



Breakthrough

CHRIST ABOVE ALL



This Book Belongs To

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A Note from John



I've been praying for you, asking God to work in your heart and life in a fresh way.

You've heard me say that "In our Church, Christ is the Head..." He is our Leader.

This special Breakthrough season is about you and me choosing to place Christ above all in our lives, once again.

I want to invite you to join me in asking God what it really looks like to put Christ in first place in your life in this season.

As we obey Him together, I'm confident that God has a Breakthrough ahead for you – and for our movement.

John Dickerson
Lead Pastor | @johnsdickerson



Our *History*



A History of Christ Above All

1837

Twenty-three faithful believers established Brownsburg Christian Church during the Second Great Awakening, laying a foundation of faith and community.

1838

Thomas Lockhart became Brownsburg Christian's first minister. Initially gathering in homes, the church experienced God's provision with a humble log building for worship.

1863

Amid the turmoil of the Civil War, the church faced uncertainty as it sent young men to fight for the end of slavery and the union of the United States. God sustained His Church.



1900

A newer brick church building was expanded and remodeled, allowing Brownsburg Christian to grow and serve God in a larger physical space.

1945

As World War II ended, Brownsburg Christian leaned on God's hope and healing, emerging with renewed faith and focus on its mission.

1986

Steve Reeves became lead pastor, bringing leadership that would propel Brownsburg Christian into significant growth.

1997-1998

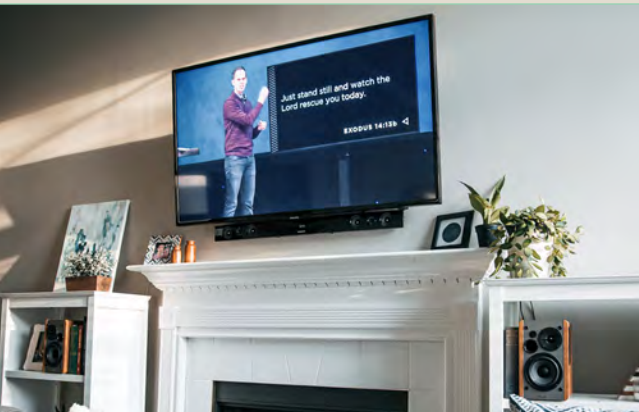
The Bridge to the Future campaign marked a transformational step, leading to the construction of the current Brownsburg location.

2001

The current Brownsburg location opened its doors, creating a space for worship, community, and life-changing ministry.

2005-2006

The Building on Purpose campaign added the Chapel, Gym, and Fitness Center expanding ways to serve the community. In 2006, the church changed its name to Connection Pointe Christian Church, reflecting its renewed mission to connect people to Jesus and expand its mission beyond the local community.



2014

Through the Unstoppable campaign, Kid City, the Student Center, Café, and The Chapel were added, providing environments where the next generation could know Jesus.



2017

John Dickerson became the lead pastor, bringing visionary leadership, inspiring the church to dream bigger and deepen its impact for Christ.



2019

The Greater Things campaign launched, focusing on three pillars: Raise the Strongest Generation, Reach More People, and Prepare for Impossible Opportunities, trusting God to do more than imagined.



2020

When the COVID pandemic shut down churches around the world, the Digital Vision from Greater Things enabled Connection Pointe to keep our people connected. While many churches struggled or closed, Connection Pointe grew.

2022

Connection Pointe launched its Avon location, meeting in Avon Middle School South, and began connecting more people to Jesus.

2023

Youth Worldview ministry launched, anchoring hundreds of young people into deeper Biblical truth. Kids and Students hit their highest attendance in the history of the church at that point.

