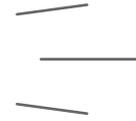




GOLD CREEK

**FORGE
THE
FUTURE**



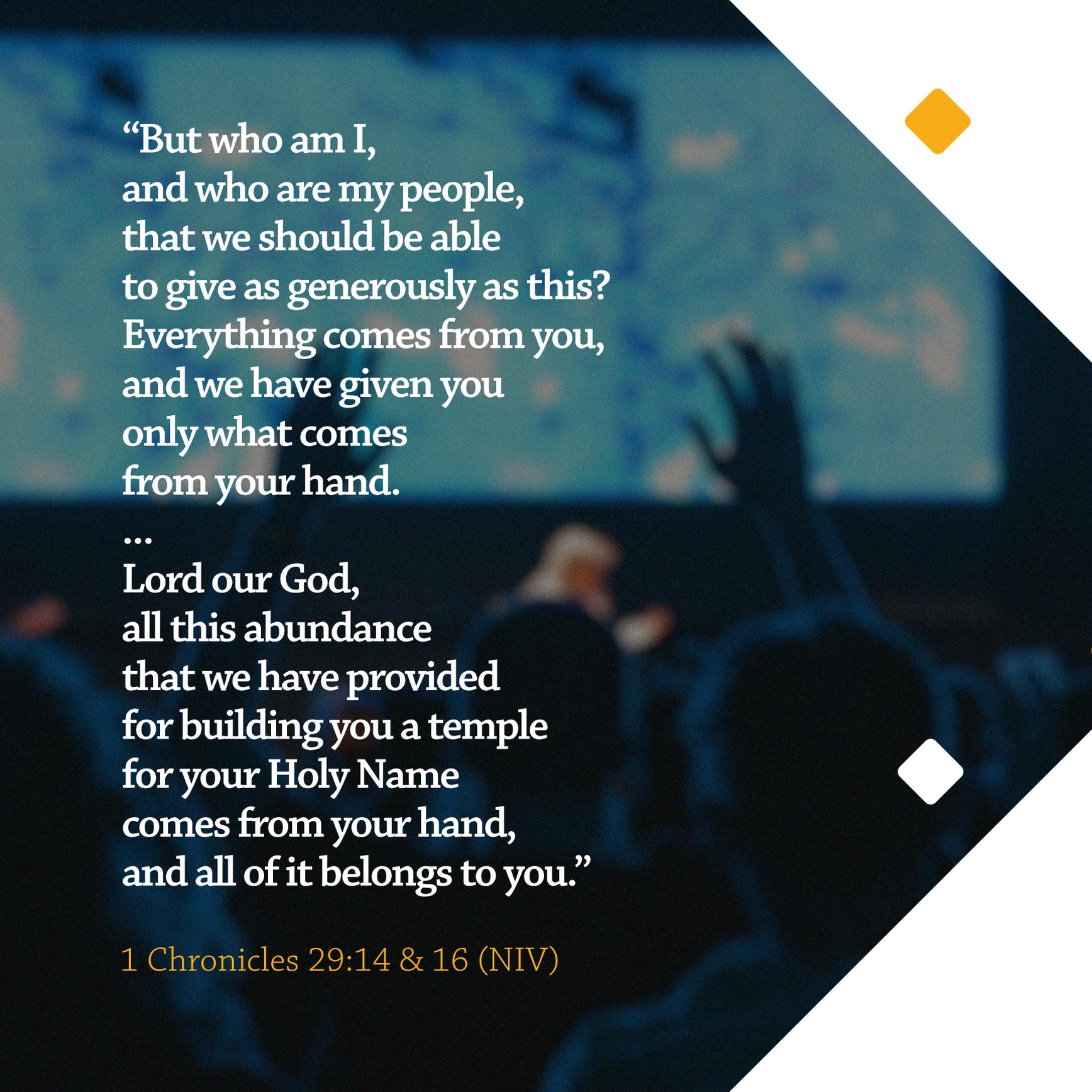
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GOLD CREEK
COMMUNITY CHURCH



“But who am I,
and who are my people,
that we should be able
to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you,
and we have given you
only what comes
from your hand.

