



# A Generous Life



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN  
**Generosity 2022**

# THANK YOU



Once again, we faced another year with enormous challenges and obstacles in our life together. Despite it all, our church community has remained strong and vibrant. As we've looked back at the last twelve months, we see the Spirit of God working in and through us to do great things.

The timeline to the right is just a snapshot of what has happened this year, and none of it would have been possible without your faithful giving. Thank you! You are wonderful, amazing, generous people.

Now we want to ask you to do one more thing. Please take this brochure and prayerfully read through it. As the Spirit leads you to respond, please fill out the 2022 Commitment Card (enclosed or online) and turn it in on Commitment Sunday, November 21. As always, we are grateful to be your pastors.

Blessings,  
Patrick & Dean

- DECEMBER**  
Christmas Eve in the parking lot – in 10-degree weather!
- FEBRUARY**  
Christ Church Mission signed a 12-year lease!!
- MARCH**  
Restoration of the Nave in Overland Park completed
- APRIL**  
Almost 1,000 people attended services on Easter
- JUNE**  
Soul in the City
- JULY**  
VBS at two locations & a full Life Group Session
- AUGUST**  
A massive backpack initiative
- SEPTEMBER**  
Fall Alpha & Life Groups (with over 300 total adult participants)
- ALL YEAR**  
Monthly Blood Drives for the Red Cross

# A GENEROUS COMMITMENT

## To be a people fully alive in God's Kingdom.

Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). We believe this fullness of life only comes through Jesus – as we follow him as his disciples. So, what does the life of a disciple look like? Well, for the sake of brevity, we have summarized the teaching of the New Testament and the early church model in Acts into four distinct characteristics:

**A DEVOTED LIFE**   **A SHARED LIFE**   **A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE**   **A GENEROUS LIFE**

These things both describe what the fullness of life looks like and prescribe how the abundant life of Jesus comes to us.

When we think specifically of the Generous Life – the giving of our material wealth, skills, and time to kingdom purposes – two convictions are vital.

First, we must share the conviction that **God is Creator** and, as such, every good thing we have comes from him. Second, we must share the conviction that **God is Redeemer**. This transforms our generosity into a direct response to the good news of Jesus.

**We ask you to prayerfully consider three distinct forms of generous living in the coming year – giving of your time in prayer for and service to our church community, and giving of your resources by financially supporting the work of our church.**





"When I was young, I thought that all genuine prayers had to be in my own words. How happy I am that isn't true! Through this pandemic, I've been relying heavily on prayers written by others. Praying their words joins me to a worldwide stream of people who have lived and loved God. They've given me a larger perspective and remind me that humanity has had many heartbreaking seasons. Their words have carried me to God when I couldn't get there on my own." – Ali Mueller



"I believe in the power of prayer; I have seen so many wondrous things that God has done through prayer. Our prayers for the church directly impact its strength. It facilitates and elicits a united communication and love for the Father and a like-minded love for one another." – Lyle Holthus

## For the next year, will you commit to praying for our church and for God's kingdom work through us?

Scripture encourages us to not only pray for our own needs and the needs of the world, but to pray for the ministry of the church. Jesus prayed for the church in John 17. Paul offers prayers for the church in each of his letters.

Sometimes we mistakenly think that what makes the church effective is the dynamism of the staff/volunteers or the winsomeness of its programs. Rather, it is God who, working in and through the church, advances his kingdom; people's lives are changed by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Our ministry depends on this work of God in us. It is prayer that enlivens our church – Kids Ministry, Student Life, Sunday Worship, Life Groups, etc. It is prayer that will allow our church to be a part of God's Kingdom work in our city and will allow for us to be faithful and effective ministers of the gospel.

Our role is to pray for that work to happen through the ministry of the church.



### What We're Asking ...

Please check the box that says "I commit to pray" on the enclosed card and fill in your email address. We will send an email each week in 2022 with a prompt outlining how you can pray for our church that week. Please take 5 minutes that week to pray for our church and its ministry.

## For the next year, will you generously offer your time and talents to serve our church and community?

In 1 Corinthians, Paul teaches that "the Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church." God has empowered each of us to serve the church. Christ's imagination for his followers was that we would serve alongside one another for the sake of his Kingdom. He sent his Spirit to enable us, even when we feel inadequate. When we give of ourselves in service to others, not only are the people we serve blessed, but often we are the ones most blessed. We are challenged, stretched, redirected, and humbled. God specializes in working under those circumstances and it can be very rewarding to see God working in and through us.