2024

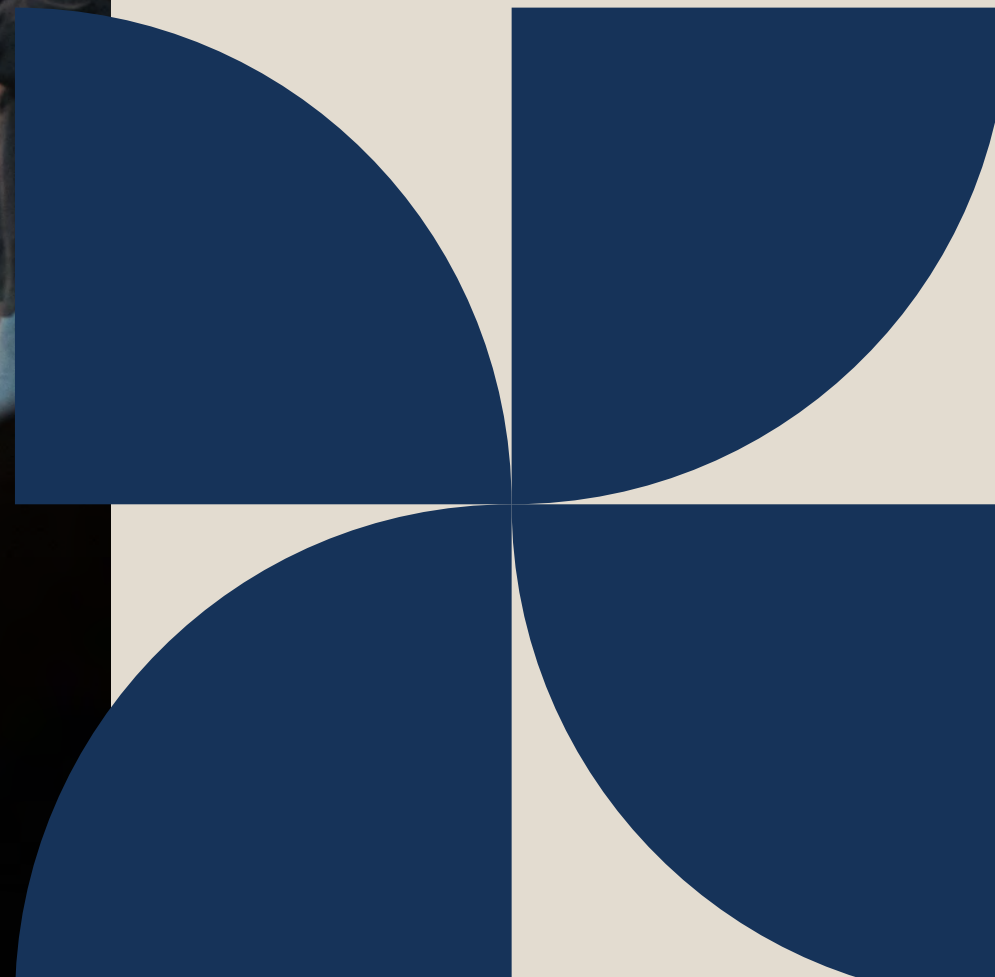
Connection Pointe celebrated the launch of its Fishers location, creating new opportunities to connect people to Jesus in surrounding communities. Physical and digital attendance continued their growth for kids, students, and adults.

2025

Connection Pointe will launch its new Carmel location.



Where We Are *Today*



Where We Are Today

With nearly 200 years of history, much has changed, but one thing remains constant: *our mission of connecting people to Jesus and each other.*

Here's a snapshot of where our church was as of December 2024...



3

LOCATIONS

4th launching in Carmel on Easter 2025



368

BAPTISMS IN 2024



3,346

CHANGEMAKERS:
Actively Giving or Serving

144
GROUPS
Across All Locations



1,246
NEXT GEN
Kids and Students Weekly

11,179
DISCIPLES GROWING
Daily with Our Online Tools



11,887
2024 Christmas Service Attendance Across Locations and Online

26
GLOBAL MISSIONARIES



6,841
Average Weekend Engagement Across Locations and Online



Where We Are Going



Our Goals

Though God has blessed and equipped our church for this moment, our focus isn't on Connection Pointe. *It's all about Christ and His power at work within each of us.*

Primary Goal = 100% Engagement

Every person at Connection Pointe chooses to place Christ above all in their life, unleashing Breakthrough in their life and in our movement.

Our primary goal is 100% engagement – that all of us would experience Breakthrough in what God is calling us to in this next season. This journey is a call to spiritual growth. It's about experiencing Breakthrough in generosity as we declare Christ above all. It's about discovering new depths in how we understand our mission, our unique gifts, and the difference we can make. It's about taking bold steps of faith and seeing our confidence and trust in God grow as we walk in obedience to His call.



