# GROWING VISION





EXPANDING CAPACITY TO DO IMMEASUREABLY MORE



### LETTER FROM

We are in an exciting season as a church family! God's gracious hand has been on Tree City Church since a small group of Jesus followers in 1903 listened to God's call and saw a vision beyond themselves. Our church has experienced the goodness of God for well over a century in the Treasure Valley, and as a result, countless lives have experienced the love of Jesus and are forever changed. As just one among many who have gone before me, I count it a sacred privilege to be called a pastor of this beautiful group of people we call Tree City Church.

Over the years, our church has faithfully responded to God's leading as needs and challenges have been presented. From tents to homes, homes to buildings, remodels to new facilities, limited space to

expansion, our church has faithfully shown that the church is not a building - people are! While the brick and mortar may have looked different over the years, our mission hasn't changed!

Since 2001, we have been gathering in our current building for worship, discipleship, and church functions of all kinds. Our building is also used nearly daily by The Children's Academy, The Counseling Center, Idaho Sports Foundation, and countless community groups. I am so proud of the way our church has made our building a part of our mission of pointing people to Jesus between Sundays!

As our church has grown and our ministries have expanded, and as we have heard God's call to do more of what He has equipped us to do, increasing our capacity and maximizing our current facility to do immeasurably more has become the next clear step God is asking us to take.

God has given us a clear vision for how we can effectively point people to Jesus for generations to come. As many people before us have taken faithful steps forward, it is now our time to step faithfully into God's *Growing Vision* for our church.

This is a step that will impact Tree City Church and the community for generations to come. Our desire is for 100% of our church family to participate in this campaign knowing we each have a role to play and it is only God who makes it grow (1 Corinthians 3:7).

I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you will participate in this next step so that together we can experience increased capacity for God to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine!

I love you Tree City Church!

Pastor Johnny Hampton

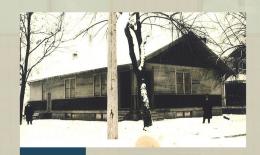
On September 21, 2021, our Church Board approved to assemble a Project Team to discern God's *Growing Vision* for our church. While our Project Team will take shape based on the need of each stage, we are thankful for these people who have been faithful in prayer and collaboration alongside our ministry staff to present this project to our church.

- Bob Jacobsen
- Amy Shingler
- Lucas Baumgartner
- Steve Hill
- Lynn Deakins
- Don Baumgartner
- Merlyn Knight
- Matt Gresham
- Barry Watts
- Bud Compher

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Letter From Pastor Johnny

# **OUR STORY**







### 1903

Dr. Phineas F. Bresee, Founder of the Church of the Nazarene, traveled from California to visit a small group of believers feeling led to plant a church in Boise. After his visit, he commissioned Rev. Robert Pierce to begin the work of organizing a Boise church. After meeting in homes for nearly three years, in 1906, our church was officially organized with 35 members. This is a picture of the first church building we began to meet in outside of homes.

### 1916

Our church had numerous pastors and several location changes after 1906. Due to financial hardships, in some years there was no pastor at all. The small group banded together in homes or a rented tent. During the 1916 District Assembly, the presiding General Superintendent appointed Rev. N.B. Herrell to pastor our church. With sacrificial giving by the members of our church, this building was purchased at the corner of 15th & Franklin in Boise.

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The building at 15th & Franklin was remodeled several times to provide better facilities for our growing congregation. In 1947, we were forced to address the inadequacy of the building we had worshipped in for 40 years. In an act of faith, 3½ acres to the west of downtown was purchased. It would be 10 years before funds could be generated to begin construction on Liberty St. January 5, 1958 was the first worship service in this new facility.

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For 120 years, the people of Tree City Church have been letting God use their gifts and abilities to make the vision of Tree City Church become a reality. God is doing a faithful work through this church as we carry the mission forward of pointing people to Jesus and inspiring them to become a part of that mission!







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Phase One on Liberty St. provided a parsonage, education space, and a room for Sunday services. Twelve years later, Phase Two was completed with the dedication of a larger sanctuary and second story education space. Over the next 35 years, the parsonage became offices for new multi-staff concepts, and doublesessions helped maximize our space. By 1996, attendance had become nearly 600 people. Looking to the future, church leaders acquired six adjacent acres on Liberty Street.

### 2001

After 42 years of worship and growth on Liberty St., we received an offer on our property. This was not expected, but caused us to think in new ways about our future. After prayer and fasting, there was a sense that God would have us, in faith, agree to the sale. On June 6, 1999, our membership approved the sale and the purchase of 38 acres on Eagle Road. A campaign was launched to raise \$2.3 million to build a 66,000 square foot facility. October 6, 2001 was the first worship service in our current building.

### 2023

Our church has been pointing people to Jesus for 120 years! We now look to point beyond our own capability and continue to step faithully into God's Growing Vision for our church - a vision we've been leaning into since 1903! The gift that was given to us through the sacrifices of fellow believers from years gone by is a sacred trust. We believe that God will help us increase our capacity to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine for generations to come.

