



**OPEN
DOOR**

C A M P A I G N



NEW CITY CHURCH

New City Church,

Church plants are born when God calls His people to action. Two years ago, the group that formed New City Church was sent out to begin a new work in one of the fastest growing communities in America. **We set out to be a church that not only proclaims the Gospel, but lives it out here in Ankeny and even throughout the world.**

God has graciously blessed our efforts already - if you were not a part of the original group that planted the church, you are an evidence of that blessing! But the landscape we entered in 2019 has changed. Churches are not allowed to meet in public school buildings yet. A few church plants have already left town and many people in established churches have not been back to church in months. If anything, the need to proclaim the Gospel to the people of Ankeny is even greater than when we started!

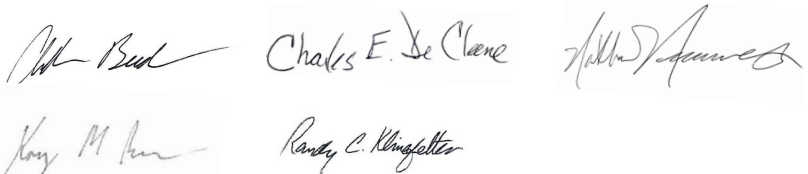
It is the elders' conviction that God has opened a door for us to meet that very need.

Our proposal: New City Church would raise funds to purchase a building that will serve as a worship center and homebase for Gospel ministry. We have carefully and prayerfully laid out the case for why this building is a unique opportunity and how we should respond.

What you have in your hands is a renewed call to action. God is using New City Church for His glory. In the midst of an uncertain time, He has given us an unequivocal opportunity.

How might He be calling you to act?

– The Elders



Charles E. DeClane
Randy C. Klingfelter

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

Colossians 4:3

PRAY FOR US Prayer is where we begin. We are asking God to do an amazing work.

GOD MAY OPEN A DOOR God does the opening. God often provided opportunities for Paul in the form of a location – a home, a court, private property, and several synagogues.

SO THAT The building isn't the end goal. It is a tool, a means to fulfill a purpose.

PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST The purpose of the church: sharing the good news of Jesus.

FOR WHICH I AM IN CHAINS A purpose for which Paul was willing to suffer.

THE OPPORTUNITY

LOCATION 849 S. Ankeny Blvd.



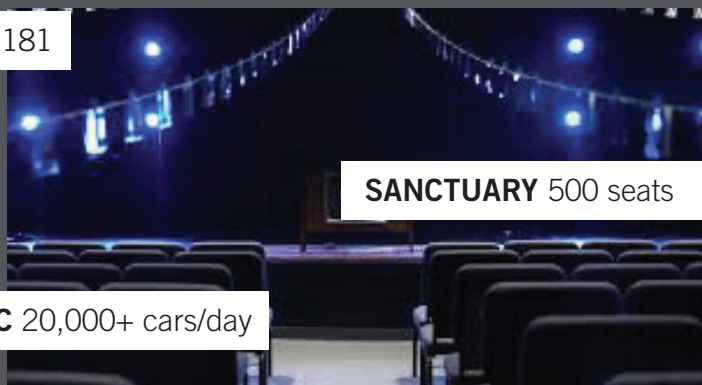
CHILDREN'S WING



SIZE 20,000 sq. ft.

CLASSROOMS 14

PARKING SPACES 181



SANCTUARY 500 seats

DRIVE-BY TRAFFIC 20,000+ cars/day

THE PLAN

We hope to raise \$1.2 million by the end of July 2021. The total cost of the building will be around two million dollars. In July, if our goal is met, we will be in a position to make an offer on the building.

As a result of faithful giving and expense management, at year-end, New City will have approximately \$200,000 in budget surplus. This, along with any other surplus dollars from the first half of 2021, will go towards our goal of \$1.2 million by the end of July. The goal is to raise all the funds without borrowing.

Fall 2020

Open Door Campaign Kick-off
Collect first commitments

July 2021

Collect second commitments
Fundraising goal: \$1.2M

THE CHARGE

Our goal is 100% participation in the campaign. We know God cares more about the giver's heart than the actual number on the check.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

This is why our number one objective is NOT to reach a number, but that every New City Church-goer would grow by giving.

Our charge to you: take the next step(s) in your giving. Locate where you currently fall on the chart below. Pray and consider what step God would be calling you to make. Trust God to bless your giving.

NEXT-STEP GIVING

STEP 1 FIRST-TIME GIVER

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. – 2 Corinthians 8:12

If you have never given to the church, this is your opportunity to get involved. The gifts God finds acceptable are the ones given willingly.

STEP 2 REGULAR GIVER

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. – 2 Corinthians 9:11

After you've given for the first time, the next step is to make giving a part of your life. Carve out a part of your budget that is dedicated to God each month. The blessings will be for you AND for those for whom you are giving.

STEP 3 TITHER

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” – Malachi 3:10

A tithe is 10% of your total income. In the Old Testament, the Lord commanded the Israelites tithe to support the operations of their temple worship. At New City, we ask all our members to tithe or be working towards a tithe. This is not just so we can continue to operate, but so God might “open the floodgates” and “pour out so much blessing.”

STEP 4 SACRIFICIAL TITHER

God's people faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts. – 2 Chronicles 31:12

A tithe in and of itself can be a sacrifice. In Israel, a tithe was the foundation and then, as the Lord continued to bless, the people brought gifts in addition to their tithes. They did this at every feast and throughout the year. In order to meet our goal, we are asking anyone who already tithes to consider what kind of sacrificial gift you can give in addition to your tithe.

