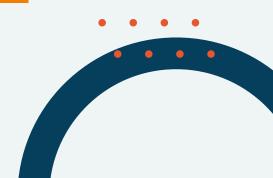


# RUSHCREEK BIBLECHURCH

**GRATITUDE REPORT** 



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## SHARED PURSUITS

A dear friend of mine once proclaimed, "Seriousness is not a fruit of the Spirit, but joy is!" I'm quite confident this mindset would resonate deeply with the Apostle Paul who in a very serious time, wrote to the Church at Thessalonica, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

As a new "ministry year" is upon us, it seems an appropriate time to look back at what God has done and to look forward to all we anticipate He will do in the future... and then give Him thanks!

God has done and continues to do so many amazing things in and through Rush Creek! So much in fact, that it's often a struggle to communicate the depth and fullness of all that He is doing. Which is why we are excited to bring you this special Rush Creek 2024 Gratitude Report!

In the pages ahead you will find a number of exciting updates about all that is happening throughout our church family... including:





An update from our RushKids Director Kaylee Mys about how the Lord has been leading us to be very intentional with the families He has brought here to Rush Creek, as it's easy to miss how the steps we set in motion a few years ago have so positively affected our ministry today!

An update from our RushKids Assistant Maribeth Locke regarding our Wednesday Night Programming shift from AWANA to JAM! This significant change presents an exciting opportunity for us to bring our children and student programming on Wednesday nights into even greater alignment with our mission and vision as a church!

Furthermore, you will find an update from our Executive Administrator Brett Elder about some encouraging news regarding our capital campaign and its completion! God has once again proven Himself faithful as we have now renovated in some way nearly every aspect of this campus!

...and these are just a few of the many highlights of ministry all throughout our church... as you'll also find updates on our new Giving Platform, Church Management Software, Missions Team, Community Partnerships, and our incredible Leadership Teams!

So we invite you to not only read this booklet, but to absorb and then reflect on what is being communicated through it. We invite you to rejoice with us in all that God has accomplished! We invite you to pause and pray with us, constantly turning our hearts and minds to the God of every good gift! We invite you to give thanks to Him for all of the amazing and vivid evidences of His presence in this church!



## **MENTORING**



### A message from our Student Pastor, Camron Befus

At Rush Creek Bible Church we strongly believe we are called to **make disciples of Jesus Christ**. What do we mean by making disciples of Jesus? We simply mean to make followers or authentic imitators of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." A Disciple is someone who follows someone else with the intention of being just like that person, to literally live like that person lives. 1 John 2:5-6 says "But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." Our goal is to be little "Christs" to all those we interact with, so that when others see us they see Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 4:16-17 "Therefore I urge you to imitate me. For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church." The Apostle Paul called people to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and to learn how to follow and live like Jesus. Paul's goal was to be so much like Jesus that others could, in turn, become like Christ. Paul invested heavily into Timothy and taught him to live like Jesus and then sent him off to do the same.

For many years now we have been following the model which Jesus Christ lived out and called us to live out. Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Jesus called ordinary men and women to follow Him for the purpose of helping others to know Him and follow Him as well. As a church we seek to be in genuine relationship with the Lord and with one another for the purpose of seeing others grow in their likeness to Jesus Christ.

In each of our programs it is our goal not only to see students attend once or twice a week, but to get connected with someone who will disciple/mentor them spiritually so that they in turn can learn to do the same. In RushStudents we have seen the incredible fruit of these intentional relationships, sharpening one another as each person strives to be like Christ.

If you are not in a discipleship/mentorship relationship, I would encourage you to find someone who looks like Christ and start a relationship with them. Start to spend time with them and ask them to help you to become more like Jesus Christ. When this happens, then you can begin looking for someone you can help to do the same. Having someone invest in you and investing in others - this is one of the richest grounds for growing in your walk with Jesus!





# VISION TO SERVE FAMILIES

## A message from our RushKids Director, Kaylee Mys

At Rush Creek, we desire to **walk alongside families as they disciple their kids**. We realize that we only see our RushKids a few hours a week, while our parents and guardians have an opportunity to impact them for His glory in a daily capacity.

