

**CHANGE**  
*YOUR*  
**WORLD**

## NOTE FROM TIM

I want to make a difference, to change lives, to change my world; and I believe you want to make a difference too. Being part of firstChristian for the last 17 years, I've seen hundreds of people start and grow their relationship with Jesus. I've seen their lives change, and as a result I've seen the lives of those around them change. People continue to find spiritual healing from past hurts, joy in their generosity, and a deep peace and hope, all through living in response to the love of Jesus. It is exciting to see people living out their faith with others. People living in relationship with Jesus and inviting others to join them.

Eleven years ago, before moving to our current location, about 430 of us gathered on a weekend. Today, we are averaging over 830. Our numbers have grown, but the biggest change has been in our reach. What was a church that gathered people from a dozen nearby communities now draws from 50 communities all across northeast Nebraska. Through God's blessings and bold steps of faith by the people of firstChristian, our impact for the Kingdom has expanded and nearly doubled. Now, I believe we are in the right place and time for you and I to boldly re-commit to the mission and to actively respond to the opportunities God has for us.

We have been praying to discern God's vision for firstChristian, and we strongly sense Him calling us to make an even greater difference both locally and globally.

In response to God's call, we are launching the Change Your World movement over the next 3 years. We believe that you have been called by God to change YOUR world, which includes you, your family, your co-workers, your neighbors.... It is our desire as a church to equip, inspire and encourage you, as we carry out this vision together. To be people who make a difference, who boldly take steps of faith, people changing their world one relationship at a time, and together as God's people, changing THE world.

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A group of people, mostly women, are gathered in a hallway or office setting. They are dressed in professional attire. The scene is lit with a warm, yellowish light. Overlaid on the image is a large, bold, white text quote. A large yellow circle is partially visible on the right edge of the image.

**“Go into all  
the world and  
preach the gospel  
to all creation.”  
Mark 16:15**



**“Let your light shine  
before others, that they  
may see your good  
deeds and glorify your  
Father in heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16**

# NOW IS THE TIME

To think about how God has blessed and moved through firstChristian in the last 11 years is astounding. Not only did we relocate and build a new campus, but have since needed to expand our facilities, with a worship center, and new space for connection and kid's ministry, all because God continues to call people to Himself through firstChristian. You probably know people in your world that God still longs to have a relationship with. God's vision is to Change Your World, and He wants to do it through you.

It is up to us as a church to equip, inspire and encourage each other to respond as God calls. To make this happen, we need to:

- Make practical improvements to our facilities to increase our effectiveness.
- Develop a global missions partnership to engage us in the bigger picture.
- Continue to pay for our building to free dollars for ministry.
- Reach beyond the walls of firstChristian to impact our communities.

## NOW IS THE TIME IN NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AND BEYOND

So many lives are being transformed at firstChristian. Every week we welcome new friends, co-workers, and neighbors. God is calling you to Change Your World, whether that's Albion, Plainview, Norfolk, Winside or beyond. It starts with one conversation, one invitation, one relationship at a time.



**“3 out of 4 people in  
Northeast Nebraska don’t  
have a church home”**

## WE NEED LEADERS

We need leaders and partners to step forward to continue the task of turning ordinary people into extraordinary followers of Christ. CHANGE YOUR WORLD is a vision that God birthed within our church—one that moves us to transform our neighborhoods with His love, and together, as a church, northeast Nebraska and the world. It involves being a part of changing lives. This will require all who call firstChristian their church family to reach out together as we put others first, recognizing that our generosity and sacrifice are simply a response to Jesus' transforming love at work in our own lives.