There are many areas of ministry where you can serve. Each of these teams is an important ministry of the church.

**HOSPITALITY:** These teams exist to provide a warm welcome to people. They include setup teams, greeters, ushers, coffee and café members, etc.

**FAMILY LIFE:** These folks serve our children and students. They are small group leaders, confirmation sponsors, VBS and special events coordinators, etc.

**WORSHIP:** Our worship teams focus their work on Sunday mornings. They are musicians and singers, scripture readers, communion servers, tech teams, etc.

**PASTORAL:** These folks focus their ministry on working directly with people. They include Life Group leaders and Alpha hosts, make pastoral visits, are on prayer teams, etc.

**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY:** These teams work with ministry partners across our city. They serve at our local schools, provide for people through food pantries and with community organizations, etc.

### What We're Asking ...

Please check the box on your Commitment Card that says either, "I will commit to serve" or "I will continue to serve." A ministry leader or staff will be in touch soon to talk about getting you connected to a serving team.



"I considered my career my vocation. It was wrapped in the service of others, but as my responsibilities changed it became harder for me to realize the same sense of purpose. Luckily the church's need for cars during Soul in the City turned into a service opportunity for me. This led to VBS and now Student Life! Each opportunity has brightened my life. The kids and other volunteers are awesome, and I am thankful they accepted me into this corner of their world."

– Jeff Boss



"I serve on the setup team with my two sons and it's been a great way to get them involved in the church. While we are glad to contribute, by far the most meaningful part of serving for me is watching my kids connect with other adults who take a genuine interest in them."

– Anthony Dummermuth



"Giving financially helps us feel more deeply connected to our church family and a part of God's bigger story. Alone our financial gifts may not do much, but when we 'bring our tithe to the storehouses,' God allows us to be part of something bigger alongside Him and his church. It also reminds us to thank Him for what he has entrusted to us and humble ourselves to give it back."

– Steph & Kevin Wagner



"About 25 years ago, I was going to lead a retreat weekend for an Episcopal church. I was there a day early in order to attend a bible study with the local chairperson. The lesson that night was on two challenges for the church in America – a lack of tithing and a lack of forgiveness. I was struck at that moment; here I was going to lead a Christian retreat and I had unforgiveness in my heart and our family did not tithe our income. The Lord changed me that day. We've been blessed in so many ways; now the tithe is a minimum as far as what we give."

– Hap Maguire

## For the next year, will you prayerfully commit to giving financially to the work of our church?

Each year we fund God's ministry through Christ Church with the regular gifts of our people. It is your generosity that enables us to extend the reach of God's work in the world. Your regular gifts support:

- Our beautiful worship services
- Life-changing ministry to children and students
- Transformational Life Groups and Alpha groups
- Ministry partnerships locally and around the world
- Retreats, staff, MOPS, pastoral care courses, and much more

*When we give regularly, not only does it further God's Kingdom work in the world, it also changes us! Our generosity unshackles us from greed and opens us to receive the fullness of life found in Jesus (I Tim 6:19).*

To accomplish our goals in 2022, we will need

**\$2.4 MILLION**



### What We're Asking ...

Prayerfully discern what God would have you do, and then check the box that says "I commit to GIVE" on the attached card and fill in the details as appropriate.

**REFLECT** on how God has blessed you. What resources has God provided that you could share with the church? What kind of impact can your giving have on Christ Church's mission and ministries?