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Our Story

### **OUR OPPORTUNITY**

One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

### **GENERATIONAL IMPACT**

We have the opportunity to provide more space for more people to be impacted and transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

This Growing Vision Project will help us build a legacy of faith within our families and community for generations to come as we provide greater opportunity to do immeasurably more by expanding our capacity.

### **EQUIPPING OUR PEOPLE**

By expanding our capacity and updating our current facility, we will be able to effectively disciple our church to live out our mission of pointing people to Jesus and equip them to become a part of that mission!

As the Treasure Valley grows, more and more people are seeking communities of faith and mission. Our opportunity is to prepare a place to say, "Welcome Home" and disciple our people well.



# GROWING VISION

Expanding capacity is needed for us to experience immeasurably more. These are areas this project can begin immediately increasing the impact of God's *Growing Vision* for our church:

- 1. Discipleship
- 2. The Counseling Center
- 3. Office Space
- 4. Facility Repairs and Improvements

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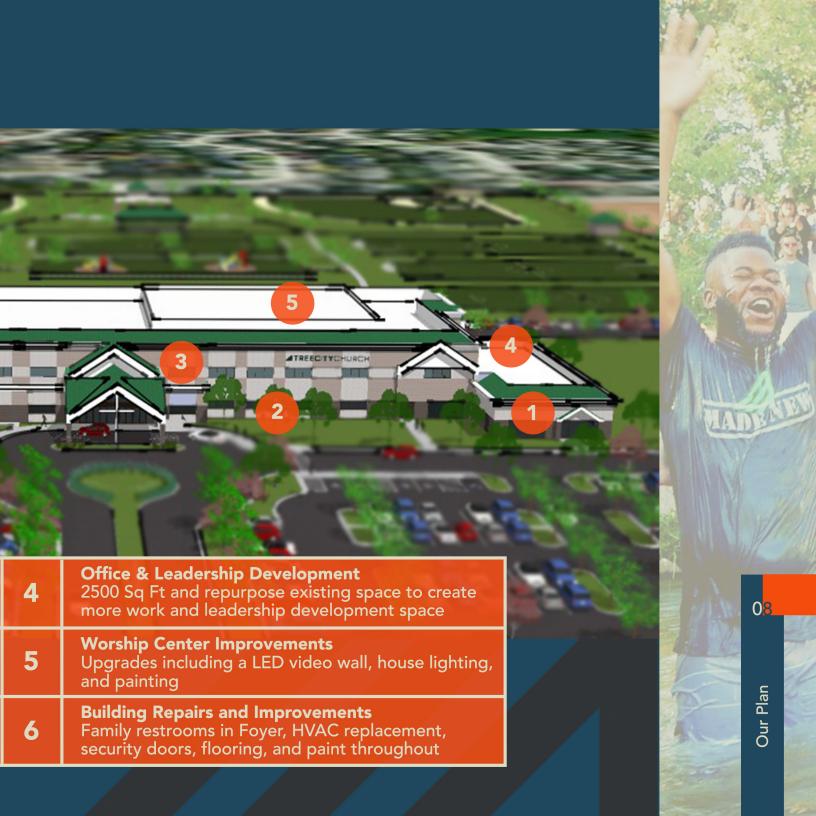
- / Bridge of engagement between our community and the church
- / Place of belonging
- / Homebase for discipling and sending followers of Jesus into the world

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1. On any given Sunday or Wednesday, every available room is being utilized for discipleship. Repurposing space will increase our opportunity for more discipleship.
- 2. The Counseling Center at Tree City Church provides an average of 220 clinical sessions per month with limited access. With expanded and dedicated space, the number of sessions for individuals, couples, and families could more than double.
- 3. We have invested in 10 people as Ministry Interns who have been sent out into ministry and leadership positions over the last eight years. We currently have four Ministry Interns and 15 Ministry Staff sharing 12 work spaces.
- 4. Our property serves over 1500 people in any given week. With needed equipment, safety upgrades, and improvements, we can increase the capacity, hospitality, safety, and experience for our church and community.

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# OUR PLAN



### **OUR GOAL**

Our *Growing Vision* Campaign is a two-year initiative beginning in 2023 to raise \$3,000,000 in commitments above regular, ongoing tithes to fund this First Phase through the generous gifts of people giving at all levels.

# ANTICIPATED GROWING VISION PHASE ONE COST

: \$3 MILLION

\$1.5 Million to fund construction
 \$1.5 Million to fund current facility repairs, improvements, and initial funding for Phase Two

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT PLEDGE TIMEFRAME

2023-2025

# ANTICIPATEDTIMELINE

We will bring a vote to our church family on April 16 to proceed with the campaign. If the campaign is approved, commitment cards will be made available and prayed over during a period of 40 days. Then, during a *Growing Vision* Banquet on June 1, we'll receive Commitment Cards and prayerfully step into God's *Growing Vision* for our church.

#### **APRIL 2**

Church meeting to review motion and proposal for the campaign

#### APRIL 16

Church vote to approve the Growing Vision Campaign and project

#### **APRIL 23 - JUNE 1**

40 Days of Prayer & Consideration and Commitment Cards are distributed

#### JUNE 1

Growing Vision Banquet and celebration of commitments

Once we have received 50% of our fundraising goal, we will break ground on the South Expansion. Some improvements to our existing facility may begin taking place in 2023.

