TRUE NORTH
CHURCH

CHURCHPACITY

A PEOPLE OF FAITH + LIVING ON MISSION = A PLACE WITH MORE SPACE

"With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every act prompted by your faith."

2 Thessalonians 1:11

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One of my favorite verses in the Gospels is John 8:14 where Jesus states, "For I know where I came from and where I am going..." Jesus knew his history and sensed a profound connection to his future. I feel a bit as Jesus did regarding True North Church. I am incredibly thankful for those who, through years of obedient sacrifice, positioned us where we are currently. *Today*, I'm on the edge of my seat anticipating all God has for our *tomorrow*.

It was 1940 when Pastor Charles and Emma Hirschy planted a church in their home's living room. They longed for a place to worship and hear the Word of God, a place the Holy Spirit could move freely. As their living room congregation grew, they realized they needed "more space...to reach more people." Our church's vision and passion to reach people propelled our founders to move their gatherings to the Odd Fellows Hall, and later to purchase property and build their first church building downtown on Third Ave. Over the years our church kept moving forward. Eventually, they outgrew the new building and sent it down the river to plant Nenana Assembly of God.

Somewhere in their meetings, the congregants longed for a preferred future. I'm sure there were statements such as: "We need more space!" "Let's buy land, cut down trees, raise funds to see what comes about." "Let's see what God does!" And that's exactly what they did! Meanwhile, they rented a Lutheran church, purchased land, and began building our current campus. Little did they know, 81 years later, their living room gatherings would grow into a thriving congregation of well over 1500 people in the Golden Heart City of Alaska.

Friends, God is once again calling us beyond the confines of yesterday and today into a new tomorrow! It's our vision for tomorrow that unites us today as we prepare to construct a new gathering place on College Road. We all have the opportunity to participate in one of the most significant periods of this church's history. With God's help, this bold Church**pacity** initiative will increase our capacity to impact our city and region. As a people of faith, living on mission, we are building a place with more space.

The heart of this vision is people and families in this area. Church**pacity** is not about a building (yes, we need a building...especially at -40), but rather continuing to do what we have done for 81 years...making more space for as many people as possible to find and follow Jesus! On Sunday, November 14th, we will be encouraging ALL of us to commit to taking the next faith step in our personal generosity journey. I truly believe as a church we will increase our capacity to impact our city if we live by faith, live on mission, and create more space.

God loves you, I love you, and there is nothing you can do about it!

