



# VOL. III

As we enter into the fourth month of the **OPEN Campaign**, you may be wondering, “What is going on with the building plans and new developments?” Well, wonder no more! Below is an overview of Open’s Feature Areas with a brief description of what we are planning for each location. As monetary commitments come in over the next two months, the Board will be able to determine what Feature Areas we will be able to complete and when—with Feature Area 1 being the core of our vision and our first priority. We are getting closer and closer to breaking ground on our project! Thank you for your prayers and support thus far!

## The Project

### FEATURE AREA 1 - The Core Vision

- **New playground area** east of the pergola.
- Creation of an **Amphitheater/outdoor classroom** space under existing stone pine tree
- Smaller play area in front of stone pine.
- Addition of the “**Front Porch**,” a plaza area on the south side of the Sanctuary, taking up most of the current grass area between the Worship Center & lower parking lot.
- Addition of **South-facing entrance** to Worship Center.
- Upgrade **outdoor lighting** and consideration of other security elements.

### FEATURE AREA 2

- Transform current playground area, removing existing play structures, sand, and fencing.
- Addition of **Prayer Garden** with new landscaping.
- Construct inexpensive **storage** facility.
- Add a small child security gate at northeast corner of the CE building.
- Add a door between NovaKids room and Room 3.

### FEATURE AREA 3

- Remodeling & possible expansion of **Worship Center restrooms**.
- Addition of **Café / serving kitchen** on the southeast side of the Worship Center.

### FEATURE AREA 4

- **Expansion of South parking lot.**
- Addition of a **walking path** around remaining field with appropriate landscaping and lighting.

### FEATURE AREA 5

- Remodeling and possible expansion of **CE Building restrooms**.
- Conversion of current Resource Room into smaller utility/storage space.

*Note: If Feature Area 3 is unaffordable, Café could be placed in existing Resource Room*





# ADVANCED COMMITMENTS *process*

It is the nature of campaigns that a large percentage of the total goal will be given by individuals and families who 1) have a high level of commitment to the church's mission, and/or 2) have the capacity to give larger-than-average gifts. *1 Chronicles 28-29* provides a biblical example for special giving projects and those who make early commitments.

**The Vision:** King David announced the vision God had given him for building the temple.

**His Gift:** He announced what he was generously committing to give, over and above his regular giving, toward this Kingdom project.

**Leadership Invitation:** He invited his leaders to consecrate themselves and give as well.

**Leadership Gifts:** Following David's example, the leaders gave generously toward the temple project.

**The People's Response:** The Israelites saw the example of David and his leadership and "they rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given willingly and wholeheartedly."

The Advanced Commitments team will soon be visiting the homes of Nova's leaders to share the vision of the project and to ask for prayerful consideration to join the campaign. If you would like a home visit please email [open@novachurch.org](mailto:open@novachurch.org) and we will have a team reach out to you soon!

# PLEASE *pray for...*

**Week of September 24:** Pray that our hearts would be open to the transforming work of God. Pray that our minds would be renewed and that we would individually and collectively be conformed to the character and service of Christ.

**Week of October 1:** Pray that God could break through our misguided and sinful attachments to our belongings, our resources, our relationships, and our talents. Let's commit together to dedicate all that we have and all that we are to Jesus' mission.

**Week of October 8:** Pray for unity among individuals and groups at Nova. May we all be united in our common purpose of becoming a holy people reaching out to our community with the Gospel.

**Week of October 15:** Pray that God's Spirit would fill the physical property of Nova. That as people come to play and worship they would encounter the peace, love, healing, and conviction of God.

**Week of October 22:** Pray that God would give us lots of great ideas for how to open up our campus to our neighbors and love them incarnationally.

**Week of October 29:** Pray that God would pour out his spirit on us as we reach out to our community. May we be filled with boldness and compassion as we seek with Jesus for his lost sheep.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Why are we doing this and how will it be used?

- Use our highly valuable, God-given property as a resource to bring people to Christ.
- Change our focus outward to our community.
- Transform our hearts outward toward increased evangelism and discipleship.
- Focus on Nova's future through increased appeal to young families.

### When will construction begin?

The Board's hope is to begin construction on the upper playground late this year as our current playground is in need of replacement. For the remaining features of the project, we have several months of architectural design and engagement with the City of Torrance before construction can begin.

### What key features are the priorities?

Our initial focus will concentrate on Feature Area 1, the core of the Open vision. The extent that we can complete this and other features depends on the financial support that is provided during the Open Campaign.

### What have we done so far?

As of September, we have engaged a Christian-based architectural and construction firm and another Christian-based contractor that have worked on church renovations and have received concept drawings, high level project estimates and detailed estimates for the architectural drawings and pre-construction process. We also have 2 separate bids from playground contractors with detailed design specifications ready to go should we decide to start the children's playground prior to obtaining final bids for the whole project.

## RIGHT NOW *at Nova*

### Open Sermon Series

Come listen to messages on the vision, mission, and values of the Open Campaign. Listen online at [novachurch.org/media](http://novachurch.org/media).

### Sunday Morning Classes

Each of the classes during the Fall quarter ties into the Open Campaign and spills into everyday life. Join one of these classes on Sunday mornings at 11:15AM.

**Stewardship** - Learn how treasuring Jesus above all things can help you deal with debt, budget well, invest wisely and become radically generous.

**Prayer** - See how a life of prayer can transform the church and the world.

**Living in Light of Eternity** - Come ready for stimulating discussions on what it takes to make our lives count for eternity.

## LOOKING *ahead*

### *Prayer and Worship Night*

Join us on the Nova campus **Sunday, October 1st at 5:00 PM** for an evening of prayer and worship. Come ready to seek God with all of your heart. Childcare will be provided.

### *Celebration Sunday*

**Sunday, November 5th** is "Celebration Sunday!" Our Financial Secretary will tabulate all advanced commitments from Nova's leaders and the total will be announced to the congregation at this event. During this time the rest of the congregation will be invited to formally commit to the Open Campaign. We will celebrate during the service and afterwards with a provided luncheon.

### *Reveal Sunday*

All commitments are encouraged to be delivered to the church by November 19 and the grand total will be announced to the congregation on **Sunday, November 26th**.



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