

# BEYOND THE BUILDING

FORWARD IN FAITH



“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” - I Corinthians 15:58.



Dear Church Family,

The words, “Beyond the building” say a lot about the mission of the church. As Christians, we gather weekly in worship for a meaningful time of centering our minds on our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Those special times of praise and encouragement are, as one person once said, “a dress rehearsal for heaven.” Oh, how we are blessed at Hazelwood Christian Church!

Yet as inspiring as those gathering may be, our primary service to the Lord takes place outside the walls of the church building. That is where most of the people in need spiritually, emotionally, and physically are found. Though all of us are dealing with real issues, many in our community and certainly many in the world have never come face to face with the one who can meet every need in their lives. His name is Jesus.

Church family, our desire is to get serious about paying down our building debt so that we can get serious about helping people know Jesus. Mortgage dollars hopefully will be replaced with significant ministry dollars. In our 109-year history much has been accomplished for the Lord in this small corner of the world and for that we praise His Holy Name! But how much more could be done?

HCC has always been a generous church – there is no doubt about that; and I pray that our finest hours of generosity are ahead. Our plan is not complicated. We hope to reduce our debt by one million dollars and thus reduce our church mortgage down to four and a half years. This will save over \$235,000 in interest alone. But the bigger benefit is that it will free up thousands of dollars every month to help the lost and the hurting.

“Beyond the Building” is about increasing our effectiveness by reducing our debt. Over the next two years with dependence upon the Lord, we can make it happen. Please pray and consider your gift and your part on November 4, which is our Commitment Sunday. I can assure you that Kim and I will be prayerfully and very seriously doing that very thing.

Holding you in my heart,

Steve Ranson

## A Brief History:

- 1905 – Two acres purchased in Hazelwood, Indiana, for \$200 to one day erect a church building.
- 1909 – 46 dedicated souls met as charter members of HCC.
- 1910 – Constructed, completed, and dedicated the original church building. The 1961 square foot building cost approximately \$10,000.
- 1943 – Full time “church” established as from this point on there was preaching every Sunday.
- 1979 – Steve and Kim Ranson began their ministry.
- 1985 – A new worship building (now referred to as the chapel) built, dedicated on October 6.
- 1989 – The Fellowship Hall built with mostly volunteer labor and then dedicated on July 8.
- 1991 – Purchased adjacent property east of church.
- 1996 – Purchased an additional two acres and barn north of the church.
- 2000 – Terry and Tammy Pepple began Worship Ministry.
- 2001 – Completed, then dedicated our current worship building on February 11.
- 2005 – Purchased two acres to the north and 14 acres to the south. This brought our property total to just over 24 acres. This also included a Mission House for visiting missionaries and office building for the International Conference on Missions.
- 2007 – Dedicated new Youth and Children’s Wing on June 10; Gary and Debbie Cornwell began Discipleship Ministry.
- 2008 – A new church office building completed with mostly volunteer labor. This brought the total ministry space of our buildings to more than 65,000 square feet.
- 2010 – Celebrated our church’s 100-year anniversary on October 31.
- 2012 – Kedge and Brandy Bengé began Children’s Ministry.
- 2018 – Jarod and Katie Haskell began Youth Ministry; *Beyond the Building*; *Forward in Faith* debt reduction campaign.
- 2019 Onward – As William Carey said so well, “The future is as bright as the promises of God.”



## Making a Lasting Impact

God has blessed us richly! We want to renew our commitment to change lives and change hearts for the Lord so that those who come behind us will find us faithful in reaching out to others so that His love will be evident

in all our activities and services. Our children and generations to come need to know the life-giving truth and life-changing grace of Jesus Christ.

We have a great staff, outstanding ministries, and many resources to serve, and ultimately love God's people through well-designed programs that support children, students, families of any size or age, the homeless and others who are in need. How much more could we do to fulfill our mission to CONNECT people to Christ, to teach people how to WORSHIP God with their lives, to equip people to GROW in their faith, and to challenge people to SERVE others. Nothing is more important.



## What can I do?

**PRAY:** That God will open our hearts and minds to what can be with *Beyond the Building; Forward in Faith*.

**GIVE:** We ask you to pray about making a financial commitment **ABOVE AND BEYOND** your regular giving as we walk this path together.

- ❖ **Give Courageously.** Give the largest gift you have ever given to the church on November 4.
- ❖ **Give Consistently.** Make a 24-month pledge to *Beyond the Building*. Plan weekly or monthly giving over the next two years.
- ❖ **Give Creatively.** Think of non-cash gifts of real estate, cars, stocks, jewelry and assets.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Q: What is the reason for our *Beyond the Building* campaign?**

A: To significantly pay down our building indebtedness so that our weekly offerings can be used for ministry and outreach instead of paying on debt service.