...

Lord our God,
all this abundance
that we have provided
for building you a temple
for your Holy Name
comes from your hand,
and all of it belongs to you.”

1 Chronicles 29:14 & 16 (NIV)

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It's been just over a year since Gold Creek's Founding Pastor, Dan Kellogg, handed off the leadership baton to me. What started 30 years ago as a Bible Study in his living room has now grown into one church at three locations. As I meet families who have been at Gold Creek for decades, and also many who have joined us in the past year, it's amazing to sense all that God's doing. There is a sense of vibrancy and a movement of God here that is so palpable, and I believe the future of Gold Creek is bright. I am grateful to be a part of it.

I've been praying recently through The Lord's Prayer, focusing on the words "Your Kingdom Come." I think that really captures what we're hoping and praying for at Gold Creek in this season.

In that vein, I'm excited to share that Gold Creek will be embarking on a new campaign to reposition ourselves as a church and build for the future. We're calling it **Forge the Future** and believe that through this initiative, we'll be able to touch many lives, open new campuses and really pour into the lives of the next generation.

In this booklet, you will find all the details about where we're going and how we aim to get there. It is a streamlined, focused two-year giving campaign, and we're asking that you would consider partnering with us. There are elements of vision for each one of our campuses in Mill Creek, Woodinville and Lake Stevens. One of our goals is to create pathways for

students through establishing the premiere youth ministry in the region so that we can deploy leaders who are prepared for ministry and beyond. It is one way we really believe that God can change the cultural landscape now and in the coming years.

Most importantly, we continue to be inspired, moved and motivated by the many stories we hear of life change that put God's mission on display here at Gold Creek. Only He can redeem people's eternities, and that is ultimately the driving force behind **Forge the Future**.

By partnering with us to **Forge the Future**, you can truly help make God's Kingdom come in many exciting and wonderful ways.

Thank you for joining us!

In Christ,





1 CHURCH 3 LOCATIONS



WHERE GOLD CREEK HAS BEEN

On New Year's Eve 30 years ago, Gold Creek was born in a living room as Pastor Dan and Audrey invited couples from their neighborhood to start a new church.

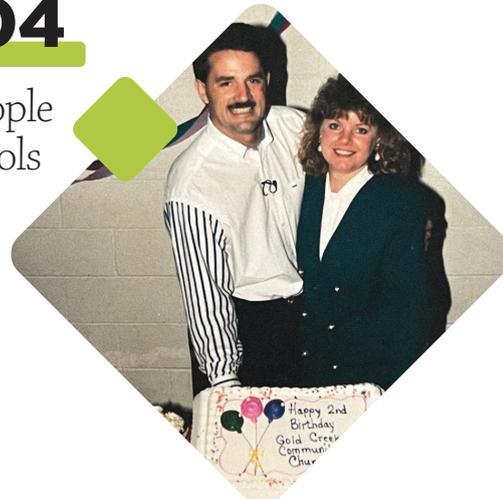


1992

10 People
in 1 House

**1993-
2004**

700 People
in Schools



2004

Launched
Mill Creek
Campus



2014

Launched
Woodinville
Campus

2017

Launched
Lake Stevens
Campus



2020

October - Woodinville
building grand opening
December - purchased
Lake Stevens property

2022

Pastoral
Transition



2023

Easter attendance in person
and online - 8,785
Easter Baptisms - 75



IMPACT GREATER THAN WE CAN SEE

NEXT GENERATION

- ◆ From birth through high school, we provide opportunities for kids to experience the love of God and build relationships with Him as well as friends, classmates and leaders. Kids of all ages enjoy worship, engaging curriculum and getting to know the Lord in an age-appropriate setting and way.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH

- ◆ With so many activities happening throughout the week, there is a lot of hustle and bustle in our buildings on a daily basis. Connect groups and classes for kids and adults meet in the evenings during the school year as do recovery and support groups. Our lights are on, and often the coffee too, to provide connection in a familiar and convenient location. Our hope is that more people, in other communities, can also have these opportunities, which is why we plan and prepare for growth and launching other campuses in the future.



