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A Word From Pastor Jon Palmer

God Calls

In the years leading up to 2008, pastors and leaders from Faith - Oakville were praying and asking the question, "What's next for Faith?" It became obvious that a large group of people were crossing the river (and state line) from Columbia, Millstadt, and Waterloo, IL areas to worship at Faith. It was as if God had drawn a circle around that particular area challenging us to go there. In prayer and by faith, God's people answered the call, sacrificing and working hard to forge new ground in order to share the Gospel in Southern Illinois. In May of 2006, a small group of people gathered in a barn in Millstadt and Faith - Columbia was planted. The Lord blessed us with growth and continues to bless us with new faces and families.

In 2013, my family and I began asking "What's next for us?" God used that season to encourage us to step out in faith and clarify that Faith - Columbia was where He was calling us. I am blessed to be your pastor at our Columbia campus!

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What's Next?

In 2018, we will celebrate 10 years as a Faith campus. We have become financially self-sustaining, purchased a facility, and welcomed many new families into our church. All of this has led us to another turning point where we are pleading, praying, and asking the Lord again, "What's next for Faith - Columbia?" We believe the Holy Spirit is again drawing a circle, this time around a specific area of ministry where we are already seeing great fruit. That circle is around kids, families, and young leaders - the next generations. How will we respond to what God is doing in our midst? What we do next will determine our answer.

Following the Spirit's Leading

For months, our pastors, staff, and leaders have been on a prayerful journey to follow the Holy Spirit's direction regarding how we will strategically connect people (the next generations) to the extraordinary life found in Jesus - one person, one family, one community at a time. It's what's NEXT. My desire is that through time in the Word, worship, prayer, and fasting, you will be led by the Holy Spirit to respond in obedience and blessing to what He says.

I believe the Holy Spirit has great things in store for Faith - Columbia. I can't wait to discover what's NEXT with our Faith Family!

Together in Christ,




Our Vision

To see generations transformed by the Gospel as groups are intentionally planted to carry out their mission where they live, work, and play.

The Vision of NEXT

The NEXT Campaign is a three-year spiritual journey seeking the heart of God by answering the question, “What’s next for Faith in reaching this generation and generations to come?”





Impact the NEXT Generation

Our prayer is that Faith can establish an even stronger foundation which will prepare us to connect people to the extraordinary life found in Jesus for generations to come. We believe the work God is doing in and through us is not only bigger than our church, it is bigger than our lifetime.

- We must make our environments, ministries, and programming relevant to the next generations. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to complete the first phase of renovation to our current facility.
- We will make Kid's Ministry space a priority by adding more rooms and renovating our current space to be safe, engaging, and fun.
- We will create a parents room where young families can participate in worship while also caring for their children in privacy.
- We will install and retrofit our current space with a sprinkler system enabling us to access another 4,000 square feet of space upstairs.
- We will renovate our current lobby to make it energy efficient and safe.
- We must make an intentional commitment to understand, engage, invite, and equip the next generations, while striving to find our successors at every level for the future.

Faith in Action

Impacting Generations

Faith has impacted generations in Oakville, Columbia, and beyond. Our prayer is that, through NEXT, God will continue to expand His mission field through Faith's increased generosity. Below are a few examples of how God has used our individuals and groups to impact His Kingdom in recent years.

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Enter our NEXT Phase

We must engage in strategic, Spirit-led opportunities, begging God to use us to make disciples of “all nations”, seeing unreached generations transformed by the Gospel as hundreds of groups are intentionally planted to carry out their mission where they live, work, and play.

During the next three years our goal is to...

- Grow in generosity as Faith impacts our city, region, and world by infusing 10% of all NEXT giving to generously fund missional opportunities through individuals and groups.
 - Expand our missional impact as our groups are sent by the Holy Spirit to cross social, economic, and racial borders in all directions.
 - Plant 20 Life Groups with 400 people on mission.
 - Ensure that 100% of our groups are equipped to discover and engage in their mission to be fully planted where the Holy Spirit sends them.
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Take My NEXT Step

If we are to impact the next generations and enter into the next phase, God's people must be willing to ask, "What's my next step?" We are asking everyone who is part of our Faith family to...

Commit to be in a Life Group on mission. Take *The Rooted Experience* to begin your journey.

Sacrificially make an Initial One-time NEXT Offering allowing us to get started on renovations this year.

Prayerfully commit to a NEXT three-year financial pledge above what you currently give to Faith.

What Is My Part?

Pause to Pray

Set aside time to connect with the Holy Spirit through Scripture and prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to align your heart with His and give you direction concerning His will for you and/or your family. Pray specifically, “Lord, show me how I can leverage my time, talents, testimony, and treasure to impact the world with the extraordinary life found in Jesus.”

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)

Consider Your Standard of Living and Giving

As individuals and/or families, consider all that God has provided. How has He blessed you? Then ask, “What is He calling me to sacrifice in order to join in what He is going to do next in and through Faith?” We are praying that every person at Faith will consider their level of personal sacrifice (over and above regular financial giving) in order to join in His next steps at Faith. Randy Alcorn says in his book, *The Treasure Principle*, “God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.” Look at one household’s giving example on page 16.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. (1 Timothy 6:18-19 NLT)



Take Action

We can sit, think, and pray all day, but eventually we must take action! Trust that God will keep His promise to provide. Remember that you are not giving to a church but through a church to join in transforming generations with the Gospel. Here are some ways you can live this out in the NEXT campaign:

1. **Sacrificially make an Initial One-time NEXT Offering.**
2. **Make a 36-month commitment to the NEXT campaign (November 2017 - October 2020).**
3. **Pray for God’s favor as we step out in faith to impact generations with the Gospel.**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ESV)



NEXT Giving Goals

Gift Dollar Ranges	# Of Gifts	Pledges
\$75,000 - 99,999	1	\$75,000
\$50,000 - 74,999	1	\$50,000
\$40,000 - 49,999	1	\$40,000
\$30,000 - 39,999	1	\$30,000
\$20,000 - 29,999	4	\$80,000
\$10,000 - 19,999	15	\$150,000
\$5,000 - 9,999	10	\$50,000
\$1,000 - 4,999	20	\$20,000
\$500 - 999	8	\$4,000
\$1 - 499	10	\$1,000
Total Individual Gifts	71	\$500,000

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Allows us to complete first phase of renovation and give away \$50,000 through individuals and groups over the next three years.

Giving Impact

Each of us can trust God to do far more than we could ever do without Him. Pray and ask God to show you what is possible with His help over the next three years to impact future generations.

Creative Giving One Household's Example

Activity	Weekly	Yearly	3 Years
Eliminate 1 meal out per week	\$35	\$1,820	\$5,460
Eliminate 1 Starbucks per week	\$4	\$208	\$624
Eliminate 1 rented movie per week	\$6	\$312	\$936
Reduce entertainment/shopping		\$500	\$1,500
Reduce Christmas budget		\$250	\$750
Reduce vacation budget		\$300	\$900
Garage sale income		\$200	\$600
Everyone's spare change each day	\$5	\$260	\$780
50 stock shares			\$5000
Increase cash giving	\$50	\$2,600	\$7,800
Three Year Total			\$24,350



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