Secondary Goal = \$35 million

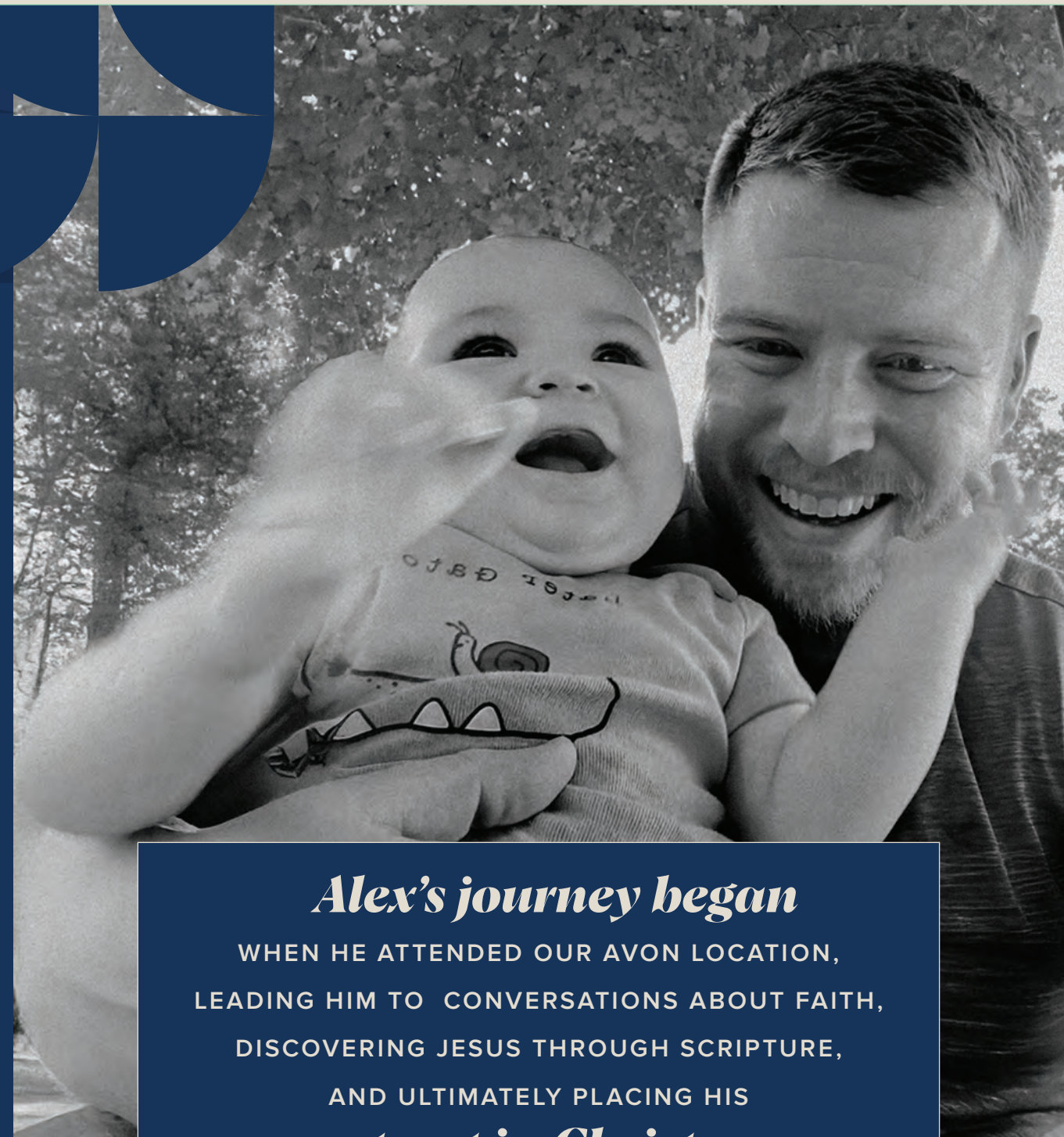
Unleash \$35 million to fund Kingdom Breakthrough from April 2025 to April 2027.

We are trusting God to provide our secondary goal of \$35 million, not only for ongoing ministry at Connection Pointe, but also for the expansion and compassion efforts needed to reach our community and beyond.

Maximize & Multiply Jesus Followers

We are committed to investing in our 4 existing locations, helping them reach full maturity and transforming the communities where God has called us.