NEXT
GENERATION

INFRASTRUCTURE
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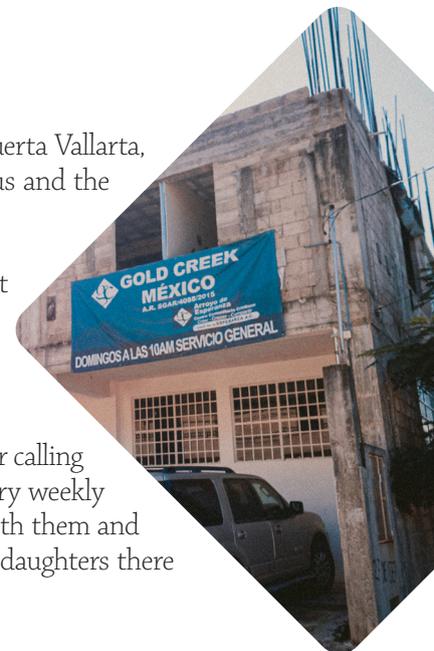
LOCAL
MISSIONS

INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

- ◆ Gold Creek's reach extends all over the world. From the Philippines to Africa to campuses in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, we support missionaries as well as a network of pastors to help share the love of Jesus and the Gospel with many wonderful communities and families abroad.
- ◆ In the Philippines, Jordan and Shaira Haarberg minister to adults, youth and children throughout the town of Talibon on the island of Bohol. They're able to have some amazing conversations about Jesus that happen around a cup of coffee as they interact with the community at their café (GC Coffee Co.), which they opened for this very purpose.
- ◆ Emma Larkin and her family attend Gold Creek Woodinville. A few years ago, Emma followed her calling and moved to Senegal, Africa away from her family here in Washington. Emma is doing ministry weekly with a homeless population of children in the area. She works to share the message of Jesus with them and aims to provide a way off the streets to halfway housing. She has also adopted two Senegalese daughters there who were in need of a home.



LOCAL MISSIONS

- ◆ Our sister organization, Hope Creek Charitable Foundation, meets the physical needs of our local community through programs like the Mill Creek Community Food Bank and Backpacks of Hope, both of which support families with food insecurities. Gold Creek has also partnered with the Pregnancy Resource Clinic to provide factual, life-affirming information to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy in a safe, confidential, nonjudgmental environment.

CRISIS AND DISASTER RESPONSE

- ◆ Gold Creek partners with Convoy of Hope to respond with love and compassion when people go through trying and difficult times due to natural and humanitarian disasters. Gold Creek has been able to help provide resources and meet needs on the ground in Eastern Europe, Turkey and Syria.





BY THE NUMBERS

Being one of the Top 5 least religious states, Washington has an ongoing reputation as one of America's least "churched" places, in terms of attendance and religious observation.



32%

"NONES": NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY FAITH

(Fastest-growing faith affiliation)

2,500

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1,136

ADULTS IN CONNECT GROUPS OR CLASSES

Gold Creek averages 660 students attending weekend services, making friends, building relationships and finding Jesus.

660

KIDS + YOUTH

WEEKLY SERVE TEAM MEMBERS

MC 140

WV 70

LS 25

235





"Gold Creek Community Church is a place where our whole family is loved and blessed. We are so grateful for a church that is invested in us individually as well as a family."

- A. KIM

"Participating in the church's weekly men's Bible study group has been life-changing for me. The authenticity and transparency of the men in the group has shown me that other people have the same struggles that I do. More than that, the men in the group genuinely care about what others are going through and really do pray for one another and actually practice helping each other out. Each person in the group matters, and each person in the group belongs and feels valued. These things are important in and of themselves, but when they occur in the context of a loving Christian environment, they are priceless."

- C. FARR

GC STORIES

"We found a true connection to God and community that has exceeded our highest hopes! Gold Creek is where we experience joy through our faith in Jesus."

