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Campaign guide



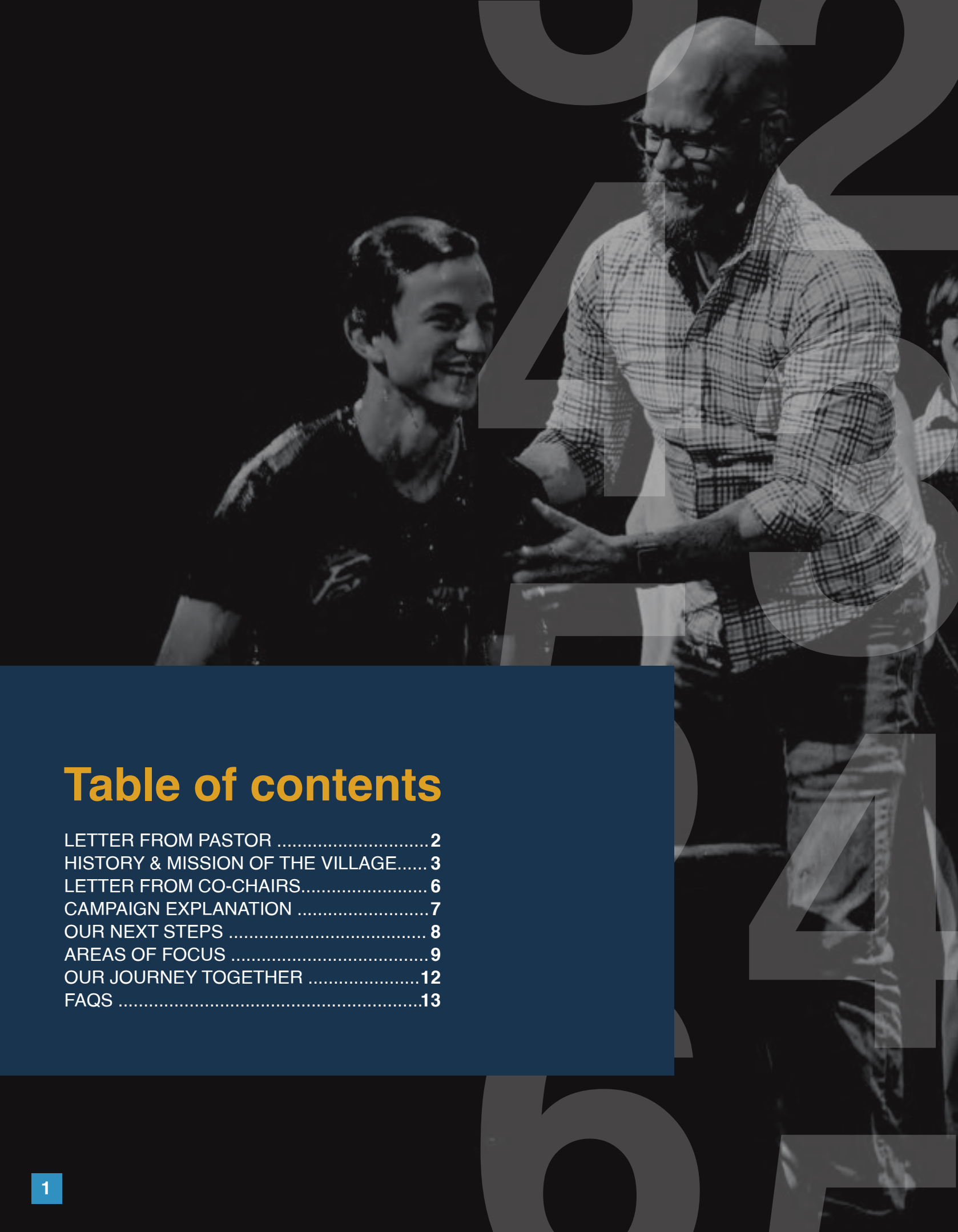


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A Note from Travis

Seven years ago, a collection of people assembled together in order to dream about more for our community.

More love. More community. More connection. More growth. More generosity. More service. More support. More unity. More peace. More joy. More people. Much more of God.

Our church was born with a dream that God had more in store for all of us than what we were currently experiencing. A dream that God had more in store for all people. A conviction that we want everybody in our vicinity, to experience the more love that God has for them, because we believe that it has the power to change their lives forever.

In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul points to the fact that whatever people are able to dream or imagine, God is able to dream immeasurably more. He writes this:

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21**

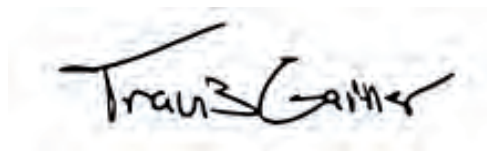
I firmly believe that what we have experienced together as a church over these past seven years is just beginning to scratch the surface of the immeasurably more that God has planned for us, both in our lifetimes and beyond. In the places where we have experienced more love, more growth, more connection in Community, more generosity, and more service, God sees well beyond what has already happened and is drawing us forward, knowing that there is immeasurably more than we could even hope, dream, or imagine, awaiting us.