- ★ Build a permanent Avon location on the 10 acres we've acquired
- ★ Improve Brownsburg location balcony seating
- ★ Update Brownsburg location lobby and restrooms to better serve families
- ★ Repave the parking lot of the Carmel location
- ★ Improve the kids and students environments at the Fishers location
- ★ Continue our dozens of ministries, hundreds of groups, and discipleship-training for thousands of Christ's people
- ★ Continue maintaining and taking excellent care of the facilities God has entrusted to us
- ★ Begin a fund to establish future locations
- ★ Continue giving hundreds of Life Application Study Bibles to new believers



Alex's journey began

WHEN HE ATTENDED OUR AVON LOCATION,
LEADING HIM TO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH,
DISCOVERING JESUS THROUGH SCRIPTURE,
AND ULTIMATELY PLACING HIS

trust in Christ.



SUBURBAN LOCATIONS THAT ARE *alive*

WITH GROWING COMMUNITIES OF BELIEVERS,

COMMITTED TO *deepening* THEIR FAITH &
expanding THEIR REACH.

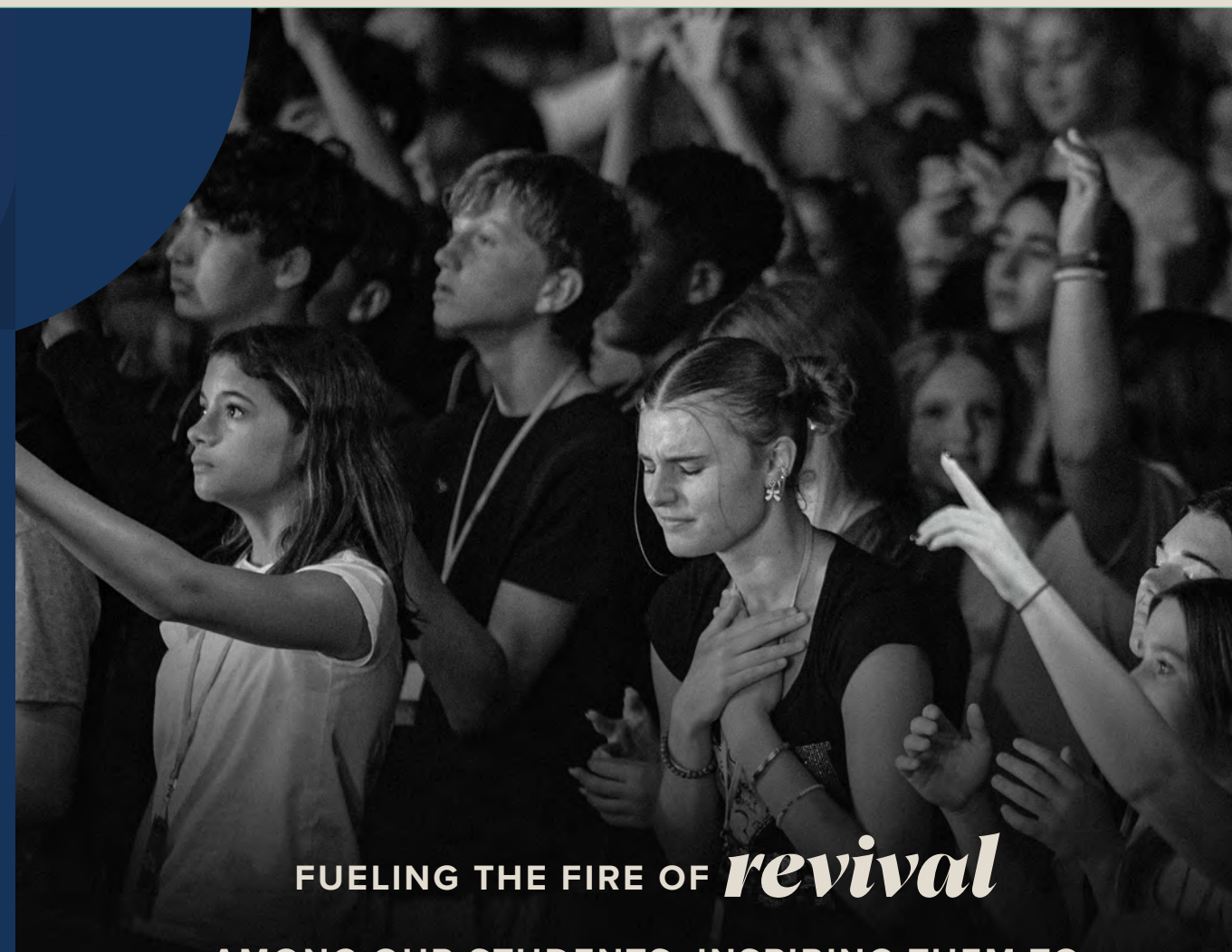
As a result of *Breakthrough*,

we believe we'll see suburban locations filled with growing believers. These followers of Jesus will reach the lost, serve according to their gifts, and disciple others in the best public school districts of central Indiana, in locations with excellent environments for kids and students.

Raise the *Strongest Generation*

We will increase our investments in Youth Worldview, kids, students, and young adults to raise the strongest generation across all current and future locations.

- ★ Build a permanent kids and students facility at our Avon location
- ★ Establish vibrant kids and students ministries at our newest Fishers and Carmel locations
- ★ Build the tools to distribute our NextGen ministry across multiple locations
- ★ Continue hiring the best youth pastors and leaders in the country
- ★ Continue building, testing, and improving our exclusive Youth Worldview curriculum and tools to anchor our sons and daughters
- ★ Begin sharing our Worldview program and learnings to other churches around the nation
- ★ Resource a vibrant young adult movement
- ★ Provide career mentoring and spiritual metrics for young adults aged 18-29



FUELING THE FIRE OF *revival*

AMONG OUR STUDENTS, INSPIRING THEM TO

deepen their faith

AND BECOME LEADERS WHO WILL IGNITE

transformation WITHIN THEIR

SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND BEYOND.



OUR *student ministry*
CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE
significant growth,