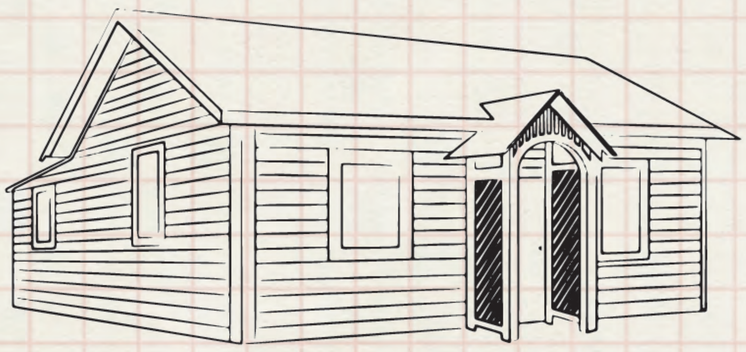
Pastor Mark Zweifel

OUR RICH HISTORY

First Assembly of God... True North Church

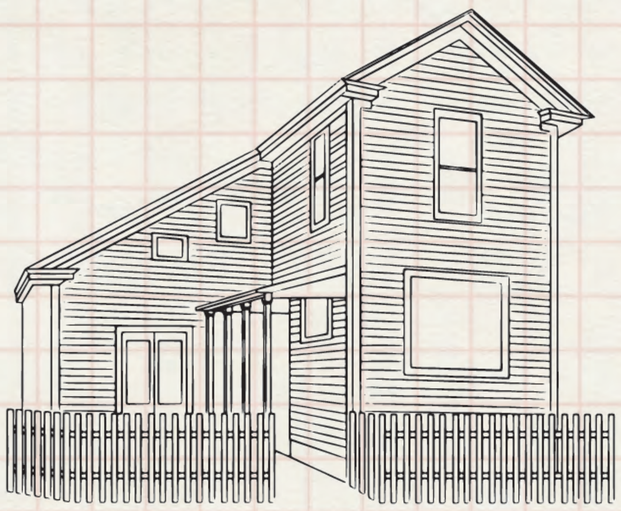
1940

The Hirschys' House



1941

Odd Fellows Hall



1944

3rd Ave Log

AUGUST 1940
Charles and Emma Hirschy held the first meeting of First Assembly Church at 315 Fourth Ave. in their home. Only one other family was in attendance at their very first gathering.

FEBRUARY 1941
In just a few short months, the Hirschys had to rent out the Odd Fellows Hall downtown at 825 First Ave. They quickly had to procure a lot to build a new building to accommodate their rapidly growing congregation.

DECEMBER 1944
Christmas Day marked the very first service in the new church building for Fairbanks First Assembly on 333 Third Ave.

NOVEMBER 1963
The lot the church was built on was sold to Northwood Building Co. The log building was sent to Nenana. The church began to rent out the Lutheran church on Fourth Ave. for worship services.

SEPTEMBER 1965
The land on 2829 Ruby Ave. was given to the Assemblies of God and became the new church building for Fairbanks First Assembly.

1976
The congregation continued to grow and so did the staff. The church added onto the existing building. The church built a completely new building on Airport Way and connected it to the existing building.

1990's
Administrative offices were added.

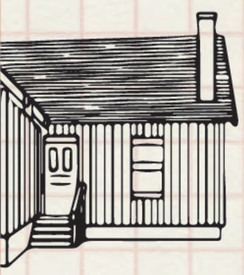
2013
A parsonage was built to house the pastor and his family.

DECEMBER 2019
The Church purchased two adjoining properties at 3295 College Rd.

DECEMBER 2020
Purchased the additional 6.3 acres directly west and adjacent to the current properties on College Rd. True North now owns just over 17 acres within walking distance from the University of Alaska.

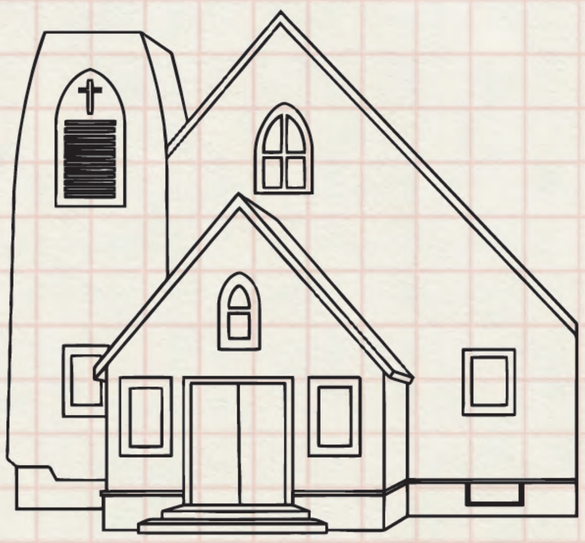
JANUARY OF 2021
Renovations began on the current building at 3295 College Rd. These renovations will allow us to start a second venue for additional gatherings as we prepare to build our new worship center.

