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Over and over in the 15-year history of Ekklesia Eugene, God has made a way where there was no way. And we believe this next move of faith is only possible because, yet again, God has made a way.

That's why we are embarking on a season in our church that will require openness to God working deeply **IN** us and **THROUGH** us, in new levels of **FAITH** and **GENEROSITY**. As God's people, we ask by faith for Him to continue shaping us into His image as we grow deeper in our surrender to Him.

As we seek to be a community who lives by faith, we ask God to continue using Ekklesia as a powerful conduit to continue advancing the gospel one neighborhood at a time.

- Steve Goble, Lead Pastor

where we've been

SEP 2008

Moved to Sheldon Community Center



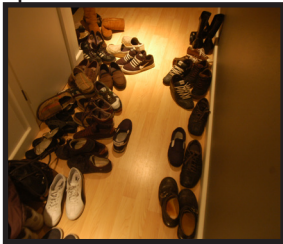
JUL 2011

Moved to Cal Young



JAN 2008

Ekklesia launched in an apartment



SEP 2009

First School of Ministry

MAY 2012

Easter at the Holt Center



OCT 2019

3rd gathering launched at Cal Young

APR 2022

Covid restrictions lifted; Moved back to Cal Young

SEP 2023

Purchased property

MAY 2019

Steve becomes Lead Pastor



MAR 2020

Covid lockdown forced online-only gatherings





MAY 2022


Allowed to pursue property on Chad Drive

where we are now

 **805**
Gathering
Attendance

 **81**
have gone
through
School of Bible

 **76**
Baptisms
in 2022

 **45**
Baptisms so
far in 2023

 Record
80
Students Avg.
Youth Ministry

 Record
200+
Ekklesia
Kids

 **45**
Amount of
Communities

 **250**
Weekly
Online Viewers



where we are going

PRIMARY GOAL

IN US

Primary Goal: 100% engagement

Our desire is that everyone who calls Ekklesia Eugene their home would, by faith, prayerfully engage with what God's leading us into.

SECONDARY GOAL

THROUGH US

Secondary Goal: \$7.5 million over two years

UNCOMPROMISING FAITH: \$3.3 MILLION

Together by faith we will continue to invest in our ongoing ministries as God continues His work in us and through us. This number represents our day-in, day out ministry operating budget for the next two years.

LIMITLESS FAITH: \$4.2 MILLION

This will help us make the necessary improvements to the building so that we can move all our existing rentals into one facility. Allowing us to expand our vision of reaching, teaching, and releasing people of all ages with the gospel through the leading of the Holy Spirit seven days a week.

WHAT IS A "ONE FUND" INITIATIVE?

If you've been a part of church campaigns in the past, you may have been asked to give a second gift above and beyond your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible. Usually, you gave that gift to the "Building Fund," and you also continued to give offerings to the "General Fund." This type of giving can confuse people who have never established a consistent rhythm of giving.

We believe that all giving goes to ONE MISSION - and that mission is to proclaim the gospel and make disciples. So, for this next season of ministry expansion, we will give our gifts to Ekklesia into one fund and celebrate the totality of our generosity growth as disciples of Jesus. The BY FAITH initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every gift given will go to the key components of this initiative: our general ministry budget and the necessary renovations for us to move into and occupy our new facility.



TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool—let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ’s Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$31,250	\$750,000
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
2	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$500,000
4	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$600,000
5	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$500,000
8	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$600,000
10	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$650,000
12	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$600,000
18	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$630,000
25	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$625,000
30	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$450,000
35	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$350,000
40	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$300,000
45	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$225,000
many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$220,000

TOTAL: \$7,500,000

MESSAGE NOTES

key verses

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

MATTHEW 6:19-24

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

notes:

key verses

HEBREWS 11

ROMANS 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

MATTHEW 17:20

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

LUKE 1:37

For nothing will be impossible with God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

notes:

key verses

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-6

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

1 JOHN 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

GALATIANS 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

notes:

key verses

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

LUKE 12:25-34

LUKE 21:1-4

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

MARK 14:3

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.

notes:

A large white rectangular area containing ten horizontal black lines, intended for taking notes.

key verses

2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-9:15

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

LUKE 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

PROVERBS 11:24

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

notes:



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**COMMUNITY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

discussion questions

In Colossians 1:15-18, Paul writes about the nature and character of Christ. How do these descriptions challenge us in regards to our relationship with Christ?

How does our view of Christ affect our view of what we have and how we give?

Christ is described as the head of the church. How do we apply that as individual members of the church and as a local church (Ekklesia) community?

Matthew 6:19-24 warns us that “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” What are those things in your life right now that are competing with Christ for your heart?

discussion questions

Hebrews 11:1 describes to us what faith is. What are some decisions you've made in your life that you would describe as "by faith" decisions?

How does Matthew 17:20 and Luke 1:37 give us confidence to take steps by faith? How have you already experienced that?

Read Hebrews 11:6, God reminds us that faith isn't an optional step in our relationship with Him. How does Hebrews 11:6 cause you to think differently when you evaluate the health of your relationship with Christ?