& WE HAVE NOW COMPLETELY
maxed out
THE CAPACITY OF OUR STUDENTS
AREA AT OUR AVON LOCATION.

As a result of *Breakthrough,*

we believe we will see today's kids & students become tomorrow's Christ-centered leaders across central Indiana, finding their identity, purpose, and security in Christ. They will be biblically grounded through their teens and 20's, and remain part of our movement, ultimately outdoing us in their zeal, faithfulness, and fruitfulness for Christ.

Amplify Jesus **Online & Globally**

Increase the number of our global missionaries from 26 to 31 and double-down on our digital ministry, reaching thousands of people beyond our physical walls.

- ★ Raise up 5 new full-time missionaries from our next generation
- ★ Invest in our missionaries through our unique relational missionary care groups
- ★ Continue improving and adding to our dozens of short-term mission trips, with special emphasis on sending out our next generation
- ★ Invest in college campus ministries around Indiana where our students are attending college helping them thrive for Christ at college
- ★ Continue distributing 365 Daily Hope video devotionals to 11,179 people, for a total of 4.08 million devotional moments per year
- ★ Continue our weekly livestream worship services for thousands of people around the country, fueling the growth of our physical locations
- ★ Invest in continued growth for all of our digital ministries and tools



FOR SEVERAL YEARS, CONNECTION POINTE HAS
traveled the world

TO PARTNER WITH THOSE LIVING IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO
sharing the hope of Jesus,
TRANSLATING THE WORD OF GOD IN EVERY
LANGUAGE, AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES.



GOD HAS USED YOU TO TRAIN UP
5 full-time missionaries

FROM THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH.

THEY HAVE JOINED THE RANKS OF OUR
26 missionaries. WE ARE PLANNING

TO RAISE UP AND SEND OUT 5 MORE.

As a result of *Breakthrough,*

we believe we will see thousands grow in Bible knowledge & obedience through our digital tools and missionaries. People will be following Jesus 365 days a year because of our online tools, full-time missionaries, and life-changing missions experiences.

Generosity Journey

Money can be an idol, but this tool will help you view it as an effective instrument for God's Kingdom. The journey focuses on the condition of our hearts, further transforming us into the likeness of Jesus. Each step represents growth through a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice.