Cabin



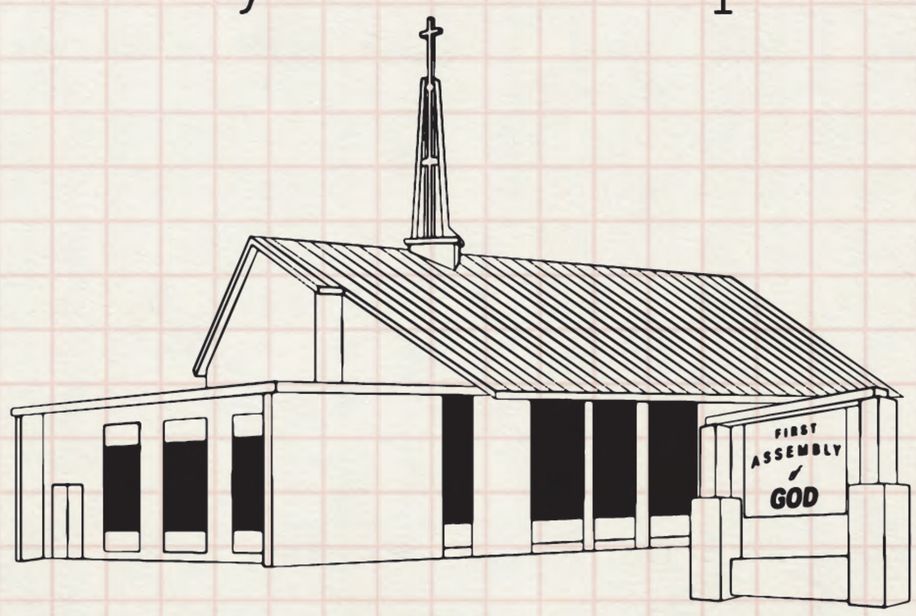
1963

Lutheran Church

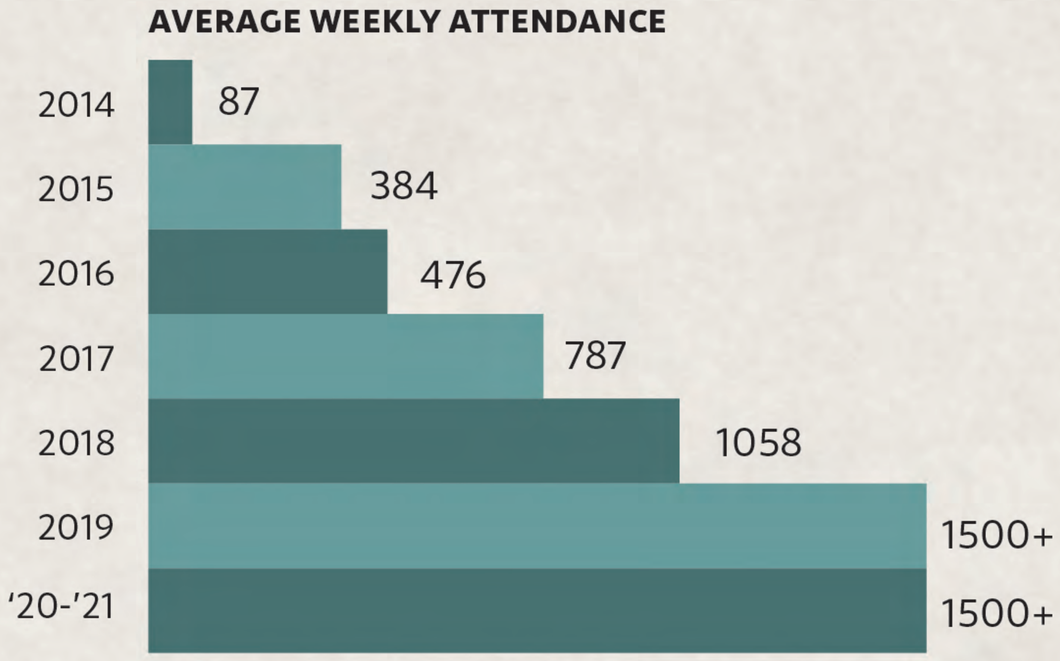


1965

2829 Ruby Ave / 2830 Airport Way



OUR GROWTH



At True North Church, we are honored to celebrate a rich history of 81 years. The growth we have experienced in recent years is the result of decades of prayer and faithfulness by those who paved the way.