I am as excited as ever about what's ahead for our church, in our community, and beyond, as we lean into this season of immeasurably more. I invite you to join me in deep prayer, sacrificial generosity, and committed service in this season and beyond.

I love The Village people, and it is an honor and a blessing to get to be one of your pastors.

Praying for Immeasurably More,

Travis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Garner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

HISTORY & MISSION OF THE VILLAGE

So much has happened in seven short years. What once was a couple dozen people gathered in a living room to dream about a church for the community has become hundreds of people gathering every week, worshipping in a brand-new building on a hill in one of the fastest-growing communities in the country, turning that dream into a reality.

Every week, hundreds of disciples of Jesus are sent out from the top of our hill to carry his life-changing message back to their neighborhoods, schools, and businesses.



Over the past seven years, dozens of people have committed themselves and their hearts to Jesus in ways that have permanently changed their lives for the better. Hundreds of people have been mobilized to go love and serve their neighbors. Thousands of people have been impacted.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in ministries locally and around the world, feeding families, supporting local schools and encouraging local teachers, building homes, and providing access to education and clean water. God has been so good!



The Apostle Paul once penned these words while thinking back about the work and power of Jesus in his own life:

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen”.
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

In this, Paul is looking back at all that God has done through Jesus, but also looking forward and saying this: God’s not done yet!

Just like Paul believed in his time that God was the God of “immeasurably more,” we believe right now that God is a God who wants to do uncountable and unimaginable things in and through us in this community, and our work here is just beginning!



A Note from our Co-Chairs



Village People,

Imagine. Imagine a church where people from all over the community feel welcome within its doors, where they pour into the lobby and fill every seat in the sanctuary. Imagine children begging their parents to take them to that fun, attractive Village playground to play. Imagine a church where teenagers are committing their lives to Christ and growing in their relationships to God. Imagine believers who inspire and encourage each other, carrying one another's burdens. Imagine a church that reaches the homeless, feeds the hungry, and serves those in need. Imagine.

How crazy to think about all that has changed since the Village started, and all the ways God has worked through Village people. We've moved from a small group of people in a living room, to a small crowd in a middle school gym, to a bigger crowd in a middle school gym, and we became a church that the community would miss if we were gone.

We transitioned to a scattered people in a global pandemic who, despite our social distance, came together, listened to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and stepped out in faith to raise money for a building where we would one day be able to worship, in person, together once again. God showed up through the For the Community campaign! We were able to build a worship and community space that allows us to do things like Rooted, Sunday Night Youth, open lobby hours, weddings, community round tables, and a homebase for GoServe Sunday.

We are so excited to serve as co-chairs for our Immeasurably More capital campaign, with the purpose of Enlarging the Mission, Enhancing the Campus, and Eliminating Debt. Over the next few months you will hear us talking about the Village's future, and you will have a chance to help shape it! We ask you to take some time to reflect on how much this church and this community mean to you and imagine how you plan to make your own impact.

Consider Ephesians 3:20-21: *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."*

Now imagine again. But this time, imagine something so big that it could only have been because God showed up. He's promised us He will. And imagine you are part of it!

Yours in Christ,

Nathan and Mary Carla Nelson, Elizabeth and Adam Barfoot

CAMPAIGN EXPLANATION

To plant a permanent flag in the community as a “church for the community,” we built and opened our first-ever building in December 2021. In a move that only God could make happen, we built a building during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic!

The total cost for purchasing the land and construction of the building was \$11.5M. In the past four years, through the generosity of many people and the sale of four of our original twenty-seven acres, we have paid off almost \$5M, and our current debt on the building is \$6.7M.

Currently, our monthly mortgage payment is interest only, but in November 2023, we will begin paying the full principal and interest payment. This will add an additional \$180,000 to our annual budget, doubling our total monthly mortgage payment to \$32,000 per month (\$17,000 interest and \$15,000 principal).