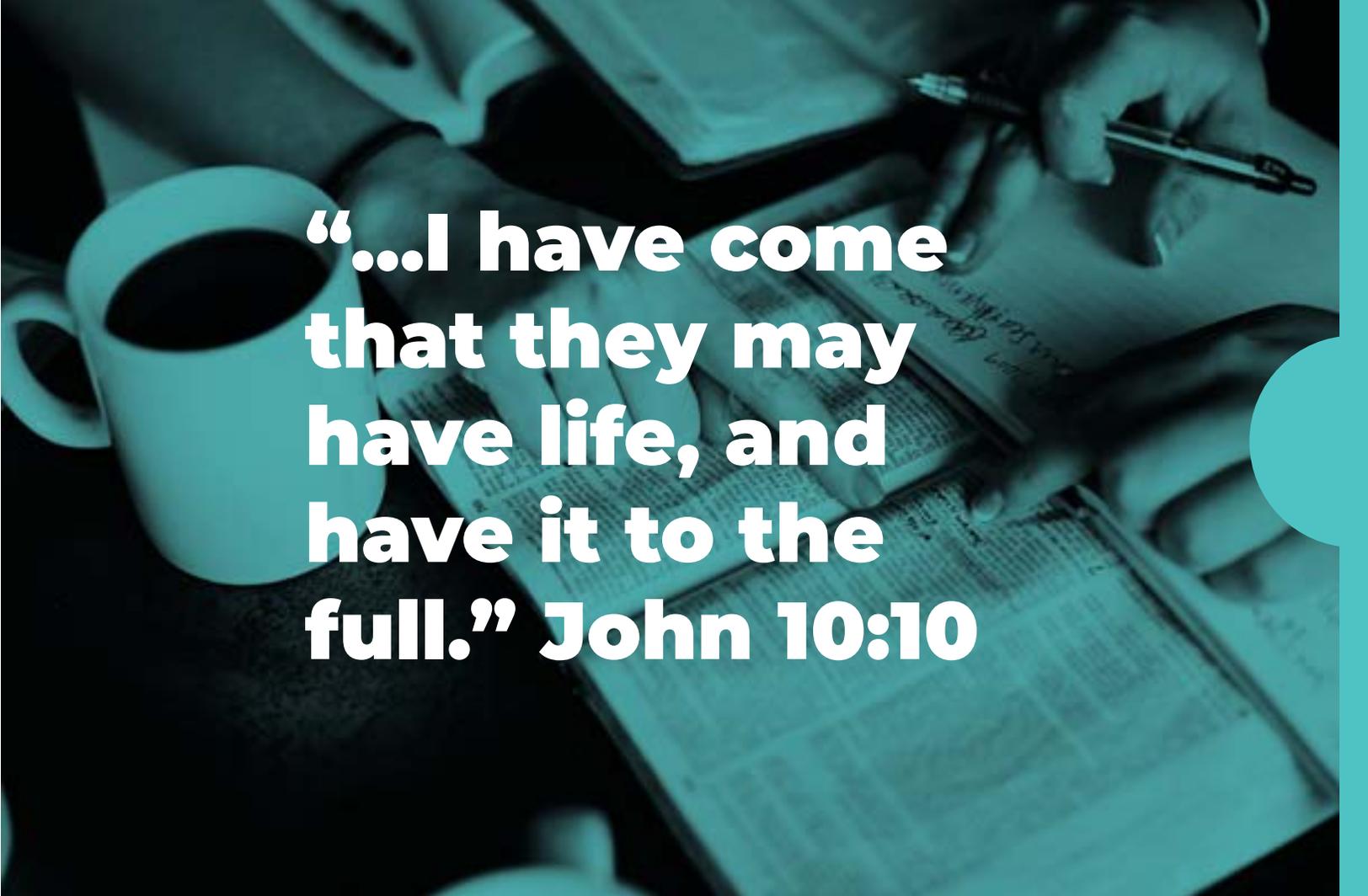
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*“But we have this treasure  
in jars of clay to show that this  
all-surpassing power is from God  
and not from us.”  
2 Corinthians 4:7*

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**“So reach out and welcome one another to God’s glory.  
Jesus did it, now you do it.” Romans 15:7**

WE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE, BUT HE IS AN **EXTRAORDINARY GOD!**  
NOW IS THE TIME TO FOLLOW HIS LEAD FOR FIRSTCHRISTIAN,  
TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR WORLD.



**“...I have come  
that they may  
have life, and  
have it to the  
full.” John 10:10**

For your convenience, this giving chart is included to make it easier to estimate your total gift over a three year campaign

TOTAL PLEDGE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
\$1,000	\$333	\$28	\$6
\$2,000	\$667	\$56	\$13
\$4,000	\$1,333	\$111	\$26
\$5,000	\$1,667	\$139	\$32
\$7,500	\$2,500	\$208	\$48
\$10,000	\$3,333	\$278	\$64
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$96
\$20,000	\$8,333	\$694	\$160
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$1,389	\$321
\$75,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$481
\$100,000	\$33,333	\$2,778	\$641

Totals represented in this sample are approximate. Your actual monthly and yearly giving may vary.