***2018**
The 26th fastest growing church in America

***2019**
The 16th fastest growing church in America

*Our building has become a lid for future growth. This is why we are launching a second venue at our College Road property.

WE ARE A CHURCH FOR OUR CITY, FOR ALASKA, AND FOR THE WORLD!

At True North Church, we believe we are a church for our front porch (city), our backyard (state), and our beyond (the globe). We desire to effectively extend our influence beyond the doors of our church.

$1,076,187

GIVEN TO MISSIONS SINCE 2017

FRONT PORCH | BACKYARD | BEYOND

31
GLOBAL & LOCAL MISSIONARIES

12
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

SNEAK PEEK

True North has more people than our space was designed for. Churchpacity is not about a building; it's about continuing to do what we have done for 81 years...making more space for more souls. We are not willing to lose anyone for Christ because our building or parking limits us.

At True North, we often say we are faith-filled, big thinking, bet-the-farm risk takers. We'll never insult God with small thinking and safe living. As people of faith living on mission, Churchpacity will help us build a place with more space, maximizing our capacity to reach our city!

CHURCHPACITY

1.0>
Mission-Critical Space

Building B
> Sanctuary and Foyer
> Shelled-in Kids Space

Building A
> Ministry space in College Road venue
> Kids Ministry Space
> Admin Offices

2.0>
Phase 2

> Sell existing Airport Way property
> Complete Kids space in Building B

Retrofit Building A
> Chapel
> Adult Education

3.0>
Phase 3

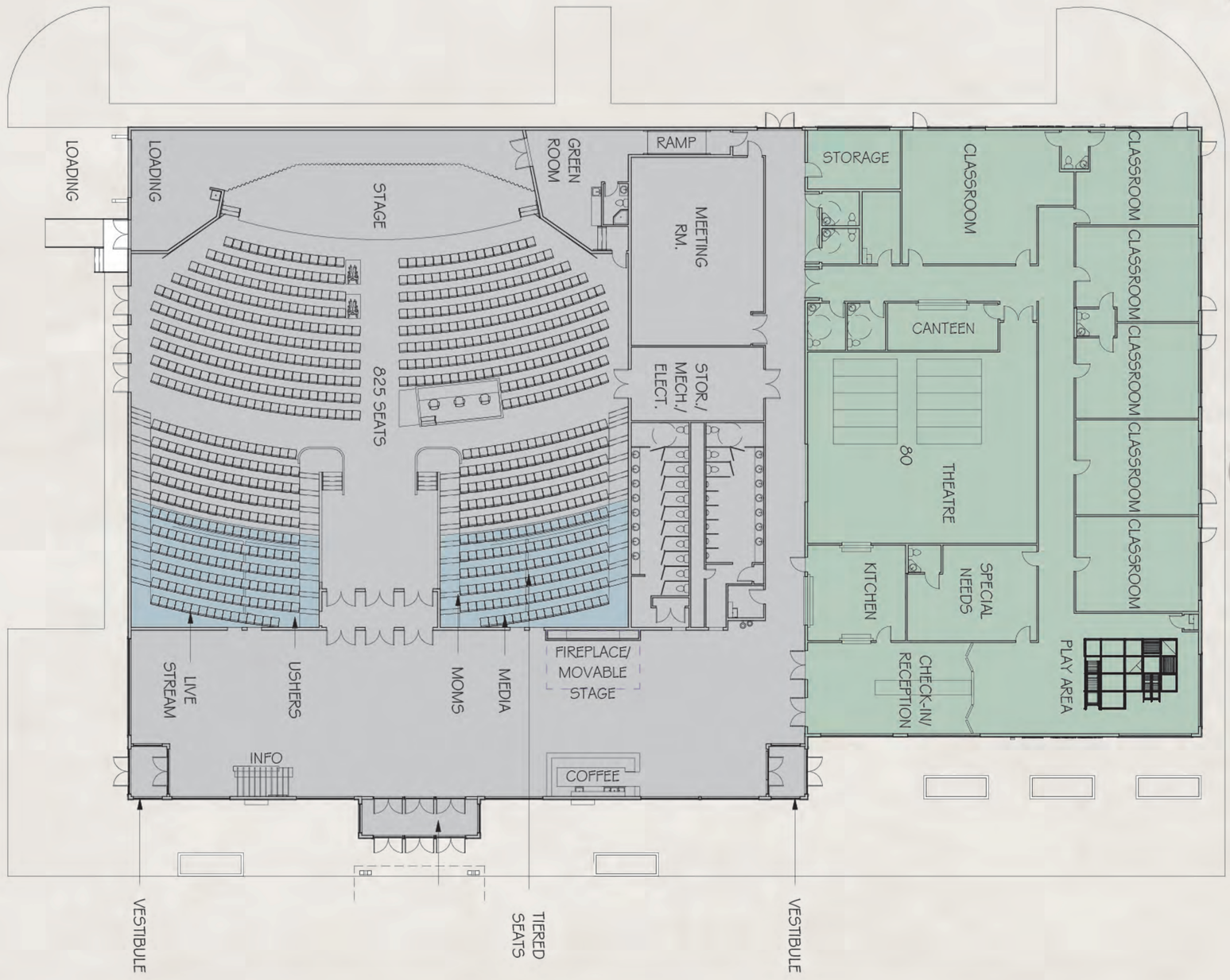
Building C
> Christian school
> Training leaders for Alaska and the globe
> Counseling and Family Resource Center