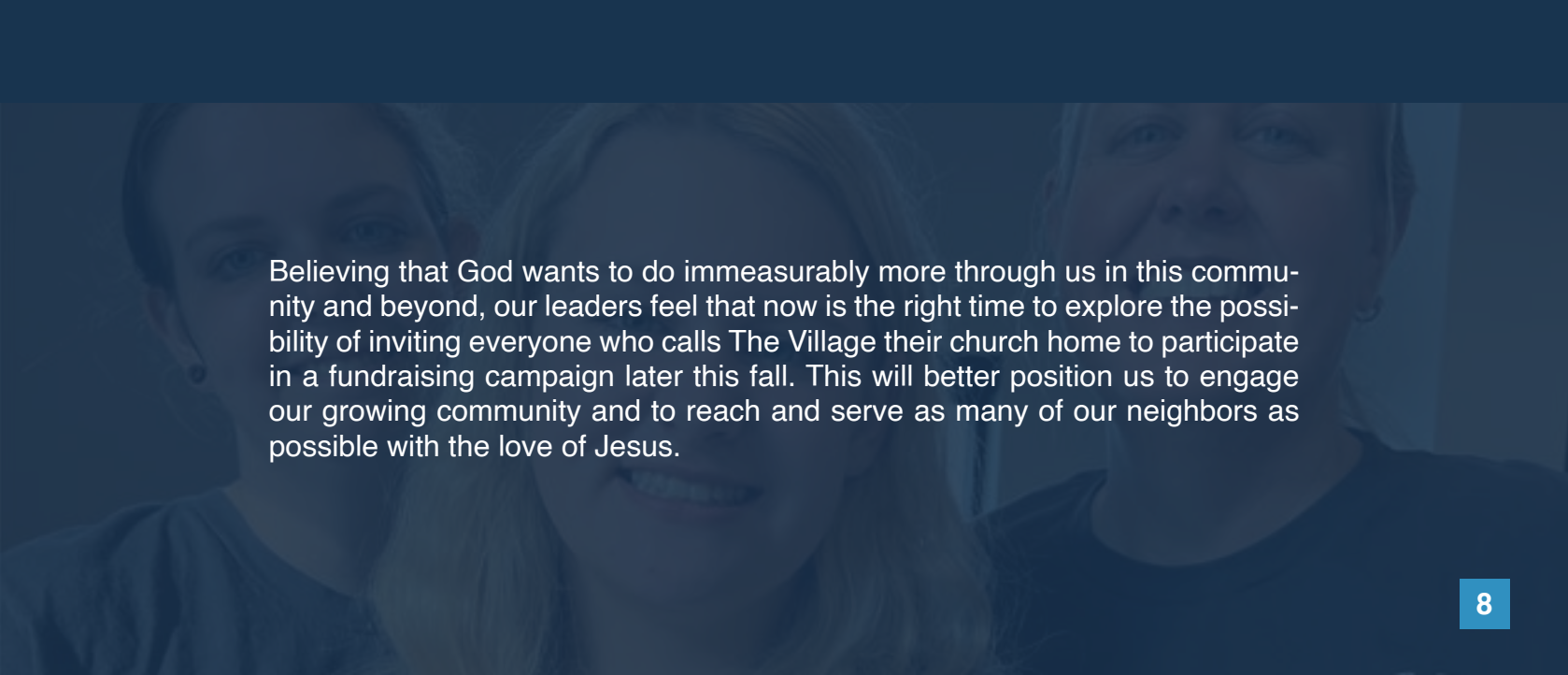




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OUR NEXT STEPS



Believing that God wants to do immeasurably more through us in this community and beyond, our leaders feel that now is the right time to explore the possibility of inviting everyone who calls The Village their church home to participate in a fundraising campaign later this fall. This will better position us to engage our growing community and to reach and serve as many of our neighbors as possible with the love of Jesus.

THREE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THIS CAMPAIGN

Enlarge the Mission

Our mission field is growing every single day as thousands of new people are moving into our community each year, including hundreds of new people who will be moving in next door to our property in the next 12 months alone! We need to be ready to reach and serve our new neighbors with the love of Jesus! This means we need to generously invest in every area of ministry through our annual ministry fund – kids and youth ministries, adult small groups, women's and men's ministries, recovery ministries, feeding initiatives in local schools, water projects around the world, and church-planting initiatives to reach new neighbors in our rapidly growing city. Reducing our building debt will position us for long-term financial health and allow us to enlarge our mission by investing more money into every area of ministry.





Enhance the Campus

As a “church for the community” reaching its new neighbors, we need to fund campus improvements and enhancements that will allow us to continue to connect people to Jesus. This list of projects has an estimated total of \$250,000 and includes:

Playground. Construction of a playground adjacent to the kid’s area that is open to the community.

AV equipment. upgrades & investment in human resources to livestream worship & enhance the ways we're reaching people online.

Courtyard. Finished courtyard behind the building that creates an outdoor gathering space for all ministry areas.

Signage. Enhanced signage inside and outside to create a more welcoming environment for the people and groups who use our space.