## EXCEL IN THIS GRACE OF GIVING.

Everyone who calls firstChristian home has unique gifts, talents, abilities, and resources to contribute. As we are called to live generously, God asks each of us to give proportionally, sacrificially, and joyfully to His work through the Church. Please prayerfully consider how God is asking you to give to CHANGE YOUR WORLD.

### **Ways To Give:**

- 1. IN PERSON: Give during a weekend worship gathering.**
- 2. BY MAIL: Send a check by mail.**
- 3. ONLINE: Give Online at: [fcnorfolk.org/givenow](https://fcnorfolk.org/givenow)**

## BOLD PRAYERS

FirstChristian has seen an amazing move of God over the past decade! We have been a church that's committed to going beyond Sunday morning and reaching people for Jesus. We have made a tremendous impact on our communities, providing a welcoming atmosphere for worship, friendship, and life-changing Bible teaching that builds strong families, mends marriages, and brings hope to the hurting for eternity. While our recent history is encouraging, our future is exciting. NOW IS THE TIME to prayerfully commit to the future of firstChristian and our mission to reach the world with Christ's love. We are asking each person who calls firstChristian his or her home to pray this prayer...

**P**rayers: God, please give me your heart for people who don't know you yet. Open my heart to courageously do whatever it takes to help firstChristian reach those beyond our walls to CHANGE YOUR WORLD with your transforming love. Open my hands to a lifestyle of giving that reflects your heart and brings hope to the world.

# HOPE moves through YOU!

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Why are we doing the Change Your World vision campaign?

The CYW vision campaign will help all of us together meet four goals that propel first Christian toward accomplishing our mission of making disciples of all people. A missions partnership enables us to more effectively share Jesus globally. Paying for our building provides space for ministry and frees up future resources to reach more people for Jesus. Maximizing our facilities helps us to use our building effectively as a tool to help people know and follow Jesus, equipping them to impact lives all over northeast Nebraska.

## We seem to keep growing, will we need to build again?

There are no plans to expand our facilities. God has provided space that we perceive will meet our growing needs for several years to come. We will continue to find ways to maximize the space we have by adding services, creatively adjusting schedules, using spaces for multiple programs, and adapting programs as needed. These practical improvements will expand and extend the usefulness of the space we have.

## What mission are we partnering with?

We are partnering with a missionary family living in a Muslim country that is politically closed to Christianity. As foreigners they are unable to openly share Jesus, gather as Christians, or teach the Bible. Our partners are working with others to share Jesus through a grassroots Disciple Making Movement. Training, studies, and broadcasts are being developed in the local language that will empower local Christians to spread the good news of Jesus organically to over 5 million Muslim friends, family, and neighbors. Our \$25,000 partnership will be leveraged by a matching grant, providing \$50,000, enough to produce Disciple Making Movement materials that will be used to make disciples of Jesus for years to come.

## So why can't you tell us their names and location?

Because of the country's political climate against Christianity, wanting to protect our missionaries and their ministry, we are not putting these details in print. However, when we gather together on Sunday mornings, you will get the chance to know them, their community, and how God is moving in their ministry.

## Why does the new facility need improvements?

When building and remodeling, we made a list of possible practical improvements. Now that we have lived in the space, we realize that these improvements will indeed allow us to best leverage our space for ministry.

## Will the additional improvements mean more debt?

No. Improvements that are part of Change Your World will be part of campaign donations that come in over what is needed to make our building payments and provide for our mission partnership.

## Is our loan limiting our ministries?

No. We as a church have a long history of generosity and of managing God's resources well. This has enabled us to responsibly pay our bills and aggressively reduce financial obligations, while at the same time creatively continue to respond to ministry opportunities. This history gives us confidence that we will continue to provide for and grow ministries based on God's leading and opportunities

## How will we prioritize the improvements we are making?

The projects will be chosen based on need and available funds. Some of the improvements may include the following:

- Control Lobby Noise – To improve the ability to have conversations with one another. Lasting connections are made in the lobby.
- Clear signage inside and out – To make our space more welcoming and comfortable for everyone. Many people would rather read signs than ask for directions.
- Complete the painting and carpeting – To complete the remodel.
- Some of our space only needed paint and carpet.
- Create Smaller Spaces in the Youth / Activity Center – Smaller groups can use this large room more effectively using portable dividers.

## What if I have more questions?

We understand that making a commitment while you still have questions might lead you to feel apprehensive. We would love to clarify any questions you might still have. Please contact us at the church office so we can help you.



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