



LET'S GO 





WORSHIP  
GROW  
SERVE



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## LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

God is calling City Church forward in faith! Circumstances in the world have not dimmed the faith-filled vision God has given us. In fact, it is quite the opposite – our focus has sharpened and highlighted the need to do all we can to bring hope to a hurting world. Now is our time to show the world around us a life worth living. There may never be a better time for us to lean on God and take the giant step of faith needed to move forward with creating space for those who need the hope only found in Jesus.

This bold move is more about our faith than it is about a building. For years we have demonstrated that the church is not a building. Our legacy has always been to create a place of rescue, a place of healing, a place of fellowship, and a place that equips and sends out disciples to change the world. I can't wait to see how much more we will accomplish for the Kingdom when we have a tool designed to reach even more for Christ.

This is a great opportunity in which all of us can participate in one of the most significant periods in the history of our church. With God's help, this bold step will maximize our impact locally, broaden our outreach to the nations, and prepare us to meet the spiritual needs of the next generation.

Will you make a decision to say "LETS GO!"? I promise you that God will honor your faith and will use our new ministry space to change eternities.

Everyone who attends City Church is vital to this effort and has a great opportunity to partner with Christ in building His church. Therefore, on November 14, 2021, everyone will be asked to make a three-year commitment (over and above regular tithes and offerings) to "LETS GO!" God will meet us with His provision as we step forward in faith to build His church and make an impact in this world!

Pastor Joe





# THE MISSION

## WORSHIP

We encourage everyone to attend our worship service each week where you can connect with God through corporate worship, prayer, and teaching from Scripture.

## GROW

Plug into one of our many groups on our Binghamton Campus and Norwich campus Bi-weekly. City Church Groups are a great way to grow spiritually and relationally.

## SERVE

Find a place where you can serve (care, give, and minister to the needs of others) in our church, our community, and throughout the world.



## COMMUNITY MEALS

Served over 10,000 meals a year  
Given away free clothing and groceries to over 300 families

## IN OUR AREA

158,000 Population / 32.6% in Poverty  
60% Dechurched  
18,000 Binghamton University Students

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the Binghamton Area, regarding Race & Ethnicity, there are:

- White 52.2%
- Hispanic 8.9%
- Black 13.5%
- Asian 18.6%
- Mixed 6.4%

City Church is multicultural, multi-ethnic, and multi-generational church that reflects our community.

## MISSIONS IS IN OUR DNA

We currently send monthly support to...



Over the past 3 years, we have given an average of \$140,500 per year totaling over \$421,500 designated to missions!

# COMMUNITY FOCUSED

Our Community has always been important to us. Our outreaches through the years have reflected our desire to see God change people’s lives. They’ve always been open to the entire community and completely free. FamJam, VBS, Thanksgiving basket giveaways, Christmas Shoe Boxes, and Trunk or Treat — just to name a few. These outreaches have opened doors for us to partner with local schools, businesses, and our city to extend the reach of God’s love. Together, we’re making a difference for the kingdom of God, but the work isn’t complete. As our community grows around us, our efforts must increase as well.





## SNEAK PEEK

Our current facility is not equipped to handle what we believe God wants us to do. Each Sunday we are facing facility challenges: kid's areas are in another building, bathrooms are not easily accessible, parking can be a challenge, and there's just not much room to hang out and talk. For years, we've been praying and planning for what our next step might look like. Do we build on our current property, or look to move somewhere else? While both have pros and cons, our desire has been to follow God's leading and plan.

### WHAT WILL A NEW BUILDING HAVE?

STATISTICS SAY THAT 80% OF PEOPLE THAT DECIDE TO FOLLOW JESUS DO SO BEFORE THE AGE OF 18. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN AMAZING, FUN, SAFE SPACE TO MINISTER TO OUR CHILDREN.

## KIDZONE



## OPEN FOYER

COMMUNITY IS A VITAL PART OF CHRISTIAN LIVING. THE NEW BUILDING WILL HAVE AN ACTUAL LOBBY, AND NEAT, NEW SPACES WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO HANG OUT.