**- J.
JONES**

"Gold Creek has truly become a central part of our lives, empowering our household to embrace our faith in Jesus and make a positive impact both within and beyond the church walls."

**- N.
GRAUMANN**

"Gold Creek is where I met my forever family. It's where I can be myself and grow in Christ without any judgment. It's a place where I am encouraged to leave my comfort zone and serve where needed!"

**- J.
DO**

"I was brought up Catholic. When I moved to the area I checked out Gold Creek and it seemed scary at first because it was so different from a traditional church. I was looking for the truth and a place to bring my kids where they would learn about Jesus and fall in love with him and the people. All of that came true and more at GC. I needed a place to heal from my divorce and I longed for true friendships. An odd place to find them, but the women I met at Gold Creek DivorceCare are true genuine friends. The connect groups here are more than a Bible study. They are truly meant to bring people together! Whether you need healing, you want to do a true Bible study, or take a line-dancing class - you will find a place to connect at Gold Creek."

- J. OLSON





"We believe that students are the church of today—not just leaders for the future. In a rapidly changing and confusing world, investing in a generation of students with the truth of God's word, and His plan for their lives will shape the next wave."

- Nick Wallsteadt

MORE THAN SUNDAYS

COMMUNITY

Gold Creek provides community through adult and kids' connect groups and classes, hosting Creek Nights in the summer and men's and women's events throughout the year. Community is in our name and one of the top priorities at Gold Creek Community Church.

HEALING

People all throughout our community are hurting. It's a privilege to offer a variety of programs at Gold Creek to help meet people's needs, like our Recovery Ministry for those with addictions, GriefShare for people who have lost a loved one and DivorceCare for men and women who are navigating divorce. In addition, our Care Ministry comes alongside people daily in our community for support with meals and prayer when needed.

SPIRITUAL

We provide many steps for people to grow in their spiritual journeys at Gold Creek. From our introductory Discover Gold Creek luncheon, where people learn about the history of Gold Creek and where we're headed, to classes like Alpha where people ask questions and explore their faith, to making the decision to go public with their faith through baptism. Easter 2023 marked the highest number of baptisms in one day at Gold Creek, with over 75 across our three campuses!

HOPE CREEK

Hope Creek Charitable Foundation serves people with food insecurities in our community through the Mill Creek Community Food Bank and Backpacks of Hope programs. The Food Bank serves over 20,000 people each quarter, while the Backpacks program saw an overwhelming increase of 69% from the '22 to '23 school years: they now serve 555 students from 19 local schools every week. This program is so vital because it reaches into the lives of families to help sustain them over the weekends. Hope Creek is able to jump into action immediately whenever a need arises thanks to the support of Gold Creek.



Alpha

**MAN
FEST**

GRIEF  SHARE®



ILLUMINATE
women's night



WHERE GOLD CREEK IS GOING

This is a right-now moment for Gold Creek.

A church like ours couldn't be more important for the region, both now and in the future. And this is a crucial time to decide to link arms and create a bright future of expansion for all that God has for Gold Creek.



2024 AND BEYOND

- ◆ Gold Creek Leadership College launch
- ◆ Ministry growth and expansion
- ◆ One church, *many* locations





MILL CREEK

I've been the lead pastor at Gold Creek for a little over a year now, and my family and I are amazed at how quickly it has felt like home. I think a big part of that reason is because we get to see the impact of Gold Creek firsthand, on a personal level. The stories of life change, restored relationships and new families joining our church are all reminders that God is still on the move, and still has much in store for Gold Creek.

As a dad, I continue to see how important it is for a church to be focused on the whole family. It's evident to me as I have stepped into this role that Gold Creek has always been committed to raising up the next generation and touching the lives of students of all ages and their families.

We see the world changing around us, and we all sense a battle for our kids—for their attention, relationships, purpose, and ultimately their destiny. By investing in environments, teams and programming at Gold Creek, we can create pathways for students to take ownership of their faith

and grab hold of a broader vision of where they fit into God's story.

