



HEBREWS 11



By faith, we're moving forward!



October 2015

Dear C3 Family,

As we enter our twentieth year, Celebration Community Church has been committed to fulfilling Christ's **"Great Commandment"** to love God and love others. We have also been faithful to His **"Great Commission"** to go and make disciples, baptizing them and teaching them what Christ taught. We have grown from 14 people who gathered in a borrowed storefront in 1996 to over 1,000 people who call Celebration home in Hays and Colby. As has been the pattern since our beginning, we have outgrown our existing structure and it's time to move forward in faith and build again!

We continue to thank God for the beautiful location he has given us. We also thank Him that C3 is full of good stewards. We have been able to pay off the current building from the money raised during two previous capital campaigns. We retired 30 years worth of building costs in less than 12 years, meaning we are entering this campaign completely debt-free! We thank God for a generous congregation!

From the beginning we've said, "The church is not a building, it's the people." The church building is simply a tool used to fulfill the mission of the church. It is used for worship, connection, spiritual growth, fellowship, serving and more. Our building is a visual representation of Matthew 5:14, when Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." What a privilege it is that Jesus would call us the light of the world!

During this Forward Faith campaign, we will be focusing our messages on the lessons learned from some of the "Heroes of Faith" found in the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Most of us will never be asked to do some of the crazy things Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, David or the other "Heroes of Faith" were asked to do, but we need to remember that all of these commended heroes had one thing in common - BIG FAITH!

Would you prayerfully consider taking a step of "big faith" with your church family? Ask God how He wants to use you as we begin the "Forward Faith" campaign together!

Your pastors and partners in ministry,

Kyle Ermoian - Founding and Senior Pastor

Brant Rice - Teaching Pastor

Derek Mayfield - Systems Pastor

From where we've come...



Storefront on Centennial
1996



Hays High
1997-1999



Schenk Building
1999-2001



Purchased Truck Garage
2000



1st Phase Completed
June 2001



2nd Phase Completed
June 2008

to where we're going...

The Forward Faith Campaign

What began as 14 people meeting in a storefront in August of 1996 has now grown into a church family of over 1,000 adults, teens and children calling Celebration Community Church their home. God has done some amazing things through C3 over the last twenty years - more than 500 people have been baptized; 25 acres of land has been purchased; two buildings have been built and fully paid for; a church in Colby, KS has been launched and has grown rapidly, and has recently moved into a building; mission trips have been taken to Mexico, Haiti, New Mexico, Denver and Baxter Springs; the support of hundreds of missionaries, organizations and children in multiple countries has given so many a better future through God working in this church.

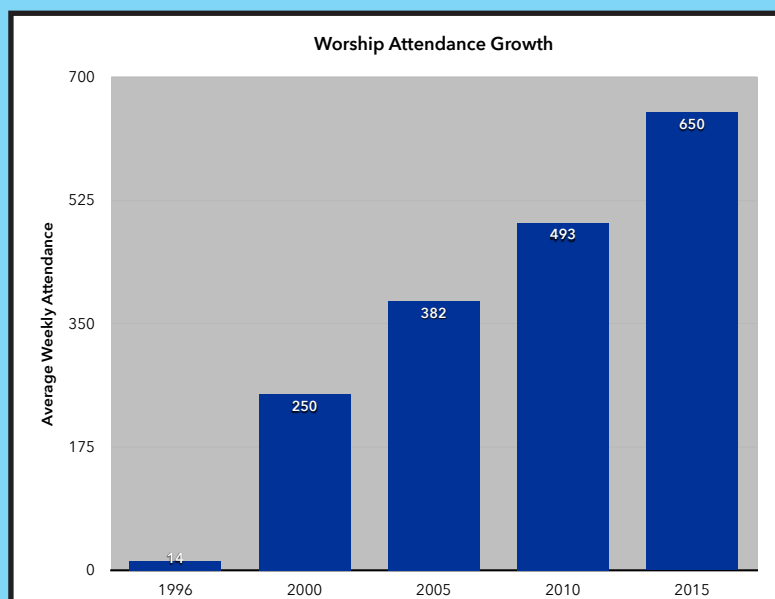
Over the last two years, our staff and Board of Directors have prayed and studied the next steps for C3. As a result, we believe God is calling us to move forward by faith as He continues to use C3 to reach people with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. We believe God is calling us to launch this *Forward Faith* campaign to accomplish the following things over the next three years:

- **To raise the funds needed to expand our campus by building a new 600-seat worship space and remodeling the existing building spaces to better meet the needs of our growing church.**

The current facility configuration and flow is not conducive to the amount people that attend C3 on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Through our in-depth study with Brown Church Development Group, it was determined that this is clearly our limiting factor for continued growth.

- **To use our expanded facilities to continue to reach out to our community.**

According to the study conducted by BCDG, there are 17,000 people within 20 minutes of the church who do not have a church home.



This campaign will require all of us to make significant commitments of both time and finances. Please begin to pray and ask God how He wishes to use you in this vision!

How do we make it happen?

APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:

\$3,300,000

GOAL TO RAISE DURING CAMPAIGN:

\$2,000,000

Sounds like a lot, doesn't it? That's what we thought too! Until we realized 3 key reasons to move forward in faith:

1. "This isn't our first rodeo!" History has shown through our previous two campaigns, that with continued responsible stewardship, we were able to pay off 30 years worth of building costs in less than 12 years!
2. According to the financial analysis done as part of the Growth Positioning Study conducted by BCDG, this approximate total cost of the project is well within the reach of what we are capable of doing as a church. This takes into account several factors, including past financial statements, history of giving at C3 and an in-depth health study of our church.
3. Most importantly, we had to realize that "without faith, it is impossible to please God." It is essential for us to trust that He will provide us with the needed resources to continue to change the spiritual landscape of our community and beyond. We serve a BIG God!