Eliminate Debt

We need to significantly reduce our debt before refinancing our mortgage at the beginning of 2027. Every dollar we give to reduce our debt frees up more money for mission and ministry in the community. We hope to reduce the debt by at least \$2M over the next three years, which will free up tens of thousands of dollars per year, every year, for ministry.

*“God, we are praying for immeasurably more.
What do you want to do through me?”*

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER THIS FALL

We are asking you to do three things: Pray, Engage, and Respond.

Pray: We will not be able to reach this goal without God's help and the faithful prayer of everyone in our church. Begin praying this prayer, "God we are praying for immeasurably more. What do you want to do through me?"

Engage: Believing that God wants to do immeasurably more through us in this community and beyond requires more than our prayers, it requires our active engagement. Commit during this season to being present for worship, engaging in a Village Group, and actively loving and serving your neighbors at every opportunity. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend these upcoming special Sundays:

Sunday, Oct. 22 - Gratitude Sunday

We'll be invited to share our gratitude to God as we consider the ways that God has impacted our lives for the better through our church community.

Sunday, Oct. 29– Ministry Sunday

We'll celebrate the life-changing ministries of our church and the inspiring stories of how individuals and families have been blessed by God through these ministries.

Sunday, Nov. 10 – Celebration Sunday

We'll have some FUN things happening in the lobby in between services and we'll have a special announcement about the status of the Immeasurably More campaign.

Sunday, Nov. 19 - Commitment Sunday

Commitment cards will be received during worship as we offer the response God has led each of us to make. (online & physical cards will be available)

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Announcement Sunday

We'll celebrate the faithfulness of God and the collective generosity of The Village Church family as we announce the grand total of three-year commitments received.

Respond: Pray earnestly about how God wants you to give sacrificially to the initiative above and beyond your regular ministry giving, and then boldly and faithfully respond. God calls us to an equal sacrifice, not an equal share. Only God can lead you into what would be a sacrificial gift for you.

FAQS

1. How will the campaign contributions help us enlarge the mission?

Campaign contributions are intended to be “over and above” contributions to the overall ministry budget for the three-year contribution period. While none of the campaign contributions will be used to directly fund the ministry budget, they will help in a variety of ways both short-term and long-term:

- The principal on our mortgage will be paid using campaign funds, freeing up approximately \$180,000 per year from the ministry budget for ministry and mission.
- The playground, courtyard, building enhancements, and investments in livestreaming our worship will help us to better connect with the people in our community.
- Every dollar reduced from our principal over the next three years is a dollar we will be able to invest in ministry and mission in the long-term.

2. How much was contributed in the previous campaign?

As of this writing, just over \$2M has been contributed to the For the Community building campaign. This was used as part of the strategy to reduce the debt of the land and building from a construction cost of \$11.5M to the \$6.7M balance today.

3. Will the playground be accessible?

Yes! The playground will be accessible and accessible! It will be accessible for those with special needs, and it will be accessible for the community and open for community use.

4. Why is it important to enhance our online presence?

The actual front door of the church used to be the first encounter that guests had with the church. Now, however, almost no one who visits a church in person does so without first checking it out online. The online presence of the church has become the digital “front door.” In order to continue to reach and serve our community with the love of Jesus, we need to go to people where they are, which is often first online.

5. Are we getting a sign on Nolensville Rd.?

Part of our ongoing plan for signage includes an exterior sign on Nolensville Rd. as well as additional internal enhancements that help us better tell the story of God at work in and through our church and create a warm, welcoming, and engaging environment for guests and Village people alike.

6. Didn't we just do this?

In the fall of 2019, we launched the For the Community campaign to provide the down payment and initial costs of our building project. The contribution period began in 2020 and ended in 2022. The Immeasurably More campaign is the next step in the process, to launch us forward in ministry and mission in this next season and to help us move toward completely eliminating our debt.



7. What are our next steps with the debt? Why are we doing this now?

As part of our original construction loan agreement, we will refinance our balance in 2027. A three-year campaign that begins in 2024 will allow us to reduce the debt as much as possible before we refinance. The less debt we have in 2027, the lower our debt, lower our long-term mortgage payment, and more flexibility we have to invest our resources in non-building related ministry and mission.

8. We are still giving to the "For the Community (Building Fund)" - will that campaign end with the start of this new campaign or has it ended?

Giving to the For the Community (Building Fund) campaign will close in January, 2024 when the contribution period for the Immeasurably More campaign begins. You may transfer your giving from For the Community to Immeasurably More using the online giving portal or you may contact info@thevillagenashville.com for assistance.



Thank you for all of the ways that you support our church and for your continued prayers for this season ahead. We have an incredible opportunity to boldly step into the immeasurably more that God has for us and our community, to radically and sacrificially give, to enlarge our presence in the community, and to position ourselves to be a launching pad for the love of Christ in our city and around the world.

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