We want to increase our impact on kids, families and the next generation and that's why we're committing to this campaign. For our Mill Creek campus, I believe that investing in the necessary infrastructure to create world-class environments and initiatives that create space for our students to thrive and grow in their faith are essential next steps in our focus as a church.

Pastor Nick

BY DEFINITION

forge

forged; forging

1: to move forward slowly and steadily

2: to move with a sudden increase of speed and power

THE WORD INCREASE IN THE DEFINITION OF "FORGE" IS WHAT RESONATES WITH ME.

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FORGING THE FUTURE



We plan to do it in these ways:

- ◆ Empower and equip students through Gold Creek Leadership College in partnership with SEU Northwest launching 2023/2024
- ◆ Upgrade our entire student and youth areas to become the premiere center for ministry outreach, relational and spiritual experiences, and growth
- ◆ Pay down our Semble LLC debt so that we can reposition ourselves for future Kingdom impact in our region

2-YEAR GOAL

MILL CREEK GOAL:

\$3.2M

100% PARTICIPATION

GIFTS NEEDED	COMMITMENT AMOUNT
1	\$400K
1	\$350K
2	\$250K
4	\$100K
8	\$50K
10	\$25K
12	\$20K
15	\$15K
25	\$10K
30	\$5K
40	\$3K
Many	\$2,500





WOODINVILLE

As I think back to how Gold Creek Woodinville got its start nine years ago in a sewage treatment plant, I can't help but be so incredibly grateful for the grit of our people and the miracles God provided to get us where we are today.

In those nine years, we have moved from being a small church that fits into a moving truck to a big church that is now a landmark on a major highway. Between our preschool, our recovery programs and "driving to Costco" visibility, we have filled the kids' classrooms and the Worship Center on Sunday mornings. The greatest part of all these people coming to church is the stories we get to hear as the life change of Jesus happens. The baptism walls have been filled with names and countless people have said "yes" to God. One of the blessings and barriers we now have is that we have maxed out much of the space that we built just two years ago!

We now find ourselves in the position of needing to add more

space for our youth ministry. In the two years that we've been in the building, we have become very creative in how we use every inch of the church. But now we have an opportunity to make some much-needed purchases to expand our space for growth while paying down our Semble LLC debt. This will allow us to do additional ministry, which the growth we've experienced requires.

Our plan to Forge the Future is creating more space and ministry at our campus for the spiritual growth of our families.

Pastor Brian

BY DEFINITION

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**THE WORD
POWER IS WHAT
JUMPED OUT TO
ME IN LOOKING AT
HOW "FORGE"
IS DEFINED.**

When I think of all that went into building our church and how quickly it was filled with people, I can only see the Power of God at work. I am excited as we position ourselves for a future of even more growth and God moments.

FORGING THE FUTURE

We plan to do it in these ways:

- ◆ Purchase a modular building to expand our youth ministry areas on our property
- ◆ Install a monument sign on Maltby Road near Highway 9 for more visibility
- ◆ Pay down our Semble LLC debt so that we can reposition ourselves for future Kingdom impact in our region



2-YEAR GOAL

WOODINVILLE GOAL:

\$2.3M

100% PARTICIPATION

GIFTS NEEDED	COMMITMENT AMOUNT
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1	\$350K
1	\$250K
2	\$100K
4	\$50K
5	\$25K
15	\$20K
20	\$15K
25	\$10K
40	\$5K
50	\$3K
Many	\$2,000





LAKE STEVENS

The journey of our Lake Stevens campus involves some notable numbers: we started six years ago and have been at six locations during that time, including two farms, Cedar Springs Camp - twice! - at the Mill Creek Campus and our very own property. But the thing that strikes me most about our campus that sums up its heart: it's full of countless faithful followers of Christ who have been willing to bounce around to all those different locations, serving God with an unwavering commitment to establishing Gold Creek Community Church in the Lake Stevens community.