**Q: What is our current church indebtedness?**

A: \$1,927,517.23

**Q: What is the appraised value of our church property and buildings?**

A: In 2015, they were valued at \$4,600,000.

**Q: How much money are we hoping to raise through our *Beyond the Building* campaign?**

A: \$1,000,000.

**Q: When is our indebtedness (church mortgage) scheduled to be paid off?**

A: August 1, 2027.

**Q: If we are successful in reaching our goal of \$1,000,000, how will that impact our church debt?**

A: It will allow us to pay our loan off on December 1, 2022.

**Q: When the *Beyond the Building* money is received week by week, does it all go immediately toward paying down the debt?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How much interest will that save if we are successful in our goal?**

A: \$235,000.

**Q: When does the campaign begin?**

A: Our Commitment Sunday is November 4.

**Q: How long does the program last?**

A: Two years.

**Q: How does the giving work?**

A: Most people will prayerfully consider how much money they will sacrificially give to the BTB Campaign. That may be a specific amount, as an example - \$5,000, that would be given as the Lord allows during the two-year period. Others may commit a

weekly amount, as an example - \$20, and contribute that week by week for two years. There is no specific way that this needs to be done.

We will never ask for a specific amount, but we do hope that you will respond generously as a commitment to God and not to Hazelwood Christian Church. The most important thing is to give from the heart and not out of compulsion (II Corinthians 9:6-7).

**Q: Is there a special way that the giving needs to be done?**

A: These funds are in addition to the regular operating budget – our weekly tithes and offerings – of the church. The BTB gifts can be designated on the memo line on a check. The simplest way for many is through on line giving where designations can easily be made.

**Q What if I cannot keep my commitment?**

A: The short answer is, “No one will knock on your door.” Only the Finance Chairman will know the details about the names and pledges to BTB (and that is only for accounting purposes). There will not be any “gentle reminders” sent out. This is between you and God. No one else!

No one knows the future but God. Things happen that we have no control over. There will be changes in financial situations where some will need to give less than they had hoped. At the same time, some will be blessed to be able to do more. Those things are left up to God.

**Q: What if I have more questions?**

A: We will do our best to answer anything. Please join us at one of the Town Halls coming up in October, or contact the church office at 317-539-6157.

**BEYOND THE BUILDING; FORWARD IN FAITH TIMELINE**

- ❖ Town Hall meeting – October 7, 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ Town Hall meeting – October 10, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Prayer Event – November 2-3
- ❖ Commitment Weekend – November 4
- ❖ Celebration Sunday – November 18

# COMMITMENT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Challenge Goal - \$1,000,000

The chart below shows the weekly or monthly gifts you may give over the next two years to achieve your total commitment amount.

Weekly Gift	Monthly Gift	2-Year Total Commitment
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$208,000
\$1,500	\$6,500	\$156,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$104,000
\$750	\$3,250	\$78,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$52,000
\$450	\$1,950	\$46,800
\$400	\$1,733	\$41,600
\$350	\$1,517	\$36,400
\$300	\$1,300	\$31,200
\$250	\$1,083	\$26,000
\$200	\$867	\$20,800
\$175	\$758	\$18,200
\$150	\$650	\$15,600
\$125	\$542	\$13,000
\$100	\$433	\$10,400
\$90	\$390	\$9,360
\$80	\$347	\$8,320
\$70	\$303	\$7,280
\$60	\$260	\$6,240
\$50	\$217	\$5,200
\$45	\$195	\$4,680
\$40	\$173	\$4,160
\$35	\$152	\$3,640
\$30	\$130	\$3,120
\$25	\$108	\$2,600
\$20	\$87	\$2,080
\$15	\$65	\$1,560
\$10	\$43	\$1,040



### Commitment Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

With dependence on God, I commit to Beyond the Building: Forward in Faith campaign of Hazelwood Christian Church over a two-year period, by committing the following:

**#1) Kick-Off Gift (cash or check)**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be given on Commitment Sunday, November 4, 2018

**#2) Two-Year Commitment**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a week for 104 weeks  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month for 24 months

**#3) Gift in Kind (describe below)**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate cash value of gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: Two-Year Commitment**  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ADD AMOUNTS IN SECTIONS ABOVE  
 Commitment to begin Sunday, November 4, 2018

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*“Owe nothing to anyone except for your obligation to love one another” – Romans 13:8.*