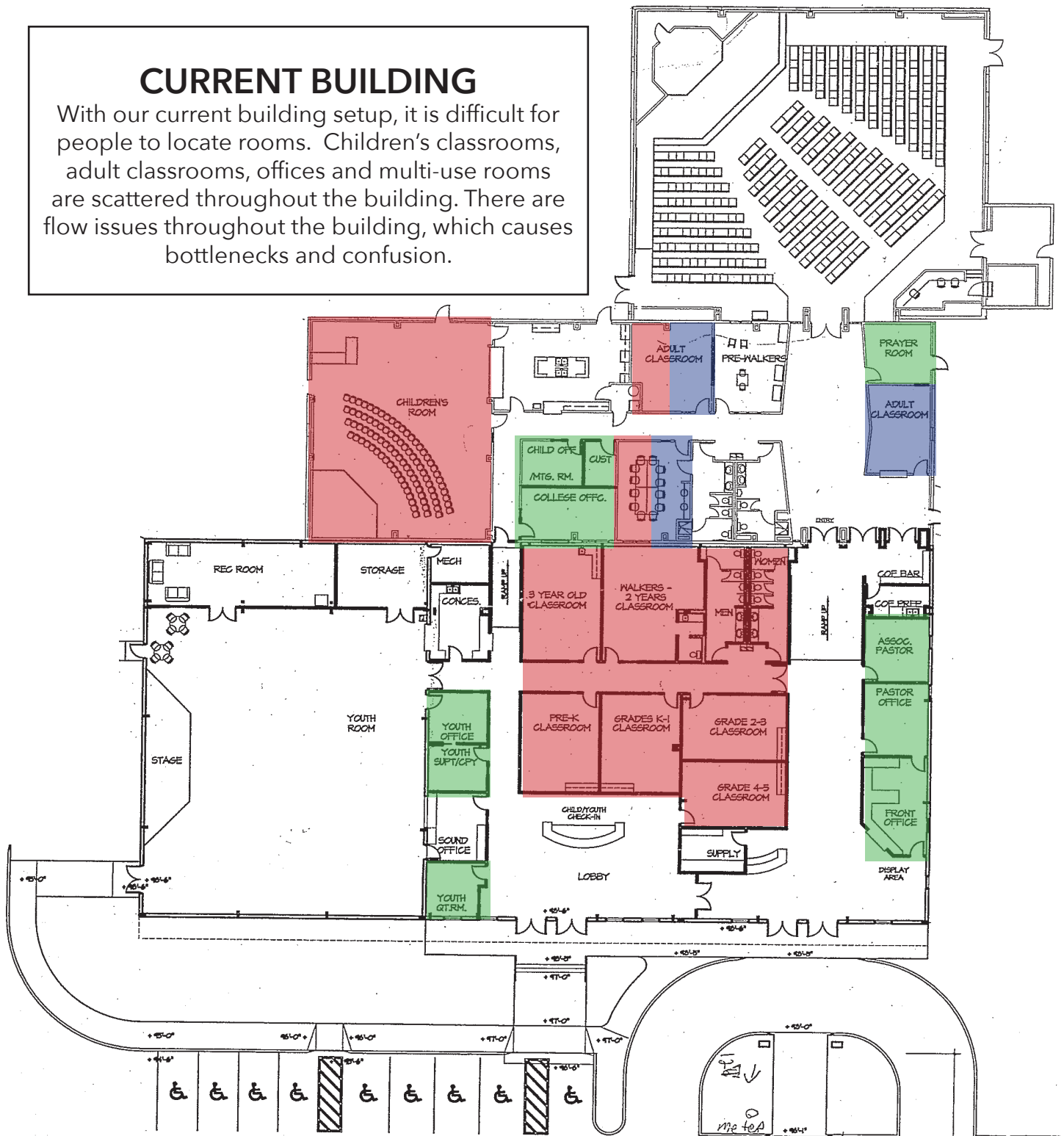
Our Giving Potential

Each of us can give far more than we think by giving it over a three-year period (156 weeks).

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>3-Year Total Gift</u>
\$10	\$43.33	\$1,560
\$25	\$108.33	\$3,900
\$50	\$216.67	\$7,800
\$75	\$325	\$11,700
\$100	\$433.33	\$15,600
\$150	\$650	\$23,400
\$300	\$1,300	\$46,800
\$500	\$2,166.67	\$78,000

CURRENT BUILDING

With our current building setup, it is difficult for people to locate rooms. Children's classrooms, adult classrooms, offices and multi-use rooms are scattered throughout the building. There are flow issues throughout the building, which causes bottlenecks and confusion.



PARKING LOT

LEGEND

- Children's Area
- Multi-Use Classrooms/Spaces
- Office Area

PROPOSED BUILDING

With the proposed building setup, it will be much easier to locate where rooms are. All of the children's area will be in a safe and secure northern section of the building. There are more multi-use classrooms for small groups and classes. The offices will be centrally located, providing a more productive environment. The additional 16,000 square feet will facilitate our continued growth.



The Team We're Partnering With!



October 2015

Dear Celebration Community Church Family,

Walking with your leadership team over the last 18 months has been an amazing experience. It has been my honor and encouragement to witness their passion for advancing the gospel in Hays and the surrounding area. Following the completion of our comprehensive "discovery" process, we worked with your team to develop a strategic plan that we believe will position C3 for continued ministry growth.

Be encouraged! Celebration, as a church, is extremely healthy. We assess the organizational health of churches all over the country. Statistically speaking, Celebration scored near the very top. You've witnessed the fruit of this by your continued growth. Given your NCD* score and statistical analysis of similar churches, Celebration's average attendance has the potential to exceed 2,000 within the next ten years!

The ministry opportunities for Celebration are abundant! Through extensive demographic studies, we have gained much insight into the projected 28,000 people who will live within a 20 minute drive of the church by 2018. Today, nearly 60% of the population is not involved in any church. Ten years ago, nearly 50% of the population was likely to have not been involved in any church. This surprising information confirms that there is a great potential for future growth in the unchurched population surrounding the church. People need Jesus!

