reminds us that none of these things will ever fully satisfy our hearts. Only our relationship with Jesus Christ will.



PRAISE

Praise God for His incredible strength, perfect holiness, and all that He has given you.



ASK

Ask God to help you use all that He has given you to honor and glorify Him.



ACTION

Today, choose to be content in your circumstances, rooted in Christ, and reassured that God has and will continue to give you more than you could ever need.

FUTURE GENERATIONS AT THE TABLE

Text: Psalms 78:4-7

Series Big Idea

**Healthy churches realize that God's table is not just about the now
it is a place where He is shaping the next.**

We don't just pull up chairs for who is here.

We set the table for who is coming.

Opening Reflection

- Who invested spiritually in you when you were young?
- What "table" most shaped your faith (family table, church, youth group, mentor)?

Every one of us is here because someone refused to hide their faith and chose to pass it on.

Read Psalms 78:4-7 aloud.

What repeated words or themes stand out?

A MANDATE FOR THE TABLE (V. 4)

God's people are commanded to:

- Tell the next generation about His glory.
- Share His mighty works.
- Speak openly of His faithfulness.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it look like to "hide" faith in today's culture?
2. What kind of "talk at the table" produces spiritual health?
3. How does vulnerability and testimony strengthen the next generation?
4. In what ways can churches unintentionally model hiding instead of health?

A METHOD THAT CHANGES THE TABLE (V. 5)

God established teaching as the method.

The table becomes:

- A classroom
- A testimony
- A training ground

Discipleship is relational, intentional, and generational.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does spiritual formation require more than occasional church attendance?
2. What practices (teaching, prayer, meals, service) shape faith most deeply?
3. How does serving the next generation strengthen your own faith?
4. What role might our expanded spaces (kids areas, gathering spaces, training offices) play in intentional discipleship?

A MISSION FOR THE TABLE (VV. 6-7)

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to live with "empty chairs" in mind?
2. How does long-term thinking (like retirement investing) apply to disciple-making?
3. What excites you about Silver Creek potentially becoming a sending church in the future?
4. What would it look like for us to grow now so we can go later?

Good churches grow. Great churches multiply.

VISION CONNECTION

This vision is not just about serving our kids now.
It's about:

- Creating space for discipleship.
- Forming leaders.
- Investing in future church planters.
- Shaping generations we may never meet.

God sets the table with a mission for:

- The chairs that are filled.
- The chairs that are empty.

PRAYER

Pray for:

- The children and students of Silver Creek.
- Parents and grandparents.
- Leaders and volunteers.
- The next generation not yet born.
- A long-term Kingdom mindset.

FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 4

WEEK 4 — SAVING A SEAT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Scripture: Psalm 78

Big Idea: We tell God's story to the next generation.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Who teaches you about God?
2. Why is it important for kids to learn about God?
3. How can we help younger kids feel loved and safe at church?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: FAITH STORIES

Parents share one short story about:

- How they learned about God, or
- A time God helped them.

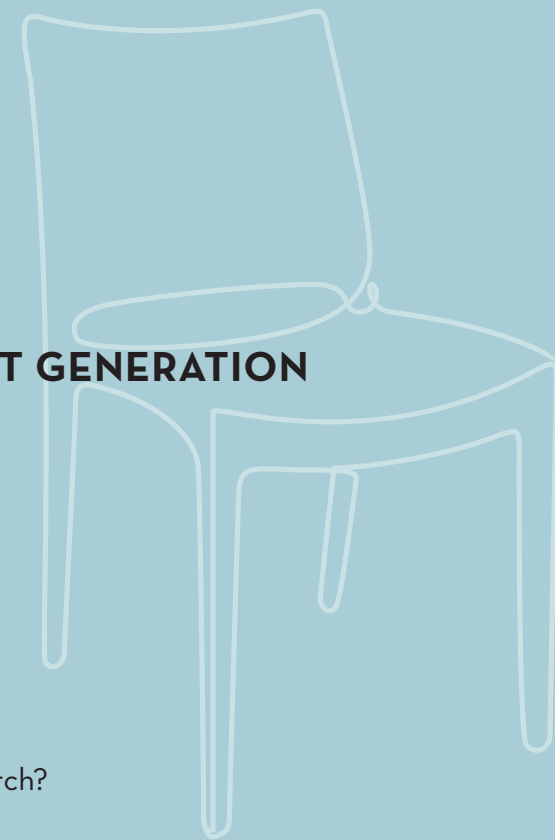
Kids can share what they know or love about God.

