

no limits



2020 VISION



mission

*“Passionately helping people find and follow **Jesus**”*

There are few times in life when you have a front row seat to something God is doing on a big scale in and through His church. Well, this is one of those times for Coastal! Coastal may be only 9 years old, but she was in the heart of God before time began.

Coastal stands at a crossroads with an opportunity to trust God at a level we haven't experienced before. The canvas of Coastal's future impact on our community and the world, is yet to be painted. We must not allow that canvas to be left blank due to a lack of faith! Our faith is in a God with **NO LIMITS!**



Suzanne and I spent 16 years in the business world before God called me into full-time ministry at the church we were part of in Raleigh. I spent 5 amazing years there as worship leader until 2010.

In the spring of 2010, God called us to plant a church in Wilmington; the place where we graduated from high school, were married, had 2 children, and lived until moving to Raleigh in 1994.

Planting a new church was the biggest faith-walk we had ever experienced. But all the while, God was teaching us to trust Him, listen closely to Him, and take big steps of faith for Him and His Kingdom purposes.

God performed so many miracles in those early days as we were preparing to launch Coastal. We were approved for support by two church planting groups and our church in Raleigh.

With only a couple of weeks before we were to have our opening Sunday on October 10, 2010, God provided a school auditorium for the original 22 members to meet for that first service.

For the next year we "set-up" and "tore-down" Coastal every Sunday at the school.

November 7, 2010 @Murrayville Elementary



Then, just 13 months after our opening Sunday, with about 60 regular attenders, God provided an amazing opportunity for us to purchase our current 12,000sf facility on Alexander Rd. which included 13 prime acres of land. We held our first service in our new building on November 6, 2011. God even performed a miracle in the purchase, when the seller gave us a check at closing for over \$9,000 to cover the cost of our 300 new chairs!!

God has always provided through the generous Coastal family and other supporters of Coastal. Our annual "sacrificial offering" given each December, has covered the costs of facility maintenance and upgrades, reduction of debt and building margin for future ministry.

Because of the generosity of the Coastal family, God saw fit to present us with the opportunity in 2015-2016 to acquire 2 additional contiguous parcels of land totaling almost 11 acres.

As of September 2018, those additional 11 acres have been paid for in full.



In the fall of 2016, God led us to start Seacoast Christian Academy Preschool. We've had three 4k graduating classes and now have over 110 enrolled for the fall of 2019. SCA has opened the door for us to minister to so many families that had never even heard of Coastal before.

As great as all of these (and more) miracles are, the greatest miracles are the countless changed lives that we have seen since Coastal began. Nothing beats seeing a person put their faith in Jesus and get baptized. It is also great to see Christ-followers, who may have drifted from Jesus, become passionate once again, about living for the things that Jesus is passionate about.



Individual lives being changed, translates into marriages being saved, families being strengthened and children growing up in Godly homes. These children are the next generation of world changers for God's kingdom purposes with NO LIMITS!



Before we get into the "WHAT" of the 2020 VISION, let's look at the "WHY."

- In 2016, we moved to 2 worship services to make space for our growth.
- Currently our 1st service is 85% full and 2nd service is 50% full.
- Coastal Kids Ministry has doubled in size since 2016, and needs more space.
- Our area of Wilmington is the fastest growing area of New Hanover County.



We thank God for our new modular classrooms we added in 2018. These 2 modular units are helping to give Coastal Kids and Seacoast Christian Academy the space they desperately need!



Another important part of the "WHY" is the children and youth that will be the future parents, teachers and leaders of our churches and businesses. At Coastal, we are passionate about reaching and building the next generation so they can go out and make an even greater impact for Jesus.



The "WHY" helps define the "WHAT!" Therefore, we are confident that God is leading us to expand our campus by adding this new worship center. This will not only allow for continued growth, it will allow us to transform our current building into a facility dedicated to our growing Coastal Kids Ministry and enable Seacoast Christian Academy to expand even further.



After several years of prayer and planning, we now believe that God has called us to this big step of faith. And big steps of faith call for big trust and commitment. We all have to answer questions like, "How much am I willing to trust God? How can God use me to see this 2020 VISION come to pass? How much does God want to grow my faith?"

We are finally at the point where permits are in hand, financing is in place, and we are ready to build! God's vision for Coastal is knocking and strong faith must answer the door.

Thomas Edison once said, "Vision without Execution is Hallucination."
Coastal has never yet been paralyzed by fear of moving forward
on something God has "green-lighted."
It is the faith of the Coastal family over the last 9 years and over the
next several years that will be the foundation upon which Coastal's
ministry and gospel impact will grow for generations to come!!

It is **this** day, it is **this** moment, it is **this**
window of Coastal's history in which God
is leading us to do something so much
bigger than ourselves!! To reach higher
and farther and dig deeper and wider
than we think we can! Why???
Because God honors that kind of faith!