INCREDIBLE KIDS AREA
We are a family church! Since 80% of people who decide to follow Jesus do so before the age of 18, we want to have an amazing, fun, colorful space to minister to kids.

LARGE LOBBY
Community is a vital part of Christian living. Our new building will have a lobby and outdoor space where people can gather and experience community.

PLENTY OF PARKING
Every number has a name. We want space for everyone, with room to spare. From the moment people enter our parking lot, we want them to know they belong here.

SUBSTANTIAL SEATING
Our new sanctuary will have more than double our current capacity so we can continue to reach the lost and make room for everyone to encounter God!



FAQS

WHY DO WE NEED TO MOVE INTO A NEW BUILDING?

We currently do not have enough space in all our gatherings to serve those God is bringing to us. We never want the size of our parking lot or facility to limit what God desires to do through our church family.

WHAT WILL THE NEW BUILDING HAVE THAT OUR CURRENT ONE DOESN'T?

Our new 30,000 square foot facility will be designed with mission-critical space in mind. Highlights of our new building include more parking, larger foyer space for building community, a larger sanctuary that seats 800+ with a state of the art stage, including lighting for dramas and creative art outreaches. Our True North Kids area will have a centralized check-in, kids classrooms, kids playland, and an area to minister to students with special needs.

WILL WE REDUCE SPENDING IN MINISTRY TO BUILD THE NEW FACILITY?

No, we do not plan to reduce our investment in ministry. We are also asking our church family not to shift their giving from support of our ministries to our new building project. We are asking 100% of us to take the next step in our generosity journey.

WILL INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes, in the same way we honor your current giving to True North Church.

HOW LONG WILL THE GENEROSITY INITIATIVE RUN?

We are asking our church family to consider a 2-year commitment.

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT WILL I BE ASKED TO MAKE?

We are not asking for a set amount. Each person has a different income capacity. We are asking for equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

WHEN DO WE PLAN TO BREAK GROUND?

We hope to break ground in the spring of 2022.

Maximizing our capacity to reach our city

GENEROSITY JOURNEY

The Generosity Journey is a tool designed to help you move money from being an idol to being a tool for God's kingdom. The Journey focuses on the condition of our hearts, further transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

Each step of the Journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps you slowly ascend to get to God, but rather a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. The Apostle Paul encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving.

