Throughout history, God has called His people to follow Him. In the Old Testament, He called Noah, Abraham, David and many others. During His time of ministry on the earth, Jesus called His disciples to stop what they were doing and follow Him. Since that time, the Lord has continued to call His people to grow the Kingdom and spread the good news of Christ to the world.

Over the centuries, the faithful of God have answered the call, even though it cost many their lives. The early church was persecuted but persevered. The message of the gospel spread to new languages as people devoted their lives to Christ. Those willing to step up and truly follow God’s lead have sustained the Church.

And now, it’s our turn. The Lord is calling each one of us to a deeper and more committed faith; to view our eyes through the lens of eternity. God is inviting us to get in the game. The question is, how will we respond?
G.A.M.E. HIGHLIGHTS

When God’s people get in the game, amazing things happen. That’s exactly what has happened over the years at BCC. Let’s recount some of the times where the people of Burke Community have responded to His call in extraordinary ways.

After months of prayer, a group of 57 people with a desire to reach our community for Jesus Christ began to meet at Burke Elementary School in September of 1975. This small body of believers from a variety of denominational backgrounds dedicated themselves to worship, study and outreach. Their actions laid the foundation for Burke Community Church.

After outgrowing 3 different rented spaces, a group of a few hundred men and women sold out to the vision of knowing Christ and making Him known took a huge step of faith and purchased the land we currently occupy. Above and beyond their normal giving, over $1 million dollars was raised in order for BCC to have a permanent home.

With more people joining the church each year, a need for larger education and fellowship space was evident. The faithful of Burke Community got in the game and rallied together to raise over $3.4 million dollars in the Towards Jerusalem campaign. Their vision for the future helped establish our Children’s wing and gave BCC a new lobby and parking lot.

As the Lord continued to bring people to call BCC home, the church realized the need for a larger worship space for our youth. Additionally, the children’s area was over capacity. Again, the church family at BCC stepped up to the plate and raised $3.5 million in the Making Room For More campaign. Their generosity has made it possible for hundreds of junior and senior high students to have a place to worship and learn each week.

Beginning in 2009, Burke Community began experiencing unprecedented growth. We added more Sunday services, but still ran out of worship and fellowship space. Through the generosity of those here at BCC, above and beyond their normal giving, the And God Gave The Increase campaign raised over $1 million to add a balcony in the worship center, double our lobby space, and add additional offices for the staff. This sacrificial giving has allowed even more to come hear about the good news of Jesus Christ.
CAMPUS EXPANSION
An Additional 50,000+ Square Feet

1 • 1,200+ Seat Worship Center
2 • Adult Classrooms and Offices
3 • Lobby/Cafe/Bookstore
4 • Remodeled Student Center/Gym/Multi-use
5 • New Expanded Nursery and Child Check-in
6 • Repurposed for Children’s Activities
BENEFITS

- A new modern Worship Center will allow more people the opportunity to experience Sunday services at BCC. Having more seats at optimal times will provide the much needed room to accommodate all those who call Burke Community home.

- Immediately visible when you enter the parking lot, the new lobby will create a focal point for our campus and clearly indicate a main entrance for visitors. It will also add much needed fellowship space, a bookstore and cafe.

- A large, centrally located kitchen will enable BCC to more easily handle large ministry events such as Men’s Breakfasts and Women’s Luncheons.

- Student Ministry at BCC is a place where hundreds of youth come together each week to learn about God and explore their faith. In the new building, a reconfiguration of our current Worship Center more than doubles their current capacity.

- Our Children’s Ministry will add a larger nursery, secure check-in area off the lobby and acquire the entire current Cafe and Auditorium for future growth.

- Adult Ministry will add multiple classrooms that are easily accessible and centrally located in the new facility.

- Our staff continues to expand to keep pace with the church’s rapid growth. The new building will allow us to be under the same roof in a centralized work environment.
RESPOND
Pray

One of the most powerful ways to strengthen your spiritual walk is to spend time in prayer. During this important time in the life of our church, we urge you to seek God's direction as to how you can take a “next step” in your faith journey. If you are married, take the time to pray together and seek the Lord's direction. Over the next 15 months, continue to pray for His leadership as we continue to Get in the Game, knowing Christ and making Him known.

Discuss

Talk with your spouse, your family and your life group about what this commitment will mean for you in this exciting season in the life of Burke Community Church.

Respond

Mark you calendar for Commitment Sunday, October 16, and get ready to experience a defining moment for our church and for your own faith. Follow God’s lead in your own commitment to radical generosity - nothing more, nothing less.

To date, we have received over $3.7 million toward our generosity project, with another $2.2 in remaining pledges. Our goal this fall is to raise an additional $2 million toward the cost of doubling the size of our ministry space and being better positioned for the future. It will take all of us working as a team to make this a reality. Some may be giving for the first time. Others will be challenged to take a huge step in their generosity. As we follow God’s lead, we will be paving the way for those who will come after us - when we Get In The Game!