FAMILY PRAYER

"God, thank You for teaching us and loving us. Help us to tell Your story to kids and families so they can know You and trust You. Amen."

Engage Your Preschooler

- *Say:* "God loves kids!"
- *Do:* Look at a Bible picture together.
- *Ask:* "Who loves you?"
- *Repeat Together:* "God loves me!"



DAY 22

1 Timothy 4: 12: Fight the Good Fight

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Living in this world and being a Christian can be very difficult at times. The Christian life was never designed to be easy, and it's not something to be considered lightly. It is truly a daily battle with three opponents: the world's values, our sinful desires, and the devil himself. Each is opposed to God and those that confess faith in Him. Much of the world opposed Jesus Christ; therefore, do not be surprised if you face opposition.

Be forewarned: You are in an intense battle. The moment you became a Christian by confessing faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you became an enemy of the kingdom of darkness. Satan wants to destroy your faith journey and will attack you at every juncture. But greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4). Therefore, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and fight the good fight of faith. God has provided you with everything to become more than a conqueror! Jesus has already won your victory.



PRAISE

Lord, thank You for giving me eternal life and Your Holy Spirit to fight the difficult battles set before me.



ASK

Lord, help me each day to put on the full Armor of God to stand strong against the schemes of Satan.



ACTION

We've already won!
Read Revelation 11:15.

DAY 23

Matthew 25:14 - 30: The Parable of the Talents

²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

One of Bon Jovi's song lyrics states, "It's my life." Do our lives really belong to us? As Christians, we believe our life has been entrusted to us by God. We are only stewards of our life, not owners. As soon as we think of the word "stewardship," we often think only about money. Stewardship is more than money. It is managing the life you have been given.

Everything we have is given to us by God. Unless we recognize this truth, we will not be good stewards of what He has entrusted to us. We need to be accountable to the owner of all things! The parable of the talents commands us to take stock of our lives each day and examine ourselves to see if we really are good stewards of the life He has given us.



PRAISE

Thank You, Lord, for teaching me it's not my life, but Yours.



ASK

Lord, reveal to me the areas of my life I need to turn over to Your control.



ACTION

Find an accountability partner(s) who will honestly tell you if you are a good steward.

DAY 24

Hebrews 11:6: God Sized Faith

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

This verse is very clear: without faith, it is impossible to please God. To have faith in Him means to believe in Him with all your heart and entrust Him with every area of your life. The only way to have a relationship with God is through His Son, Jesus. He is the only one who can save us from our sins. God knew we could never save ourselves through our works or rituals. Our belief in Jesus Christ, and what He accomplished on the cross, crowns Him our Lord and Savior.

Practicing religion through spiritual disciplines, such as weekly church attendance, worship, Bible study, and daily prayer, is not the same as fully placing one's trust in God. As believers, God desires for us to have genuine faith. As our Creator, He understands the path to an abundant life; our role is to faithfully follow His "Owner's Manual," the Bible. God knows we will stumble and make mistakes, but He values a repentant heart and a willingness to obey, even when His plans are difficult to understand.



PRAISE

Lord, thank You for allowing me to draw near to You by faith and rewarding me for seeking You.



ASK

Lord, transform my mind to the mind of Christ.

DAY 25

Psalm 107: Gratitude

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

This Psalm is written to remind us of the importance of a thankful, grateful heart. When you are grateful, you're not focused on what you don't have or you wish you had. Being grateful is focusing on what you have and what you've been given.

Some of the characteristics of a grateful person include living with hope, loving and serving others well, praising rather than complaining, and being generous and kind to those in need. These are characteristics of Jesus Christ. When we act accordingly, we glorify Him.



PRAISE

Lord, I thank You so much for who You are. I am eternally grateful. I know You are good, and Your love for me endures forever!



ASK

Help me to live with hope and display a thankful heart to everyone around me.

TAKING YOUR SEAT

Text: 1 Chronicles 29

Icebreaker

Share about something you've sacrificed for that really mattered to you (a relationship, a goal, your family, etc.).

- What made it worth the sacrifice?
- How did that sacrifice shape you?

We all sacrifice for what we value. What does it look like to value the presence of God above everything else?