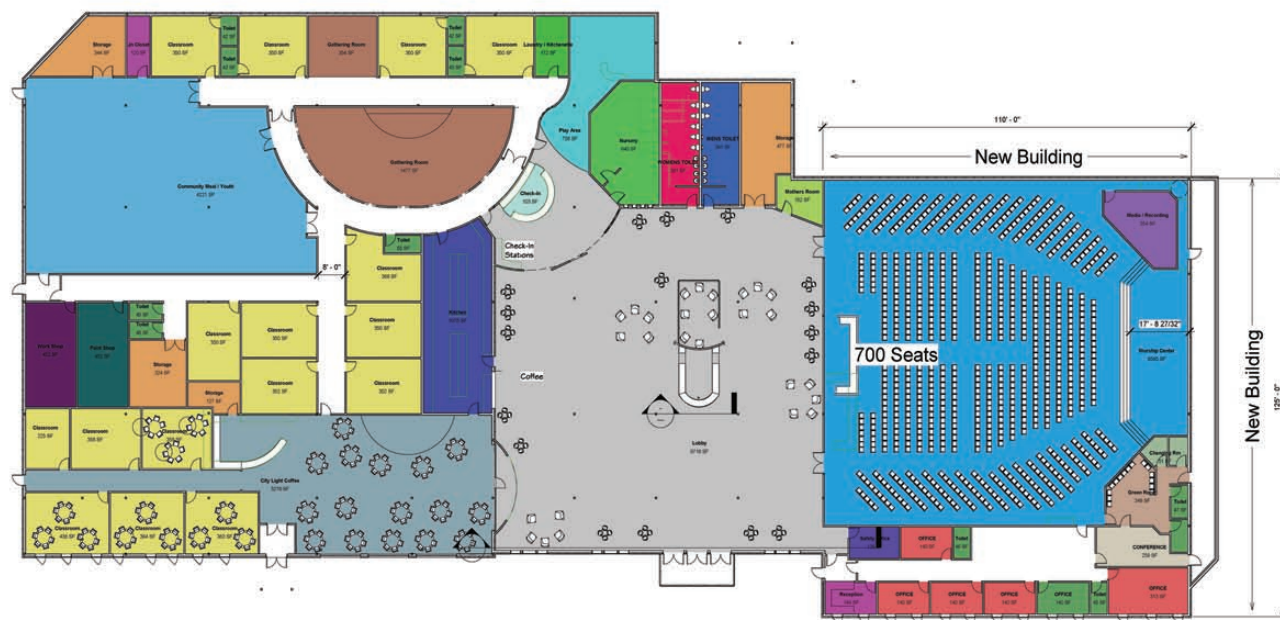






## AMPLE PARKING

NO MORE TRYING TO FIT INTO TIGHT SPOTS OR PARKING DIRECTLY NEXT TO THE BUILDING.



### Room Legend

- Changing Rm
- Check-In
- City Light Coffee
- Classroom
- Community Meal / Youth
- CONFERENCE
- Gathering Room
- Green Room
- Jn Closet
- Kitchen
- Laundry / Kitchenette
- Lobby
- Media / Recording
- MENS TOILET
- Mothers Room
- Nursery
- OFFICE
- Paint Shop
- Play Area
- Reception
- Safety Office
- Storage
- Toilet
- WOMENS TOILET
- Work Shop
- Worship Center



WORSHIP CENTER, FAMILY CENTER, CITY LIGHT COFFEE, AND BATHROOMS WILL BE TOGETHER, ON ONE FLOOR, UNDER ONE ROOF.

## ONE FLOOR, ONE ROOF



## FAQ

### WHY DO WE NEED UPDATED FACILITIES?

We want to do everything we can to be inviting to our community and to be stewards of what God has given us. As you know, we are blessed with ample space for our Sunday worship services, but financially, we are investing too many resources into upkeep and maintenance of our facilities. We want to see those resources used for ministry and outreach. We believe we need to upgrade to a more sustainable facility to better steward God's resources and prepare for future ministry and growth.

### WHAT WILL THE NEW FACILITY BE LIKE?

Our new facility will be state-of-the-art. Our plan is to have a modern and attractive worship center with an expansive foyer for connection and fellowship. There will be a fun space for our kids with safe and secure check-in, a multi-purpose area for our students and community outreaches, plus our City Light Coffee will have an independent access—and all on one floor, under one roof!

### WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

We are asking everyone to be all in. Ask God to help you make a truly generous financial commitment to LET'S GO!. We are not asking for anyone's money. We are asking for God to lead us in how we should give His money back. Ask God to help you take a great step of faith!

### HOW LONG WILL MY "LET'S GO!" COMMITMENT BE?

Your LET'S GO! commitment will be for 36 months. You may give your gift all at once, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. How you give is up to you, but the length of the initiative is 36 months.

### WILL MY COMMITMENT BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Your LET'S GO! commitment will be handled with confidentiality, just like all giving at City Church.





# LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

14-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

October 31 - November 13

During the two weeks leading to Nov 14, COMMITMENT SUNDAY, we invite you to walk through this prayer guide as we ask God what part He wants us to play in LET'S GO!

## 1 LET'S GO!

Pray that God watches over and directs us throughout LET'S GO!

Psalms 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.

## 2 FAITH

Ask the Lord to strengthen our faith as we embrace LET'S GO!

Hebrews 11:6 NIV  
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.

## 3 PROVISION

Pray for generous provision as God moves on our hearts to give to LET'S GO!

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 City Church 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.