**PRAY TO DISCERN** what God would have you do. As you do, consider increasing your gift to our 2022 operating budget by 1% each year until you reach 10%. Here is a chart to help you:

Monthly Income	3% Tithe	4% Tithe	5% Tithe	6% Tithe	7% Tithe	8% Tithe	9% Tithe	10% Tithe
\$2,000	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140	\$160	\$180	\$200
\$2,500	\$75	\$100	\$125	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$225	\$250
\$3,000	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$180	\$210	\$240	\$270	\$300
\$3,500	\$105	\$140	\$175	\$210	\$245	\$280	\$315	\$350
\$4,000	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240	\$280	\$320	\$360	\$400
\$4,500	\$135	\$180	\$225	\$270	\$315	\$360	\$405	\$450
\$5,000	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
\$5,500	\$165	\$220	\$275	\$330	\$385	\$440	\$495	\$550
\$6,000	\$180	\$240	\$300	\$360	\$420	\$480	\$540	\$600
\$7,000	\$210	\$280	\$350	\$420	\$490	\$560	\$630	\$700
\$8,000	\$240	\$320	\$400	\$480	\$560	\$640	\$720	\$800
\$9,000	\$270	\$360	\$450	\$540	\$630	\$720	\$810	\$900

## HOW CAN I GIVE?

First, please use the enclosed Commitment Card to share your plans with us. Making your financial plans known not only helps us to budget responsibly, but it can also provide accountability for the commitment you are making. After you've made your 2022 commitment, giving at Christ Church is simple.



### WEBSITE

You can give on our website, [christchurchkc.org](http://christchurchkc.org), and click 'Give Online.' There you can give a one-time gift or set up recurring payments.



### PHONE

If you'd like to use your phone, simply download our app – Christ Church KC – and click "Give" at the bottom.



### OTHER

You may bring your cash or check and give on Sunday morning during services, drop off at the church during business hours, or mail your gift to Christ Church, 5500 W 91st Street, Overland Park, KS 66207.



### May I Give Stocks, Bonds, or IRAs?

Yes! Donating appreciated stock and other assets are optional ways to give. It may save on capital gains tax and be a tax deduction. We recommend that you contact your own tax advisor before making this kind of contribution. For more information about this option, contact Kim Dekker at the church office 913-648-2271.

*It's important to remember that it doesn't matter how the giving happens; it matters that you give.*

# BRING LIFE TO OTHERS

2020 - 2022

## New Church in Gulu, Uganda



APRIL 2021



OCTOBER 2021

"Investing in evangelism, discipleship, and mentoring of young people at Gulu University is one of the key priorities in our partnership with Christ Church in Kansas and St. Francis Chapel at Makerere University. We are confident that once the new St. Paul's Chapel building is completed and we have a well-established chaplaincy with visionary leadership, many leaders and missionaries for the Great Commission will be mentored at Gulu University!"

– Bishop Johnson Gakumba

As we experience the abundant life of Jesus, our natural desire is to help bring that life to others. It was from that desire that our three-year fundraising effort, *Bring Life to Others*, was born, with an emphasis on hospitality. The effort has three areas of focus – creating Hospitable Spaces, engaging in Hospitable Mission, and becoming a more Hospitable Church.

Thanks to so many of you who have joined us on this journey; we are off to a great start! Our goal for this effort is to raise \$3,000,000. We're now a little more than halfway through (2020-2022) and we've received commitments in excess of \$2,084,000; we've also received payments of \$1,477,000. In addition, we were able to allocate an extra \$104,000 to *Bring Life to Others* from our budgetary surplus in 2019. All of that money will be used outside our walls!

Your generosity has enabled us to complete the work of creating Hospitable Spaces (including the restoration of our worship space in Overland Park – under budget! – and other much needed upgrades). We've also begun the work of Hospitable Mission – creating the same kinds of hospitable ministries beyond our walls – by providing \$130,000 to help build a church building in Gulu, Uganda! This will allow hundreds of worshipers on their college campus to have a church home.

Though some of the work of this campaign has already been completed, there is much exciting work still to do. **Will you join us as we extend our resources out into the community and into the world and share the hospitable love of Jesus with others?**

## A PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

If you have not had the opportunity to participate in Bring Life to Others, we ask that you pray and discern what God would have you do. If you are looking for a giving guideline, prayerfully consider committing 3% of your annual household income for 2022 (year 3 of the campaign) ... or a one-time gift of 3% of assets (over and above regular giving to the parish). Some will be able to give this and more; some will consider another amount. All gifts are important, no matter the size, and will help the Lord's work through our church.

3% Fundraising Effort Giving Chart

ANNUAL INCOME	3% ANNUAL GIFT	PAID MONTHLY	PAID WEEKLY
\$200,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$115
\$150,000	\$4,500	\$375	\$87
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$188	\$43
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$125	\$29