Initial Giver

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who chooses to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift. They experience the initial joy of putting Jesus' words into action. (Matthew 7:24)

Consistent Giver

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and give it consistently to exercise the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, someone who chooses to make an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the joy of consistency. Non-online givers can also be consistent givers; it just requires more discipline. They experience the joy of excelling in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Priority Giver

A Priority Giver understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things – that all things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives their spending and saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving. They experience the freedom of serving "one master" and declaring Jesus is first. (Matthew 6:19-24 and Colossians 1:15-20)

Surrendered Giver

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes that Christ surrendered His whole self for us, and therefore we desire to offer our entire selves to Him in love (Ephesians 5:1-2). This giver would say, "My giving is not just changing my spending and saving. It's also changing me!" They also look at what they're not giving away and ask, "Is it surrendered too?" This informs how they use everything they've been blessed and entrusted with – whether through direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or vehicle.

Eternal Giver

An Eternal Giver is someone who sees the eternal impact of their giving – on them and on others – not just the immediate programs and ministries it helps accomplish. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to "do good, to be generous and ready to share," the more they "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19). This person looks at what they have and asks, "Am I stewarding this for God's kingdom or for me?" This encourages them to keep growing! They make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, areas of service) in light of how it will affect their eternal impact.



Our Commitment



Commitment Card

We've included a copy of this card so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God over these next two years. Please take time to think and pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new hard copy on **Commitment Weekend, March 13 & 16.**

\$

What I/we would normally give in a year *(regular giving, special projects, missions, etc)*

+ \$

My/Our expanded annual generosity as part of the Breakthrough initiative

= \$

x2 Years

\$

Gifts from my/our stored resources

My/Our Total Two-Year Breakthrough Commitment

\$

APRIL 2025 - APRIL 2027

Two-Year Giving 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 toward greater generosity for Kingdom impact as He works in and through you.

Gifts Needed	Two-Year Gift Level	One-Year Gift Level	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total
1	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$125,000	\$3,000,000
1	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$104,167	\$2,500,000
2	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$2,000,000
4	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$2,000,000
5	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$1,250,000
10	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$1,500,000
15	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$5,208	\$1,875,000
18	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,800,000
25	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$1,875,000
35	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$2,275,000
55	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$2,750,000
85	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$2,975,000
90	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$2,250,000
120	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$1,800,000
150	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$1,500,000
200	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$1,500,000
225	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$1,125,000
Many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$1,025,000

Total: \$35,000,000



What is a *One Fund*?

You may have been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your normal offering to complete special projects. Perhaps you gave to the “Building Fund” as you continued to give to the “General Fund.” We believe it is healthier and simpler to give to a single fund.

The Breakthrough initiative will last two years. During those two years, every gift given to Connection Pointe will be used both to continue our ongoing ministries and to invest in the vision God has given us for the future. Both priorities will be part of a single budget set by our leadership and elders, in response to commitments we make during the Breakthrough initiative.

What's Next?

We're asking you to join us on a spiritual journey with God, to take the largest step of generosity you've ever taken, as we move together to take the largest step of faith we've ever taken.

What can you do next?

ASK

Ask God to reveal to you what Breakthrough looks like for you as you step into the role that He is calling you to for this next season.

TRUST

Trust that God has given you abundant life through Jesus and has provided all that you need as you step out in obedience.

RESPOND

Respond with first fruits financial generosity for the sake of helping more people discover and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Respond with an eternal perspective for furthering God's mission through the local church and as a covenant between you and the Lord.

PRAY

Pray for what God could do in you, to you, and through you as you seek Him. Pray for what God is going to do through this movement, where we as a church seek to help people discover their Breakthrough moment by discovering Jesus, who is the abundant life.

Important Dates

Advance Commitment Night – March 2

Brownsburg Location | 6 pm

We will gather for a time of worship and lead the way in making our commitments.

Commitment Weekend – March 13 & 16

As a church, we will come together during our weekend services to make our generosity commitments. We seek to bring God our first and best because God first loved us by giving His first and best in Christ.

Breakthrough Weekly Devotions and Sermon Notes

You can compile your sermon notes from this 6-week series in the following pages to keep for reflection and as an artifact of your spiritual growth.

Each week also offers an in-depth devotional to take you deeper.

5. If you could go back in time, would you surrender like that again?

Horizontal lines for writing.

