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GOD'S CALL - OUR RESPONSE

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

In the Great Commission, Jesus commands his followers to **GO** - to go and make disciples. This call to go includes serving and loving neighbors and thereby bringing glory to our Father in heaven. Jesus' command is unwavering and central to what we hold most dear at NAPC.

It is time for us as God's church to **GO** - to plant new roots in our community with a permanent church building which will further equip us to **GO** and fulfill our mission. Simply stated, there is a need and an expectation in our congregation and our community to have a permanent church space to worship, meet, serve and connect in fellowship.

Our church leaders are asking you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to financially invest in establishing that permanent home. As we begin to assess our permanent space needs, we will be asking you for input - and we will also ask you for a financial commitment above and beyond your regular contributions.

OUR MISSION

Our mission "to glorify God through lives changed by Jesus Christ" has remained steadfast over the last 8 years. We are committed to going into our broken world (outreach), speaking the truth about the great news of Jesus Christ (evangelism), and growing as followers of Jesus so that others may know, love and follow Jesus (discipleship). We believe a **long-term permanent structure that serves future generations will best enable fulfilling the mission and ministry of NAPC.**

WHY BUILD A PERMANENT CHURCH?

1) HOME BASE

A church building is a wonderful place to gather and worship. We also know that being disciples and making disciples as a community of followers of Jesus *happens 7 days a week. Lives are transformed on Sunday - AND Monday through Saturday!* A permanent space to worship on Sundays and to learn, love, serve and build relationships *every day of the week* strengthens our connectedness as a body of Christ and enables us to more effectively do the work of the church. Having a physical presence in the community will draw people into our church family where they will be discipled, equipped, and will grow in leadership. This "home base" will enable NAPC to function as a hub, sending people out into mission - whether in Central Ohio or across the world. By God's grace, our church will be a place of training and launching of church planters who will start churches in other areas of our city and beyond. A building will help us carry out this vision of replication.

2) MULTI-GENERATIONAL PERMANENCE

NAPC strives to honor God's multi-generational design for His church. This is why we have children in worship every Sunday, why we emphasize father-son and mother-daughter ministry, and why we have mature

members engaged and discipling others. Lord willing, the church home we build will serve our community for many, many years, extending to our children's and grandchildren's generations.

3) COMMUNITY VISIBILITY

There is a fundamental sense in which a building lends credibility and visibility to any church. We will more effectively reach our community with the Gospel when we have a permanent church home. We have seen and heard countless stories from our congregation about how our physical visibility in the community drew them in, and the Holy Spirit used the fellowship, teaching and ministries of the church to transform them. Visibility in the community matters – and a church building dramatically improves visibility and the feeling of permanence.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

Significant analysis, research and work has already begun on this project with the efforts of staff, leaders and volunteers across NAPC. In the near term, various teams are focused on:

PLANNING

We have a highly dedicated team investigating options for securing land for our future permanent space. In addition, we have a team working on functional requirements of a facility to fulfill our church mission.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A third team is working diligently in preparation for a congregation-wide capital campaign in support of our future permanent space. One critical aspect of this process is gaining input from the congregation and discerning our overall giving potential. This will be accomplished through an anonymous congregational survey in October, followed soon after by a campaign.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

PRAY – Pray for the church, its future, the leaders and volunteers to work diligently and honor the Lord in all of our decisions. Pray for discernment for you and your family's participation. God will honor the generosity and prayers of His people!

ENGAGE – Stay engaged with NAPC and our ministries. It is crucially important that we don't pause in serving our communities and worshipping and glorifying God. We would love your help in serving and volunteering in NAPC's ministries, including Sunday serving at the Middle School. We are motivated as ever to reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ, no matter where we meet or where we GO.

FINANCIALLY COMMIT – Participate in the congregational survey in October – your input matters! Prayerfully be ready to financially commit to the Capital Campaign to support our permanent space. This will be a multi-year campaign because a project of this size will take time and financial investment from all. While we anticipate the kickoff of the capital campaign in early 2020, we will of course receive contributions at any time to fund the building project. Stay tuned for more information! If you have any immediate questions please feel free to speak to an Elder, Deacon or Pastor David. Thank you for your passion, excitement, continued prayers and “on-mission serving” all for God's glory!

Joyfully in Christ,

The NAPC Elders