First-Time Giver

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time. This is someone who decides to give something and to trust in God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

Consistent Giver

This type of giver is someone who decided to give something and to give it on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes may be a reason for someone to set up recurring gifts online to become disciplined in giving.

Intentional Giver

This type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I am to God? Should I be giving God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make an intentional choice that reflects how they feel about it in relation to other things they spend their money on.

Sacrificial Giver

This type of giver begins to ask the question, "Am I giving to God in a way that changes me? Am I living in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different and to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me?" A sacrificial giver's commitment to giving actually governs the rest of his/her lifestyle. A sacrificial giver has a giving commitment that is "larger than their current situation" so that they have to adjust the rest of their expenses to meet that commitment.

Legacy Giver

A giver that is no longer asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to give?" A legacy giver is asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to keep?" They ask this so they can release the rest into Kingdom purposes. Much like a sacrificial giver makes a commitment that will govern his or her monthly and annual decisions, a legacy giver makes a lifetime or longer-term commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the like.

WHAT'S MY PART?

The Churchpacity initiative is not only about a building. It is about investing in the vision God has given True North Church. This bold movement is going to require our bold response.

We are asking each family/person to courageously trust God and ask themselves what their next step in the financial journey with Jesus is over the next 24 months.

We are asking everyone to PRAY with our staff, board, and others at True North Church for our Churchpacity initiative. We are asking every person who attends True North to determine to be **all in** regarding his or her financial commitment.

We believe every True Norther can participate financially in the Churchpacity initiative. Each 24 month commitment will help change lives, change our region and most of all, change each of us as we grow in the grace of giving.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

As you begin praying about your financial commitment, here are some questions to consider before giving:

01 Are there things that are keeping me from putting God first in my life?

02 How will my commitment push me outside my comfort zone and require me to courageously trust and obey God?

03 What things can I afford but can intentionally choose to live without because I am committing to give sacrificially?

04 Are there any "out of the box" ways I could increase my contribution?

GUIDE FOR GIVING

REMEMBER

Your commitment can include both an initial cash gift and a 24-month giving commitment.

Most of us can give far more than we initially think by giving it over a two-year period.

OUR PRAYER

As we go through the Churchpacity initiative together, join us in praying this prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for everything You've done in my life and for everything You are doing in our church. I want to have a heart for our city and for Alaska. I pray that you will guide me as to what my financial commitment should be for Churchpacity. Help me boldly trust you. Show me how to give out of love and not out of obligation, fear, or pressure. I am so grateful for the way you are using True North Church to reach our Front Porch, our Backyard, and Beyond!

My/Our 2-Year Churchpacity Commitment

Calculate Here:

$

What I/we normally give in a year (tithes, building, legacy)

+

$

My/our expanded annual generosity commitment for Churchpacity.

=

$

x 2yrs = $ _____

+ Gifts from stored resources (stocks, savings, etc) = $ _____

My/our 2-year commitment to Churchpacity $

2 Year Total	Monthly	Weekly
$1,000,000	$41,667	$9,615
$500,000	$20,833	$4,808
$300,000	$12,500	$2,885
$200,000	$8,333	$1,923
$100,000	$4,167	$962
$75,000	$3,125	$721
$50,000	$2,083	$481
$40,000	$1,667	$385
$30,000	$1,250	$288
$20,000	$833	$192
$10,000	$417	$96
$5,000	$208	$48
$2,400	$100	$23

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

14-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

NOVEMBER 1ST - 14TH

During the two weeks leading up to our Celebration Service, we invite you to walk through this prayer guide as we ask God what role He wants us to play in the Church**pacity** initiative. When we seek Him with all our heart, we will find him, and He will lead us to a place of deeper faith and trust in Him (Jer 29:13, Prov 3:5-6).

