

ROCKPOINT CHURCH

NEXT STEP FUND

Our mission is to be a safe community where anyone can discover, develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus.

Over the last several years, we have heard many stories of life-change that reveal just how vital that mission is.

We heard a mother of a 4-year-old share how this safe community helped her and her daughter navigate hospice and walk through the loss of her own mother.

She told us: "As the day drew to a close, we knew Nana's time was near. I brought our daughter in one last time. She climbed onto the chair beside Nana's bed, leaned close, and said, 'It's okay, Nana. Heaven is great! And Jesus died for your sins.' Less than a minute later, my mom took her final breath."

She then spoke to RockPoint and said: "**Thank you for faithfully pointing children to Jesus.** Thank you for helping prepare a little girl to walk through one of the hardest moments of her life with joy, hope, and unwavering faith. We are forever grateful for every one of you."

We also heard Todd share how he and his wife discovered the beauty and reality of grace: "Both of us had experienced a lot of pain that shaped how we viewed ourselves and how we related to God. However, **we've found a different way of seeing God that has impacted our identity in Christ** since coming to RockPoint."

Reflecting on what it meant to find a safe community, he added: "For us, especially me, the church was not always a safe place to be, especially after my divorce. I felt marginalized, overlooked, and shunned. We started attending RockPoint, and it was then that the scattered puzzle pieces of my life first began coming together into a masterpiece only God could create."

We also heard Jen describe what she discovered through safe community at RockPoint: "I discovered that this community here was safe enough that I could be real, I could be broken. As I walked in a safe community, I began to experience God's grace and presence in my life. I began to experience healing. I was being discipled, I was discovering the real Jesus, and He was impacting the real me. **He was meeting me where I was at, and His grace was transforming my heart**."

These are just three of the many stories of life-change happening as people discover and experience a gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, safe community.

GROWING MISSION & GROWING NEED

Stories like these have led to growth that has stretched our current building beyond its capacity. Parking is full. Our student and children's spaces have reached their limit. We simply no longer have the room to offer the kind of safe, welcoming environments where growth and discipleship can flourish.

As we grow, though, we remain committed to the following truth: we don't want to simply grow crowds—**we want to grow people.** We want to steward this season in a way that deepens our mission rather than distracts from it.

To guide us forward, we have established a vision statement:

Our vision is to make this mission so authentic, so sustainable, so accessible, and so transferable that it multiplies gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, safe communities wherever it goes.

Over the last few years, we have had to say no to important ministry opportunities because we did not have the resources, staff, or facility capacity to meet the needs required to pursue them effectively and sustainably. As we head into this next season, we feel called to take steps that allow us to say yes. **We want to make this mission more accessible to more people.** Doing so will affect our building and parking, our staff and budget needs, and our investment in leadership development so we can multiply this mission with strength and sustainability.

Will you help us do that?
Will you help us take advantage of the opportunities ahead of us?
Will you help us launch this vision?

THREE AREAS OF INVESTMENT

1. FACILITY & PARKING

Facility Readiness: We are currently in serious conversations that could open doors to a more permanent facility solution that can accommodate our growth. We expect clarity within the next year. Last time an opportunity arose, we were not financially ready to put down a deposit or secure a loan. **We are asking you to help us be ready to move quickly when God opens the door.**

Parking: We need to address our parking capacity issues to serve our current growth while we pursue a more permanent facility solution.

2. STAFFING FOR MISSION EXPANSION

College & Young Adults: We want to launch a sustainable College & Young Adult Ministry to serve the many students and young adults attending RockPoint. We have the opportunity to invest in the next generation of leaders—but right now, we have nothing in place for them. *Will you help us invest in this important opportunity?*

Connection & Community Events: Over the last few years, we have identified another gap in our church. Many people engage on Sundays, and we have a robust and growing small group ministry, but sometimes the step from a Sunday service into a committed group can feel a little intimidating. As a result, some people struggle to connect and experience the beauty and the strength of authentic safe community. **We want to create intentional spaces for people to take smaller connection steps, to help them engage on a deeper level.**

3. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MULTIPLICATION

If we are going to multiply this mission beyond us, we need to develop, train, equip, and empower gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, safe leaders who carry the heart of RockPoint. **We are implementing a comprehensive Leadership Development track to do exactly that.** Over the next 10–15 years, we want to be ready to plant another gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, safe church to serve the greater Chattanooga area.

We also have staff members who have proven faithful and effective—leaders we believe will shape the future of our church. We would love to help them pursue postgraduate education to strengthen their ability to lead and serve. ***Will you help us invest in developing leaders who can multiply this mission?***

THE INVITATION.

In summary, **we are asking everyone who believes in the mission of RockPoint Church to help us take this Next Step and launch this vision by raising $750,000 in seed money* by the end of 2026**—an investment that will allow us to respond faithfully and quickly to the opportunities God is placing before us.

This will help us:

- **Be ready to take a significant step with our facility.**
- **Hire two new staff members.**
- **Train and develop leaders who can serve today and prepare us for future multiplication.**

To give to the Next Step Fund now or pledge to give by the end of the year, scan the QR code or visit rockpointcc.org/nextstepfund.

**This is seed money. We know the next step with our building will require significantly more. As soon as we have clarity, we will communicate it.*

THANK YOU.

Thank you for considering this investment in the vision of RockPoint Church. Your generosity will help us create space for more people to discover Jesus, more families to experience safe community, and more leaders to be raised up for the future. We believe God will use this moment—and your partnership—to multiply gospel-centered, discipleship-driven, safe communities wherever He leads.

In 2 Corinthians 9:11 Paul said, *"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."* **We believe this is an investment into an eternal reality.** As you give from the riches you have found in Him, the giving of your temporal wealth will have eternal impact, resulting in stories of life-change that may not have been possible otherwise.

Thank you for considering investing in the launching of this vision.