1" = 2'-0" TOTAL SF
MAIN WORKSHOP FLOORING - 13,291 SF HEATED + 562 SF UNHEATED
+ 14,855 TOTAL SF
MAIN OFFICE FLOOR - 10,000 SF HEATED + 5,124 SF UNHEATED

~~IMPOSSIBLE~~ ~~UNABLE~~

Our NO LIMITS VISION for this next chapter of Coastal is based on Ephesians 3:20. "Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

When it comes to God's will and purposes, the only limits we face are those we place on ourselves. Our doubt, insecurity, fear and lack of faith will prevent us from experiencing God's NO LIMITS blessings to be used for His Kingdom purposes.

The Faith we display reveals how "BIG" we think our God is!
Weak faith builds boundary walls around the vision God plants within us!
Boundary walls are not an option when God has said, "GO!"

We believe there are NO LIMITS to God's capacity and power, so there are NO LIMITS to our ability to see the 2020 VISION come to pass!



We will **PRAY**, we will **PLAN**, we will **COUNT** the **COST** and we will **WORK**. But this God-sized plan becoming a reality also means that we will **GIVE**.

God-sized dreams always require God-honoring faith, and sometimes that faith is most vividly seen in what we trust God to give through us for His work!

God uses opportunities for us to give, not so we can “help Him financially,” but so He can “build us spiritually.”

When we give back to God from what He enables and allows us to possess, it helps break the death grip of greed. When we go to God open-handed, He never leaves us empty-handed. We can never out-give God!

You don't have to look any further than the cross, to see the most vivid display of God's generosity!

He displayed that His generosity has **NO LIMITS** when it comes to His love for you.

God set the standard of giving and it is very counter-culture. So, when we are generous, it catches the attention of a watching world!

When we give to God's work, money and possessions are no longer neutral or inanimate – they become living tools in the hand of God for eternal impact!





It is clear that God is presenting Coastal with an amazing opportunity to expand our impact for the gospel and we must not ignore it or be terrified by it.

When opportunity knocks, it must be met with preparation. Seldom does a God-opportunity knock on a door when preparation isn't standing there ready to answer it. I would go so far as to say that lack of preparation prevents even hearing the knock of opportunity.

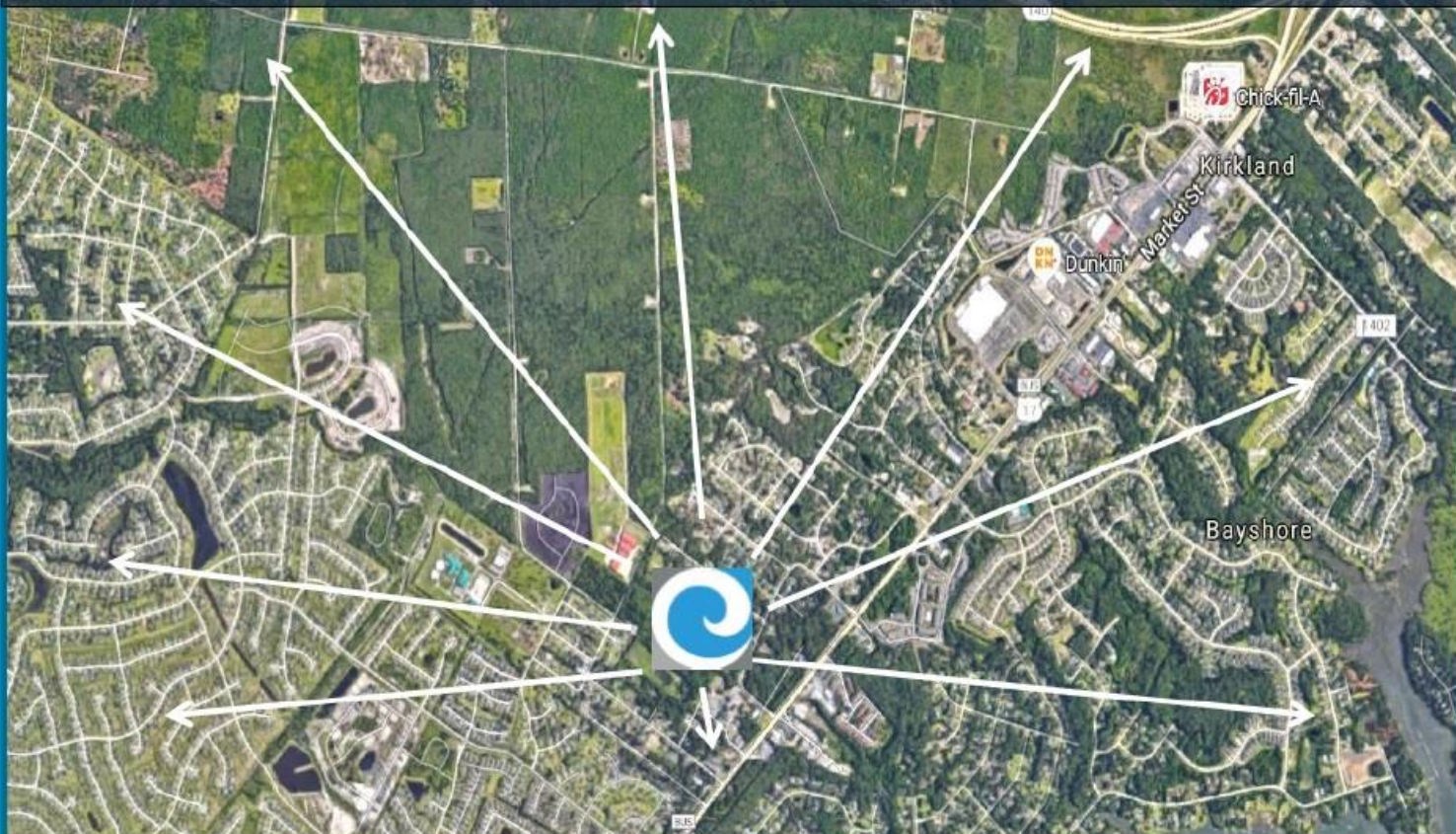
We must prepare for what God wants to do tomorrow. Yesterday's blessings can sometimes hinder tomorrow's blessings if we only focus on the past.