6. In your present season, do you think your next Breakthrough is a preparation that shapes and proves your character (like Joseph’s pit or prison)? Or could your next surrender be the definitive Breakthrough that shapes your life and legacy for generations to come (Joseph in the palace, breaking open the storehouses)?

Horizontal lines for writing.

7. What might God need you to “break open” for Him to lead you to your next Breakthrough?

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8. If God would give you a Breakthrough in this next year in one situation or area of your life, where would you most desire to see Him give you Breakthrough? (Examples: your career, your family, a relationship, your finances, your joy, your health, your peace, etc.)

Horizontal lines for writing.



Daily Hope

A daily devotional text message that comes straight to your phone 365 days a year. These short videos help you get your day going with a dose of Scripture and motivation from Pastor John S. Dickerson. During our 6-week series Daily Hope will track with our Breakthrough messages.



Weekly Study Guide

Dive deeper each week with further questions, scripture references, and takeaways from the weekend message.

Week 2 Devotional Experience

Our prayer for you is that you will intentionally deepen your relationship with Jesus as we begin this Breakthrough initiative. We prepared this devotional guide to help you along the way. During this week, please work through the following readings and questions.

★ Read Colossians 1:16-18



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1. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the most, how would you rank the way you have been putting Christ “above all” in these areas of your life?

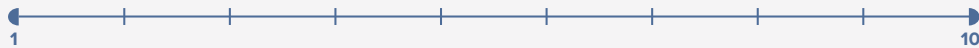
Your schedule



Your thoughts



What you get excited about



Your finances



What you put your energy into



2. Verse 18a says “he is the head of the body, the church.” If you want to put Christ first in your life, and if the church is Christ’s body, then what does that mean for your relationship to the church?”

Handwriting lines for answering question 2



Philippians 1:3-6

³Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.



Special "Breakthrough" Daily Hope

For 42 days, Pastor John's daily texted video devotional will track with the 6-week Breakthrough series.



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Note from Pastor John

The words in Philippians 1 echo the deep love and gratitude I have for you. I cannot capture in words my love for you as God's child. Neither can I put into words my gratitude for your partnership in His Kingdom work.

As you know, Mel and I are "all-in" in giving our talent, our time, our treasure, our best years, and our very lives to God's work through Connection Pointe. It means more than we can express to have you fighting this good fight together with us, as unto the Lord.

We believe God has Breakthrough ahead for Connection Pointe, beyond what we can ask or imagine. We believe He will change the people of Avon, Carmel, and Fishers—just as He has saturated Brownsburg with Connection Pointe people.

We believe that in time, through your faithfulness and obedience, we will saturate every suburb around the Indy area—reaching a "tipping point" that transforms the very state of Indiana.

In the worship of Connection Pointe's kids and students, we can already see God answering our prayers to "Raise the Strongest Generation," multiplying His Kingdom work out into the future.

We also believe that God will, in time, use Connection Pointe's Youth Worldview systems to bring Revival to other churches in other states, too. Let's pray that our obedience to Raise the Next Generation for Christ in Indiana will be a spark, igniting Revival in churches across the United States.

Because of your faithfulness and perseverance, these God-sized prayers and dreams are already becoming realities. Thank you for seeking first the Kingdom of God together with us.

With love in Christ,
Pastor John & Mel

3 PRAYERS

Praying for Breakthrough

2 Thessalonians 3:1 & 5

²Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you

⁵May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

› *A Prayer for You:*

God, what do you need to break open in me or my storehouses, for me to experience the Breakthrough of placing You above all?

› *A Prayer for Others:*

God, please move every person at Connection Pointe to step into their Breakthrough, so they experience Your freedom and power.

› *A Prayer for Our Movement:*

God, we ask for Your biggest and best Breakthrough for Connection Pointe—to fully saturate Brownsburg, Avon, Fishers, and Carmel—so that more lives are transformed and more families are rescued. We ask that our steps of obedience would train up the Next Generation for You. We ask You to bring Revival to Indiana through Connection Pointe. Change Indiana. Glorify Yourself. Build Your Kingdom, we pray in Jesus' name.

CHRIST IS ALSO THE
head of the church

WHICH IS HIS BODY. HE IS
the beginning.

SUPREME OVER ALL WHO
RISE FROM THE DEAD. SO HE IS
first in everything.

COLOSSIANS 1:18





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