Review

Over the past weeks we've looked at:

- A Seat at the Table
- What Happens at the Table (Acts 2)
- Setting the Table (Nehemiah)
- The Next Generation at the Table (Psalm 78)

This week is personal.

God isn't asking for a gift from you – He is asking to have a seat at the table of your life.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUILDING – IT'S ABOUT GOD'S PRESENCE

(1 Chronicles 29:1-2)

David is at the end of his life. Israel is transitioning to Solomon. A massive building project is ahead. David's focus is not the building – it's the presence of God.

The temple wasn't meant to impress people – it was meant to host God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think David emphasized God's presence instead of the building itself?
2. What's the difference between building something impressive and creating space for God?

3. In your own life, what can subtly become "the building" instead of pursuing God's presence?
4. Where do you most tangibly experience God's presence right now?

IT'S NOT ABOUT GIVING MONEY – IT'S ABOUT GIVING YOURSELF

(1 Chronicles 29:5b)

"Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?"

David doesn't ask, "Who will donate?"

He asks, "Who will consecrate themselves?"

You can fund a project without surrendering your life.

But you cannot surrender your life without becoming generous.

Transactional vs. Transformational

- Transactional: I give something to get something.
- Transformational: I give myself because He already gave Himself for me.

Discussion Questions

1. What's the difference between giving to God and giving yourself to God?
2. In what areas of your life is surrender easiest? Hardest?
3. Have you ever experienced generosity flowing naturally out of deeper surrender?
4. What would "consecrating yourself to the Lord" look like practically in this season?

IT'S NOT ABOUT GETTING SOMETHING – IT'S ABOUT GETTING GOD

The Ark of the Covenant represented God's presence. In one battle (Jericho), Israel trusted God's presence. In another battle (against the Philistines), they tried to use it.

The difference?

Trust vs. control.

As Tim Keller said: "God's presence cannot be controlled, contained, or manipulated."

Surrender is not something we do to get something we want.

We surrender to get God Himself.

Discussion Questions

1. Where can we be tempted to “use” God instead of trust Him?
2. Have you ever followed God hoping for a specific outcome?
3. What changes when your goal becomes knowing God rather than getting something from Him?
4. How has God used a process in your life to shape you more than the final result?

THE PROCESS VS. THE PRODUCT

The surprising truth of this season:

- The process is shaping hearts.
- The product is just a tool.
- God often does more in us through obedience than through outcomes.

FINAL CHALLENGE

This week, reflect on these three points:

1. It’s not about the building – it’s about God’s presence. Will I prioritize His presence daily?
2. It’s not about giving money – it’s about giving myself. What area of my life is not fully surrendered?
3. It’s not about getting something – it’s about getting God. If God Himself is the reward, is that enough?

PRAYER

Pray:

- For 100% surrender.
- For hearts fully consecrated to the Lord.
- For courage to take your seat at the table.
- That God would shape people more deeply than any building ever could.

Reminder:

God isn’t asking for a gift from you – He is asking to have a seat at the table of your life.

FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 5

WEEK 5 – TAKING YOUR SEAT

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-20

Big Idea: We give joyfully because everything belongs to God.

FAMILY CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. What does it mean to be generous?
2. Why does God care about how we give?
3. How can our family help God’s church together?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: OUR FAMILY COMMITMENT

Give each family member a piece of paper:

- Write or draw one way they can give (helping, sharing, praying, giving).
- Parents can explain how generosity helps the church help others.

Pray over your commitments together.

FAMILY PRAYER

“God, thank You for giving us everything we have. Help our family give with joy and love as we follow You together. Amen.”

Engage Your Preschooler

- *Say:* “We give because God loves us.”
- *Do:* Let your child draw a heart or gift.
- *Ask:* “Who do you want to help?”
- *Repeat Together:* “I give with joy!”



As we launch this vision campaign, many thoughtful questions are being asked. While we have answers to many of them, some details will unfold as we trust God with His plans. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions.

As a church, will we vote on this project?

Our Constitution states that the Elders need the approval of the majority of church membership in order to borrow money. Once we have secured the bank loan, the members will be made aware and vote to approve it.

Can we afford this project and take on that kind of debt?

Our Elders have worked closely with the Ministry Solutions Group on a process called a Clear Path Forward. We provided to them our current growth rate, our options for expansion, and all of our financials. They worked with us to help us determine what we could afford through fund raising and debt, the most cost-effective way to expand (i.e. add on to our current building, plant a church, or sell and buy property), and what those plans would look like. This process aided the Elders on how to move forward with this project.