## 5 TRANSFORMATION

Intercede for the transformation of many lives in our area as a result of City Church.

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 City Church.

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

## 7 VISION

Pray that City Church 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 towards LET'S GO! and towards 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.

## 9 HARVEST

Ask the Lord for an increase in visionary workers to bring in the harvest within City Church.

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 out workers into his harvest field.'

## 10 GENERATIONS

Pray that all the generations – both young and old – will experience God's salvation, love, and care.

Psalms 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...

## 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.

Psalms 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 RESPONSIVE

Ask the Lord for a responsive and willing heart and the obedience to give generously to LET'S GO!

1 Chronicles 29:17 NIV  
I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

## 13 FAVOR

Petition the Lord for His favor on all City Church 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 for guiding our congregation through LET'S GO!

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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# WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

First, we’re asking you to BE OPEN to God’s guidance in regards to your financial response to LET’S GO! Second, we want you to PRAY. As you pray, ask God this question, “What are you asking me to give back to you which is rightfully yours?” Third, we’re asking every person who attends City Church to COMMIT; determine to say, “LET’S GO!” in regard to your financial commitment.

We believe that every person who calls City Church their church home can participate financially in the LET’S GO! initiative. Your 36-month commitment will help change eternities, change our community, and most of all change you as you 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 to LET’S GO! push me outside of my comfort zone and require me to courageously trust and obey God?
- 03

What things can I afford, but can intentionally live without because I am committing to give sacrificially to LET’S GO!?
- 04

Are there any “out of the box” ways that I can increase my commitment to LET’S GO!?

# 3 YEAR GUIDE FOR GIVING

This guide is designed to help you as you begin to pray about your financial response to LET’S GO! The chart represents your expanded giving over the next three years, beginning on November 14, 2021.

3 Year Total	Monthly (36)	Weekly (156)
\$300,000	\$8,334	\$1,923
\$250,000	\$6,945	\$1,603
\$200,000	\$5,556	\$1,282
\$150,000	\$4,167	\$962
\$100,000	\$2,778	\$641
\$75,000	\$2,084	\$481
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$321
\$40,000	\$1,112	\$257
\$35,000	\$973	\$225
\$30,000	\$834	\$193
\$25,000	\$695	\$161
\$20,000	\$556	\$129
\$15,000	\$417	\$97
\$10,000	\$278	\$65
\$8,000	\$223	\$52
\$7,000	\$195	\$45
\$6,000	\$167	\$39
\$5,000	\$139	\$33
\$4,000	\$112	\$26
\$3,000	\$84	\$20

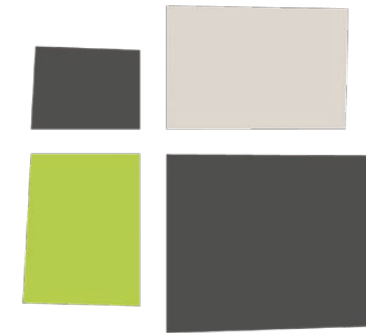
Your commitment can include both an initial cash gift and a 36-month giving commitment.

No one gift is more valuable to God. The gift value is determined by its value and meaning to you. This is not a giving challenge. It is a challenge to hear God’s voice and obey. We want our giving to demonstrate that God is before all things in our lives.

## \$6 MILLION PROJECT

GENERAL COST: \$4.5 MILLION FOR RENOVATIONS  
\$1.5 MILLION FOR PROPERTY PURCHASE  
FUNDED: \$4.5 MILLION FROM SALE OF CURRENT CAMPUS  
\$1.5 MILLION FROM LET’S GO! INITIATIVE





The Apostle likened our spiritual journey to a race. We believe that race is a relay. Throughout the 105 year journey of City Church, the baton has been passed and carried by various generations and people, resulting in a city being impacted with the gospel of Jesus Christ. God used the boldness and generosity of those who came before us to advance His kingdom.

Today is our time. We must take the baton! Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million to relocate to a new facility that will position City Church to touch lives and impact our region for the cause of Christ, now and tomorrow. A facility that will move us from a commercial downtown location, to a high-traffic residential part of the city — one that will better accommodate the ministry needs of today and for years to come. A new facility that will save thousands of dollars a year in maintenance and utilities, dollars that can be redirected into mission-critical areas of outreach. It's time to go! **Let's go** take the baton and run with perseverance the race marked out for us. **Let's go** and reach people, comfort the hurting, rescue the lost. **Let's go**, City Church, and continue the great heritage passed down by those who came before us by impacting our region and the world for the cause of Christ!

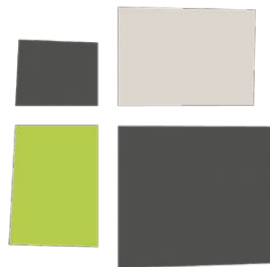
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