3

PROVISION

Pray for generous provision as God moves on our hearts to give to Churchpacity.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NLT
And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

4

ENDURANCE

Pray for the endurance and strength to realize all God has for True North both now and in the future.

Galatians 6:9 NIV
And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

7

VISION

Pray that True North will have a greater vision of who God is and the plans He has for us.

Ephesians 3:17b-18 NIV
...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

8

GENEROSITY

Pray that we will be full of generosity toward Churchpacity and toward our community.

2 Corinthians 9:13 NIV
Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

11

HEALING

Pray for physical and emotional healing of those you know and for those in our church body and community who are depending on God's intervention in their circumstances.

Psalm 103:2-3 NKJV
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits - who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

12

A GLORIOUS FUTURE

Pray that God watches over and directs us throughout Churchpacity.

Psalm 127:1 ESV
Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

1 RESPONSIVE

Ask the Lord for a responsive heart to give generously to Churchpacity.

1 Chronicles 29:17
I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.

2 FAITH

Ask the Lord to strengthen our faith as we embrace Churchpacity.

Hebrews 11:6 ESV
And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

5 TRANSFORMATION

Intercede for the transformation of many lives in our area.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NAS
Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

6 LEADERS

Ask God to give encouragement, wisdom, and creativity to the leaders of True North.

Hebrews 13:7 NIV
Remember your leaders, who spoke the work of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

9 HARVEST

Ask the Lord for an increase in visionary workers to bring in the harvest within True North.

Luke 10:2 NIV
He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into his harvest field.

10 GENERATIONS

Pray that all generations will experience God's salvation, love, and care.

Psalm 145:4-5b NIV
One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty...

13 FAVOR

Petition the Lord for His favor on all True North endeavors to bring the Good News to our area.

2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV
For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

14 THANKFULNESS

Come before the Lord in thankfulness for answered prayer and guiding our congregation through Churchpacity.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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WEEK 1

MESSAGE NOTES
DATE:

WEEK
2

MESSAGE NOTES
DATE:

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WEEK **3**

MESSAGE NOTES
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WEEK
4

MESSAGE NOTES
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WEEK **5**

MESSAGE NOTES
DATE:

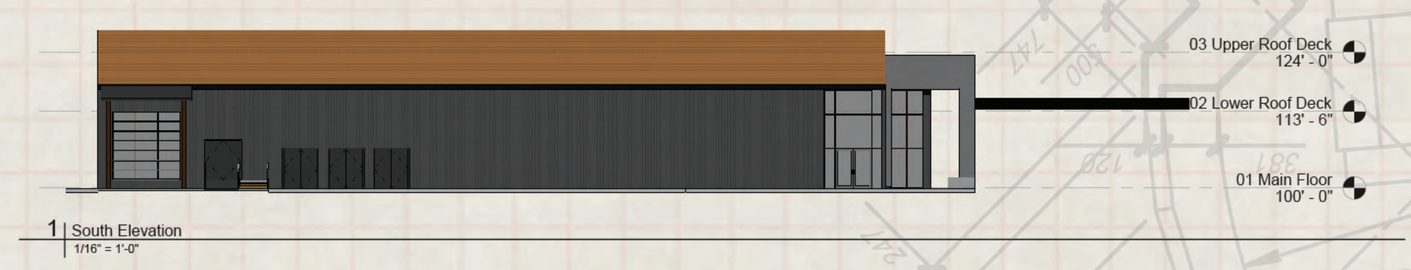
Our best days are ahead!

We've done it before,
we can do it again!

2 | West Elevation
1/16" = 1'-0"

3 | 3D View 2

Elevations



1 | South Elevation
1/16" = 1'-0"

UPCOMING DATES

Churchpacity Initiative ..... Oct 17 - Nov 14

Pre-Commitment Banquet..... November 5

Prayer Meeting ..... November 12

Commitment Service ..... November 14

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