How is our church going to operate during construction?

During construction, the church will continue operating as usual, making adjustments only as needed. We will work closely with the general contractor and planning team to ensure worship, ministries, and weekday ministries run smoothly. We will communicate any temporary changes in advance.

When will we break ground? What are the phases? How long will it take?

We are planning to break ground once final approvals and funding milestones are in place. We will share a confirmed date as soon as possible and are excited about what's ahead! We will communicate the timeline of the project as we find out more details.

How will we keep the family feel as we grow larger?

We never set out to get big, but to be healthy. We believe healthy churches grow both in depth and size. Our average attendance is between 800-1,000 people on a Sunday. That puts us in the top 5% of U.S. congregations in size (reported in *Worship Leader Magazine*). We are already larger than 95% of churches in our country. The reality is that small doesn't equal friendly and big doesn't equal impersonal. Churches of 100 people can be cold and unwelcoming places. Churches of 10,000 can be warm and have tremendous depth of community. One of the greatest compliments of Silver Creek is the relational warmth people experience here. As we grow, we remain committed to seeing people connect into relationships because when they do, people grow and the church will feel smaller, no matter how big it gets.

What does it mean that we want 100% engagement?

The vision is too big for partial engagement. It will take every one of us contributing our time, gifts, and support to see it through. It is absolutely our desire that people would be generous with their money, according to their means, but that people would also be generous with their time and their lives...because that's what makes the biggest difference.

Are we building big enough? (The worship center doesn't look that big.)

The shorter answer is yes... for now. We are doubling the capacity in worship, kids, and parking. The beauty of the new worship center is that it seats twice as many people, but it will feel just as intimate, if not more, than our current one. Also, leaders cannot predict perfectly the future growth of the church, but we've done our homework. We have looked at past trends, projected them into the future, and consulted with others who understand church growth.

Why don't we just add another service?

Our Elders have realized that adding a service is an unsustainable bandage. It taxes our volunteer teams (kids, worship, media, hospitality) and further divides our church from feeling like one church. Our expansion plan is the best long term growth strategy.

Why don't we just plant a church instead?

We are still planning to plant a church as a part of our 10-year goals, but this expansion will position us to be more effective in planting. We are not ready yet. To plant effectively, you need money, a trained pastor, support staff, and a critical mass of people. A church plant can be one of the best ways for the Gospel to spread, but a failed church plant can be one of the ways to damage the Gospel in a community.

Is there a dedicated space for students?

While there isn't a separate student-only space, students will naturally be able to use all the new areas for ministry activities and gatherings. Students also meet in small groups and other community settings to connect with one another and grow in their faith.

Will we have space for Bible study and elective classes?

The new building offers adaptable, multi-use spaces that can easily accommodate Bible studies, elective classes, and a range of other activities/events, designed to help ministries thrive, leaders serve effectively, and people grow in their faith.

Since we are still a couple years out from having a finished building, what can we do in the meantime to help with this vision?

First, pray for this project. Get excited! If you are a member and are not serving, jump in to serve. Your skills may show an opportunity where we can call on your gifts to help bring this vision to life. The building is just a tool. We must continue our ministries and move people along.

Is it possible to expand the gym to accommodate growth and bleachers to expand community usage?

The gym is not part of the upcoming building project, so no changes are planned at this time. Even so, we believe it will continue to add value to both the church and the community.

The church is growing, is the giving supporting that?

The giving continues to support the growth of our church. This fiscal year and our past giving provide confidence for us to support our continued growth in addition to the vision campaign.

Will the vision campaign take away from Church Plant savings?

No. The Elders are still fully committed to saving money each year to support the future church plant.

How will we be communicating to the church during the different phases of the projects?

We will keep the church informed throughout the project through emails, in-service announcements, social media posts, and a dedicated text group. To see progress photos and stay up to date, make sure you're signed up for the building project text group. To join, text Make Room to (833) 621-6510.

Will there be consideration for special needs kids and handicap accessibility?

Yes. The new building will be fully accessible. The kids' ministry area will be welcoming and inclusive so children of all abilities can participate safely and comfortably.

What is the plan for the parking lot to improve traffic flow, add spaces, and accommodate future growth?

While the animation renders don't show the parking updates, the design is being carefully coordinated. 400 spaces total will be included in the building project.



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