The first 9 years of Coastal have been amazing, but don't you believe with me, that the best is yet to come?!

Let us not simply "buy-in,"
let us be "sold-out."
Opportunity is knocking.

Our preparation began before Coastal started, when a small group of people prayed for God to do something amazing through this church. Our last 9 years have been full of preparation as we have worshipped, prayed, given and taken big steps of faith. But this next phase of preparation will be different. God has given us a 24 acre campus in one of the fastest growing areas of Wilmington.

And I believe He expects us to develop it and use it to the fullest for His kingdom purposes! Each step of faith will grow our faith. So as God blesses and expands His ministry at Coastal, we must expand our faith and commitment.



Our preparation will be vital for this vision to become a reality. Our preparation is not a precursor to the process, it is a huge part of the process. It is in the preparation that God will speak to us, meet with us, strengthen us, grow our faith and invigorate our passion for the things He is passionate about – lives changed with the gospel! So we will PREPARE as a church family and we will PREPARE individually.

OUR PREPARATION WILL INCLUDE...



PRAYER

It is prayer and one-on-one time spent with God, that opens our heart to the things that really matter to God.

Through prayer, we become more moldable in God's hands. We should work like everything depends on us and pray like everything depends on God.

PURPOSE

Our focus should be on what God desires, not what we desire. As a church, we know our purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Therefore, this is what we should be all about.



PRAISE

We will lift up our praises to God for who He is, for what He has done and for what He is going to do!

True praise isn't forced, it is the natural response from a heart that realizes the magnitude of the love and grace of God.

PURIFICATION

A Holy Spirit-driven cleansing of our heart and mind is always necessary when we are about to step out in fearless faith.

In this way, we can be completely aligned with God's heart and mind. We must consecrate ourselves before we take these steps of faith.



PLANNING

We will be diligent to plan well for every aspect of the 2020 VISION. This planning includes developing and continuously monitoring each step of the process, from architectural design and bulldozers to dedication and ribbon-cutting.

PERSEVERANCE

We will resolve to stay facing forward, leaning forward and stepping forward no matter the hurdles that arise to hinder. We will view the obstacles that will arise, not as oppression, but as opportunities to kneel ever closer and longer at the throne of God.





PRESENT OUR OFFERING

Our "NO LIMITS" Commitment will be a 3-year commitment to give towards the 2020 VISION. On Commitment Sunday in November we will give like people's lives depend on it – because they do!! We will commit to this God-sized vision with God-sized faith and God-sized passion to see God-sized results for generations to come.

PREVAIL

Through God's wisdom, guidance and power, this 2020 VISION God has planted in our hearts, will become a reality. As we obey the Lord in the **preparation** and the **process**, we will see His **plan** for Coastal **prosper**! It's not we, but HE, who will **prevail**!



GOD WILL PROVIDE

In Eph. 3:20, it is clear that the power to experience "NO LIMITS" is not ours, but the Holy Spirit of God within us. God provides the Vision and the Power to fulfill it. However, He expects us to be full of faith in Him and for us to obey Him through the process!

Experiencing **"NO LIMITS"** tomorrow means exercising great faith today! God has assembled an amazing group of people from all walks of life with vast differences in background and giftedness – a group of people called Coastal! All of us being collectively involved in these phases of preparation will help bring success. As the body of Coastal comes together for this purpose, we will discover that together, we can do exponentially more than the sum total of what each of us can do on our own.



As God has directed us, let us join hands together to make this 2020 VISION a reality.
When God's purposes are being passionately pursued,
there are **"NO LIMITS"** to what God can do!

As we look to the future, we must be in unity on God's purposes,
join hands together and expect that the best is yet to come!



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

God's provision for this 2020 VISION will come through us, responding to His generosity with generosity of our own. So let's take this step of faith together and worship God in unleashed praise and adoration for what He has already done through Coastal and in anticipation of what He is going to do through us for generations to come.

See God's vision and let our faith make it a reality.



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