STEP 5 “TWO MITES” GIVER

All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on. – Luke 21:4

It is fitting that one of the best examples we have of a giver in Scripture is a poor woman with almost no money - only two mites. And yet in the story, she is exalted by Jesus because the rich gave much, but the poor woman gave everything. At this level of sacrifice, you no longer think about how much you can afford to give, but how much you can afford to keep. For the Two Mites Giver, every asset is on the table, even those our culture would consider radical (home/land equity, investments, retirement, estate dollars).

THE HOPE

NUMBER OF GIFTS	GIFT LEVEL	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT TOTAL
1	\$200,000	\$16,667	\$200,000
1	\$150,000	\$12,500	\$150,000
1	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$100,000
1	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$75,000
2	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$100,000
4	\$35,000	\$2,917	\$140,000
5	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$125,000
5	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$75,000
7	\$10,000	\$833	\$70,000
8	\$7,500	\$625	\$60,000
9	\$5,000	\$417	\$45,000
24	\$2,500	\$208	\$60,000
TOTAL: 68			\$1,200,000

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE



Make your own coffee
 Eat out less
 Bring lunch to work
 Order water at restaurants
 Buy store brand food, hygiene products, medications
 Buy groceries in bulk



Go on an Amazon “fast”
 Buy used clothing or swap with another family
 Buy clothing off-season
 Download a money-saving app, like Acorns or Digit
 Start couponing
 Borrow tools instead of purchasing
 Freeze or eliminate credit card spending
 Delay phone upgrade
 Wash your own car
 Minimize Christmas expenditures



Dedicate part-time income or side work to the campaign
 Increase automatic church giving by a few percentage points
 Rent out your lake home or other properties
 Utilize your company’s corporate match program



Donate stimulus money
 Donate tax refund
 Donate savings on a refinanced mortgage, car, or student loan
 Donate savings on a bundled insurance policy
 Donate savings on a new phone deal
 Donate transportation costs saved by working from home
 Donate nine months’ retirement match
 Donate bonus money
 Donate inheritance money
 Donate garage/online sale proceeds or sale of other assets (vehicle, boat, etc.)
 Donate required minimum withdrawal from IRA/retirement income



Eliminate streaming services or cable
 Forego vacation, or take a “stay-cation”
 Delay a house project
 Delay major purchases (car, electronics)
 Cancel gym membership
 Cancel special services (house cleaning, pest control, etc)
 DIY manicures, hair cuts, etc
 Halt “rainy day” savings (new car, etc)
 Halt college fund donation
 Halt hobby spending during the campaign (hunting, sports, video games)

FAQ

What is our arrangement with Keystone?

The elders have been in communication with Keystone leadership for several months. They are a true Gospel-centered church and we would consider them co-laborers for Christ. Keystone is aware of our intentions, but we do not have an exclusive deal. The point of the Open Door Campaign is to get our church in a position to make an offer.

Why \$1.2 by the end of July?

The building is not set to go on sale until sometime during Q3 of 2021. In order to make an offer, we want to have over half the funds raised by August.

Why \$2 million?

The property has not been appraised yet, and likely won't be until closer to the sale. Two million is the round number Keystone has given us, and that number is close to the assessed value.

Where will all the funds come from?

Most of the funds we hope to raise within our own church. We have a head start with our budget surpluses (around \$200K over the last two years). But, we will likely need help beyond the NCC family, so we will be asking friends of the church to consider contributing. In addition, we hope to pursue other means of funding like grants, corporate matching gifts, etc.

What about borrowing?

The elders voted to pursue \$1.2 million without borrowing. If we can raise over half the total cost by summer 2021, we believe we can trust God for the rest.

What if we don't raise the funds?

Oh ye of little faith! We plan on pursuing every avenue available to us. If the Lord closes the door, we will use the funds raised for a future ministry homebase.

Why now?

We believe it is no coincidence that just as church-planting became much more difficult in our community, New City has been given an opportunity to partner with a fellow Gospel-believing church and establish a permanent homebase for ministry. Our finances have been trending in a positive direction since the beginning. Our body has grown, both in number and maturity, and we desire greater opportunities to continue to reach Ankeny and beyond.

THE COMMITMENT

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:7). But in the first part of that verse, He also asks us to be intentional about our gifts.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion...

This card is meant to help every person that attends New City Church to be intentional. Pray first, decide in your heart how generous you want to be, then commit to that number and write it down. **We would like to receive all commitments at our Thanksgiving Service on November 21.**

OPEN DOOR CAMPAIGN

Name/s

What I/we normally give in a year \$

\$

Fall 2020 campaign gift

+\$

Amount committed by July 2021

+\$

Gifts from stored resources

=\$

TOTAL OPEN DOOR GIFT
Fall 2020 - July 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

We have an amazing opportunity before us! It doesn't take much imagination to see how a permanent home could greatly increase Christ's impact here in Ankeny, on the mission field, and even for our own kids and family. It's the only reason we would dare tackle this project - so God would continue to use New City Church in an even greater capacity, by leading more people to His Son and the awesome forgiveness that comes with being a child of God!

We can't get there without sacrifice. From everyone. We are a large enough church to pursue a building, but small enough that we need "all hands on deck." I want to challenge you to not only consider giving to this campaign, but to weigh what you might need to sacrifice in order to give. Our time frame is short; we could be in a building in two year's time. But that also means our opportunity to give is short. What can you give to God in the next year? What can you afford to do without?

I plan to sacrifice right along with you. And when I think about what it might cost - what I might lose in the transaction - I take great comfort in knowing that I'm not giving God anything He hasn't first given me. It was all His to begin with! He only gave it to me so that I might know the joy of giving it right back.

Imagine that; God has enriched each of us so we can be "enrichers" just like Him. In that sense, we stand to lose nothing, but we stand to gain everything.

May God bless you as you consider your sacrifice and may Christ be both the means and the ends of your giving.

- Pastor Adam

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Beck", written in a cursive style.