The source data is illustrated below:

	Study Area	US Average	Comparative Index
Activity in a religious congregation or community:			
Projected percentage involved	41.20%	39.00%	106
Projected percentage NOT involved	58.80%	61.00%	97
Estimated change over prior 10 years	-8.50%	-8.40%	

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with Celebration to create a tool that will help further the gospel. May God continue to bless your ministry!

In His Grip,

Todd Brown CEO



Sources: US Census Bureau, Synergos Technologies Inc., Experian, DecisionInsite/MissionInsite

* Natural Church Development, a study created by Christian Schwarz, who has done extensive research world-wide on healthy, growing churches.

Ways to Give to the Forward Faith Campaign

We ask everyone to participate in the following two ways...

1. Give a One-Time Launch Gift.

Bring your cash or check gift to one of our commitment Sundays. Ask God for creative ways to increase your launch gift. This could be through a garage sale, providing services to raise funds or anything you can dream up! This is a great way to have our kids involved in the campaign, so involve your whole family!

2. Make a 36-Month Giving Pledge.

We all can give far more when it is spread out over three years. See the "Our Giving Potential" chart on page 4 of this brochure. These can be weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly. Make your 36-month pledge by filling out your orange commitment card. ***Pledge commitments will begin January 3, 2016.***

Additional ways to give...

• Give a Gift of Assets.

You can also give real estate, land, stock, bonds, mutual funds, cars, boats, jewelry, etc. For example, instead of using your car for a trade-in, you can donate that car to the church and receive a tax write-off. The church in turn sells the item and includes that amount in your annual contribution statement. For more information, contact the church at 785.625.5483.

• End of the Year Gifts.

While forecasting their upcoming tax liability, many realize that an "end of the year" gift of checks, securities, and valuable items can alleviate some of that liability and make a difference in the lives of people at the same time. You can make an end of the year gift, by giving your contribution to the regular offering or mail it to the church by December 31st of that year. Memo your gift "Forward Faith." For more information, contact the church at 785.625.5483.

COMMITMENT SUNDAYS

November 1st, 8th and 15th

On these Sundays, please bring your launch gifts, one-time cash offerings and orange commitment cards to one of our Sunday services. Our "Forward Faith" commitments are to be what we intend to give over and above our regular tithe during the next 36 months. We are all a part of this miracle -- we can all do by faith what none of us can do alone. Let's trust God and do it!

METHODS FOR GIVING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FORWARD FAITH CAMPAIGN

Check - Please make your check out to "Celebration Community Church" and write "Forward Faith" in the memo line.

Cash - Please place your contribution in an envelope with your name and "Forward Faith" written on it.

Electronic - Give on our app or website by selecting the campus "C3 Hays" and the designation "Forward Faith."

As a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, those who give to C3 can receive a federal tax deduction for their contributions.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as one who offered a better sacrifice. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead, because of his faith. By faith he did not fear when he was taken away, because he knew that he was going to see God. By faith he made his body strong, so that he did not fear death. By faith he was commended as one who persevered in doing what was right, even though he had not seen the promised land. By faith he kept his body from being polluted by the women he was with, because he feared God. By faith he refused to be afraid of the king's edicts, because he knew that he was going to see God. By faith he was commended as one who persevered in doing what was right, even though he had not seen the promised land. By faith he kept his body from being polluted by the women he was with, because he feared God. By faith he refused to be afraid of the king's edicts, because he knew that he was going to see God.

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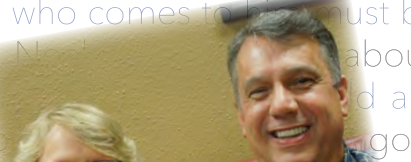
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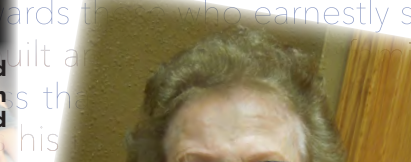
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