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Our desire is for 100% of our church family to participate in this Growing Vision Campaign in order to create more opportunities for our mission to have a lasting impact through our church for generations to come.

Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

### **GIVE PRAYERFULLY**

Pray as to how you might give, and then continue to pray that God would work in you and through your gift in the lives of those in our church and community.

### **GIVE GENEROUSLY**

While we're asking all to give sacrificially, we recognize that not all can give in the same way. Generosity isn't measured in an amount. Give according to how God has generously given to you.

### **GIVE JOYFULLY**

Give knowing what doors God can open so that people can see and be changed by Jesus, and find joy in the fact that God invites us to be a part of this endeavor. Find joy in being a part of the story we celebrate when God accomplishes His purpose!

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## COMMITMENT

GUIDE

**BECOME A** PART.

Every gift given to Growing Vision is important. Our goal is 100% participation. We cannot meet this need without gifts of all sizes beyond your regular tithes.

GIFTS NEEDED	MONTHLY GIFTS (rounded)	2-YEAR TOTAL GIFT AMOUNT (per person)	SUBTOTAL
8		\$75,000+	\$600,000
5	\$2,084	\$50,000	\$250,000
15	\$1,250	\$30,000	\$450,000
15	\$1,042	\$25,000	\$375,000
20	\$625	\$15,000	\$300,000
20	\$500	\$12,000	\$240,000
26	\$417	\$10,000	\$260,000
25	\$334	\$8,000	\$200,000
30	\$209	\$5,000	\$150,000
40	\$105	\$2,500	\$100,000
50	\$42	\$1,000	\$50,000
20	\$32	\$750	\$15,000
10	\$21	\$500	\$5,000
50	\$4	\$100	\$5,000
		TOTAL	\$3,000,000

Give yourself time to listen and hear from God.

#### **COVER THIS DECISION IN PRAYER**

Ask God for wisdom on how to be a faithful steward of the resources He has entrusted to you. Pray that you may give in a way that stretches and builds your faith, and deepens your trust in God.

# TO DISCUSS YOUR GIFT COMMITMENT

Have a family meeting, or confide in a trusted friend to discuss your commitment. If you have children, no matter how young they are, involve them in the process. This is a great opportunity to teach them generosity and faithfulness.

After you have walked through these steps of prayer about what God wants you to do, make a financial commitment to support this Growing Vision.

We are inviting you to step out in faith and watch what God will do with your faith and generosity!

#### **GIVING PRIORITY**

Our mission remains pointing people to Jesus and inspiring them to become a part of that mission. You are asked to continue giving regular tithes to help fund the ongoing ministries of Tree City Church and prayerfully consider how to give more to support this campaign.

The following page shows ways to give toward our Growing Vision Campaign.

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Discerning Our Commitment

### **WAYS TO GIVE**

### **CONSIDER THESE GIVING OPTIONS**

- A. SET UP AUTOMATIC ONLINE GIVING. The easiest way to schedule giving is to set it up automatically at **www.treecitychurch.com/give** (Select "Growing Vision" giving option). You can give far more when you give consistently and spread out your giving over time. Examples of this type of giving can be found in the sample "Commitment Guide" on page 11.
- B. GIVE A CASH GIFT. This can include savings, tax refunds, stock dividends, garage sale proceeds, fundraisers, or countless other creative ideas.
- C. APPRECIATED SECURITIES. By making gifts of appreciated securities (stocks or mutual funds), you can receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value and avoid capital gains tax liability.
- D. IRA DISTRIBUTIONS. Individuals 70 1/2 or older may choose to give directly from their IRAs rather than having to take a distribution that may trigger a tax liability. Currently, the rules allow you to save on taxes by directing your distribution to a named charity.
- E. GIVE PROPERTY. Give real estate or other items of value. For assistance, contact Pastor Dave Arnold at dave@treecitychurch.com.
  - F. MAKE TREE CITY CHURCH A BENEFICIARY IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED SUESTIONS

### WHEN WILL THE EXPECTED PROJECTS FOR PHASE ONE BE COMPLETED?

While some of the repairs, improvements, and upgrades to our existing facility can begin happening as early as 2023, we won't break ground on the South Expansion until we have raised 50% of our fundraising goal. Once we have the green light on all fronts (permits, approvals, funds, etc.), we anticipate construction to take between 9-12 months. Our desire is to have Phase One complete by the end of 2025, but we will trust God's plan!

### WILL WE TAKE ON DEBT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT?

We are thankful for God's abundant provision, and for the faithfulness of God's people who have sacrificed and stewarded the finances of this church so well. We are currently debt free and our plan is to stay that way! We do not plan on taking debt in order to complete this phase of the project. We believe that with God's help, our people and our community will rally and fund this Growing Vision, paid in full, and launch us into Phase Two!

### **HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE?**

www.treecitychurch.com/GrowingVision will have the most current info about each step along the way, as well as a place for you to ask any questions.





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