All of you at Lake Stevens have been on the move for six years - it's in your nature to go where God leads. The biggest spiritual goal for our campus is to position ourselves to continue to do what God is doing in Lake Stevens, and to see through to completion what he started six years ago. That's why our involvement with the city is so key to me: we can touch the hearts and lives of the community around us and all of our neighbors.

My hope is that as we turn our dream of a building into reality, Gold Creek will become the most important church in Lake Stevens. May the numbers of lives God changes continue to multiply as we do our part to follow Him in the next chapter of our story. With an eye toward the future, and as we forge ahead together, it sets the stage for all He will do in the city of Lake Stevens and the ways I know He will continue to be faithful.

Pastor James

BY DEFINITION

forge

forged; forging

1: to move forward slowly and steadily

2: to move with a sudden increase of speed and power

WHEN I THINK ABOUT "FORGE," THE WORD **MOVE IN ITS DEFINITION IS WHAT REALLY STANDS OUT TO ME.**

You can't accomplish anything unless you move - you move where God tells you to and in the ways in which He tells you: that's why I believe this campaign will be so impactful.

FORGING THE FUTURE

We plan to do it in these ways:

- ◆ Modernize and improve the worship experience
- ◆ Pay down our Semble LLC debt so that we can reposition ourselves for future Kingdom impact in our region



2-YEAR GOAL

LAKE STEVENS GOAL:

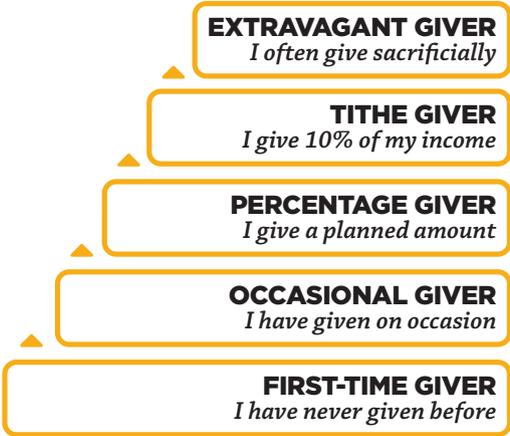
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100% PARTICIPATION

GIFTS NEEDED	COMMITMENT AMOUNT
1	\$350K
1	\$250K
2	\$100K
3	\$50K
4	\$20K
5	\$10K
10	\$5K
Many	\$2,000



TAKE YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL



GIFTS NEEDED	2-YEAR TOTAL NEEDED	CUMULATIVE
1	\$400K	\$400K
3	\$350K	\$1.05M
4	\$250K	\$1M
8	\$100K	\$800K
15	\$50K	\$750K
15	\$25K	\$375K
31	\$20K	\$620K
35	\$15K	\$525K
55	\$10K	\$550K
80	\$5K	\$400K
Many	<\$5K	

ALL-CAMPUS GOAL:

\$3.2M MC

\$2.3M WV

+ \$1.0M LS

\$6.5M

ULTIMATE GOAL:
100% PARTICIPATION

HOW TO FIGURE OUT YOUR FORGE THE FUTURE COMMITMENT



Beyond your current giving, we are asking each person to make a prayerful commitment to the Forge the Future campaign. It will certainly take all of us and our goal is 100% participation over the next two years.



We know that taking steps – sometimes leaps – of faith in the area of finances can cause uneasiness and uncertainty. But we also believe that when we trust God in our giving, He will show up in big ways. Start with these four things:

PRAY - Pray about what God wants to do in your heart and through your giving as we begin this two-year journey.

LISTEN - Listen to His nudges as He guides you in your financial commitment.

MOVE - Move in the direction that He leads and express your commitment and follow through with it.

TRUST - Trust God in the smallest details of your life and to help you meet this commitment as we fulfill this together.

Our hope is that we get 100% participation. By having everyone on board and all-in - moving toward a common goal - we know that it will build excitement and energy as we start to realize dreams and see God's work come to fruition right before our eyes. When we do this as one body, as Gold Creek Community Church, it will provide unity and a sense of teamwork that will be unmatched. We believe we will witness magnificent displays of His faithfulness as we **Forge the Future**, together.