What are ways the enemy has tried to use fear to hold you back from taking "by faith" steps?

discussion questions

The Macedonian churches went through severe trials and affliction, yet Scripture says, “Their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.” Have you ever experienced abundant joy and extreme poverty at the same time? How can that be possible?

How does knowing that these churches gave during times when the financial conditions had worsened impact us today?

What do you think Paul means by saying, “They gave themselves first of all to the Lord”?

Learning that they were begging to participate in the giving confronts a selfish mindset that threatens all of us. What needs to change in my perspective on giving?

In this letter to the Corinthians, Paul uses the compelling model of the Macedonian churches and their faith to influence others in generosity. Who has influenced you in the area of biblical generosity? How do these Macedonian churches encourage you?

discussion questions

In 2 Corinthians 8:7 Paul challenges the church to “excel in this act of grace also.” What does he mean by that? Sometimes in our relationship with Jesus we can de-emphasize the things we find difficult. What are some areas in your relationship with Jesus that you need to re-emphasize?

Paul challenges the Corinthians to give from what they have instead of focusing on what they do not have. Do you give in a way that places Christ first in all things? Does your giving affect your saving and spending decisions, or do your saving and spending decisions affect your giving?

How does giving demonstrate that someone’s faith is genuine? What are some examples we see of that in scripture?

Paul tells the church in 2 Corinthians 8:9 to imitate Christ through their generosity. How did Christ model generosity for us? What is an appropriate response to what Jesus gave up for us?

discussion questions

What are giving principles we can take from 2 Corinthians 9:6? How have you already experienced this in your life?

2 Corinthians 9:7 warns us against giving with a wrong heart. What is the heart posture from which God expects us to give?

What is the promise from 2 Corinthians 9:8? How does that eliminate fears we may have in regards to giving by faith?

John 3:16 reminds us that Jesus led the way in generosity. He gave Himself for us. And in 2 Corinthians 9:12-14 Paul shares how praise will be given to God for their gift that comes from their confession of the gospel. When we respond to the gospel through a life of generosity it brings praise to God. What is the generosity He's now calling you to respond with?

BY FAITH FAQs

If I commit to BY FAITH, how does this change my tithes and gifts to the general fund?

During the two-year period, every contribution from those participating in BY FAITH will go toward the initiative. The BY FAITH fund will support our ongoing Ekklesia ministries and facility development.

What are you asking me to do?

First and foremost, we ask that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him and listen to what He says. Engage in a community group during this season if you haven't already joined one.

Secondly, we are asking that you make a commitment to BY FAITH generosity - whatever it is that God leads you to do.

Finally, prepare to be amazed. We serve an awesome God, and we anticipate He will move in huge ways from our collective BY FAITH commitments. Please mark your calendars for **October 29, Commitment Sunday**. Be prepared for a defining moment for our church and your faith.

Are there additional ways beside cash that I can give more towards BY FAITH?

YES! Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards BY FAITH. You might have some stocks, property, or other

stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past, that He might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Matt Walden at matt@ekkleisia.org or 541-912-9411 to make a gift of this type.

How long is my commitment?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment. The fulfillment period of your commitment will begin with our **First Big Give on Sunday, November 12**.

What if I don't have a job right now?

By Faith is about your total, prioritized, gospel-driven generosity to God's mission at Ekklesia Eugene. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, which looks different for every person. BY FAITH is about a heart surrender and trusting the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your life - something that is only accomplished by seeking the Lord and responding to His call and His Word. So that may mean that you are challenged to sell things, pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now but that you believe God will provide for as

you seek for ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. We would love for 100% of us to be a part of BY FAITH so that we can all support, love, encourage, and pray for one another through this spiritually stretching season at Ekklesia Eugene.

What if I am significantly in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt right now, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and recommend a budgeting class that might minister to you. Being in debt does not excuse someone from giving. Giving isn't about what God wants from you; it's about what God wants for you. So, it should be our joy and privilege to give at all times, regardless of the amount or percentage.

What if I have never even given to Ekklesia Eugene before?

BY FAITH was crafted specifically with you in mind. BY FAITH is a "one fund" generosity initiative, which is different from a traditional capital campaign in which you give an extra gift above and beyond your regular giving - thus creating two steps for people who aren't yet giving. BY FAITH is a call to surrendered, gospel-driven generosity for absolutely everyone at Ekklesia. If you have never given

before, this is your invitation to begin and see what God does in and through you.

What if I am new around here?

BY FAITH is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in generosity as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards, and we would love for you to make Ekklesia your home and join us in BY FAITH. There is no better time to make a Holy Spirit driven commitment.

What if I am a student or live on a fixed income?

The New Testament gives examples of generosity from people who are not considered wealthy compared to others. Jesus teaches His disciples about generosity by showing them a widow who gives two coins (Luke 21:1-4). Paul teaches the Corinthians about generosity through the example of the poor and persecuted Macedonian church (2 Cor. 8:1-5). Therefore, consider this: if you participate in BY FAITH according to whatever means God has given you, it could be the thing He uses to spark generosity in others!

Additional Questions?

For more information, visit byfaith.ekkleisiaeugene.org

And without faith it is impossible
to please him, for whoever would
draw near to God must believe
that he exists and that he rewards
those who seek him.

HEBREWS 11:6



