



LifePointe
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEWS & UPDATES

APRIL-MAY 2016

BEYOND

Greetings LifePointe Family,

This newsletter is our quarterly update covering December 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016.

This includes the first month of our BEYOND contributions (December) and the first quarter of our fiscal year. I hope you rejoice with me for all that God is doing in our midst. We are praying and working hard to leverage the historic opportunities God has placed before us. A testimony of God's faithfulness is included in this newsletter.

If you are not already doing so, I encourage you to use online giving for your contributions to BEYOND. It's quick, easy, and secure. Or use the text giving option. With a couple of clicks on your smartphone, you can make easily set up a recurring gift.

Thank you for all you are doing to help advance the cause of Christ by going BEYOND!

- Pastor Chris



TRANSFORM OUR COMMUNITY

LAND PURCHASE UPDATE

The last four months have been extremely active behind the scenes at LifePointe. We not only negotiated a favorable price for our facility, we were also able to purchase the 3.6 adjacent acres. This will give us a total footprint of 6.3 acres. By God's grace, we entered into escrow on both our building and the additional property at the same time with a single favorable loan through Church Development Fund (CDF).

Total 2-Year Commitment:
\$4,087,227
Total Given as of March 31:
\$802,511

FINANCIALS LOOKING GOOD:

As of March 31 we are **15.6%** into our initiative. Giving is at **19.6%** of total commitments.

THANK YOU
for your generosity!

Much like when you enter into escrow on a personal residence, we performed due diligence, which included but was not limited to: updating blueprints, auditing title reports, removing or satisfying contingencies, conducting inspections such as roof, elevator, electrical, parking lot, general building inspections, and ordering Civil Engineering and Topography Engineering drawings.

We met multiple times with the City of Elk Grove to mitigate any potential City constraints to our planned

use of the building and property in the future. We concluded that all contingencies had been fulfilled.

We are on target to close escrow before the end of May. In other words, we will be owners of our current building and the adjacent land by months end.

Praise the Lord!

TRANSFORM OUR WORLD UNITE PASADENA

"The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for the numerical growth of the Body of Christ in any city,"

- Timothy Keller

LifePointe is joining Christ's Church of the Valley (CCV), and Purpose Church in Pomona, CA, along with support from Stadia and Transformational Ministries to plant a church in Pasadena this Summer. The pre-launch phase is already in motion, with the official Launch Phase set for mid-summer.

Why Pasadena? Pasadena is a noteworthy city in

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TRANSFORM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

(UNITE PASADENA continued)

California. With locations such as the Rose Bowl, events like the Tournament of Roses Parade, a major Amtrak station, and nine colleges and universities in the area, the city is primed to make significant impact on a large scale. Of the 139,731 residents, 46.9% of the population don't attend church at all. Also, Pasadena is known for its poverty and is physically segregated. It is #3 on the top 101 cities with the largest percentage of people in homes or halfway houses for drug/alcohol abuse (for populations of 50,000+).

Pray for favor and provision in locating and obtaining a meeting location, and continued wisdom in core team meetings as we move forward in vision casting for the church. We will continue to feature updates on the Pasadena church plant in this quarterly newsletter. Our mission is to UNITE the people of Pasadena with God and others!



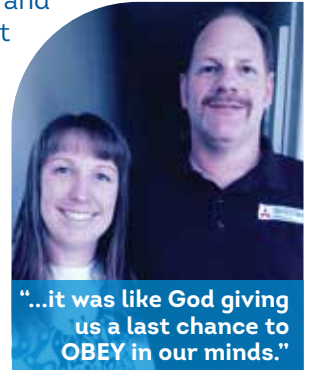
The Snodgrass Family will be leading the Pasadena church plant

OUR STORY: KEVIN & JULEE SCHMIDT

We have been going to LifePointe for 3 years now. During this time, we have felt convicted to tithe, but kept making excuses. "We don't have money this week, we will tithe next paycheck for sure." Next paycheck came, and we conveniently forgot the checkbook at home, and honestly just didn't make it a priority to remember it. "Oh well, we will go home and go online and pay our tithe." We went home and didn't give it a second thought. Or "Now we have paid the bills and there isn't any to tithe, we need gas and grocery money. We are a big family, we can't skip feeding them. We will tithe next paycheck."

The excuses varied from week to week, month to month, but it all boiled down to not tithing. With the **BEYOND INITIATIVE**, it was like God giving us a last chance to **OBEY** in our minds. We made the decision to tithe. That exact week, our trailer and 3 ATVs were stolen from our family's property. The first thoughts we had were, "well that stinks, but it will make it easier to tithe because now we won't have that monthly expense anymore." We also then committed to give a one time offering, not knowing how we would pay for it, but **WE WANTED THE ENEMY TO KNOW WE WOULD NOT BE DEFEATED**. So, we committed to give more than we had originally planned.

I don't know how it happens, but we have gotten a couple of unexpected checks, at just the right time, and we continue to tithe, **NO MATTER WHAT**. I have found the TEXT GIVING to be so easy & convenient. I always have my phone with me, so as soon as I realize I need to tithe, I pull out my phone and, within 30 seconds, I have tithed and gotten a confirmation email. **EASY!** No more excuses! No more distractions, we are **COMMITTED TO GO BEYOND!** We can't afford to do anything else!



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SHARE YOUR STORY

We want to hear how God is transforming your life through the **BEYOND Initiative**. EMAIL us at beyond@lifepointe.org

GOD'S BLESSINGS TRANSFORM LIVES

Continue to pray for God to move in our hearts, the church, our community and the world, to be transformed

BEYOND

...all that we ask or think.

► MEXICO MISSIONS (MARCH)

We had a **RECORD NUMBER** of people on our team this year (63) to serve and reach more families in the community of Tecate, Baja Mexico.

► WEEKEND OF SERVICE (APRIL 16)

We participated in serving 12 Elk Grove schools and Shriner's Hospital for a total impact of 405 volunteers, 1,822 man hours and \$25,200 in donations.

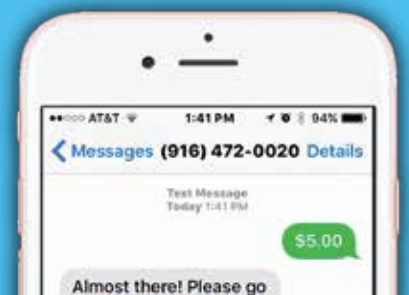
► KIDSKINGDOM 1-HOUR CHALLENGE

As a result of the challenge so far, there was a 36% increase in classroom leaders and 48 new people interested in serving in KidsKingdom.

EASY GIVING

Text a dollar amount to
916 472 0020

Follow prompts for easy
one-time or recurring gifts.



Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly **BEYOND** all that we ask or think, according to the power that works 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**