For us, this impact happens in several ways. First, it means teaching on the same topics that the adults are talking about on Sunday mornings. This is an effort to assist easy family conversations around Scriptural topics! When the entire family learns the same thing, discussion can happen at home, around the common theme of the sermon series.

Second, we are working to walk alongside families as they disciple their kids through our desire to partner with families who have children with special needs. Making sure the church is a safe, loving, and Christ-filled space for all the members of our church takes creativity!

We are working to tailor the church experience to each child and family. We have a long way to go, but we are excited to get started! A few things we are doing is converting K1 into a new Family Room as an alternative worship space, as well as training our leaders how to help kids of all abilities get the most out of our Sunday, Wednesday, and summer programs.

Third, by switching our Wednesday night programming to JAM (Jesus and Me), we are hoping to spark greater discussions at home around a common thought: Scripture! This year, we will be working through and memorizing parts of Matthew. We hope that parents will take this opportunity to talk about Matthew with all of their kids, and we challenge parents to learn the memory verses as well! Read more about our new JAM program on the next page!



## **WHAT**

JAM (Jesus and Me) is a fun, Fruit of the Spirit-filled program targeting kids from the ages of 2 years old through 12th grade. What better way to display the Fruit of the Spirit than studying God's Word! Each week will be filled with game time, large group time, small group time, and on occasion, theme nights and other special activities.

## WHY

For many years AWANA has been serving our Rush Creek families on Wednesday nights. We have loved working with AWANA as it is a solid program with a firm biblical foundation. As Rush Creek has been seeking opportunities for family discipleship, we began to see our Wednesday night programming could be brought into closer alignment with that desire. So, we took a hard look at what that would mean. As we thought about family discipleship we noticed all of our age groups were in different parts of the Bible each week, making it difficult for families with multiple children in the program to have a singular discipleship discussion which in every child could participate.



In light of this, we saw an opportunity to write our own curriculum which would put all age groups into the same passage, verse, and bible theme each week creating a way for families to go deeper together at home.

So through prayer and careful planning our new Wednesday night program, JAM, was established.

MISSION: Spreading the gospel through a fruitful relationship with Christ.

Theme Verse: For the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23















## HOW

Each year the curriculum will be based on one book of the Bible, and all ages will be studying the same passage and biblical truth each week through a curriculum geared for their level. This will allow every member of the family to participate in home discussions about what each child is learning that week. This year we will be studying the book of Matthew.



Scan our QR code to register for JAM!

## WHEN

JAM kicked off on **Wednesday, September 11th**, but registration is still open. Join us for dinner at 5:15PM. Programming begins promptly at 6PM.

We are so excited to launch this new program!













## THE **FRUIT**OF THE SPIRIT

IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

# FINANCIAL UPDATES



### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

At the time of this report, we are winding down some noteworthy campus renovations. In fact, these renovations complete an entire update of our campus which began in 2017. Now seven years later, God continues to be faithful through the generosity of His people and the stewardship of so many.

This brief update will be unpacked in various ways in the weeks to come. Yet, while brief, this campaign summary is perhaps the most vivid example in this entire Gratitude Report which speaks to God's faithfulness in and through His people at Rush Creek. As a church we stepped out in faith with a HUGE goal, yet God exceeded those hopes and expectations.

Take a moment to reflect on and praise God for each of these answers to prayer!

| Project                    | Estimate  | To Date       |                            | Goal      | Actual    |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Parking Lot                | \$500,000 | \$520,000     | Months to complete         | 14 Months | 21 Months |
| Flat Roof                  | \$20,000  | Gifts in Kind | Beginning<br>Balance       | N/A       | \$70,000  |
| Seating-Church-<br>wide    | \$225,000 | \$126,000     | Campaign<br>Funding        | \$950,000 | \$993,500 |
| Worship<br>Center/Balcony  | \$80,000  | \$65,000      | Gifts in Kind              | N/A       | \$46,500  |
| Outbuilding<br>Preparation | \$20,000  | Gifts in Kind | Expenditures               | \$950,000 | \$869,736 |
| Debt                       | \$50,000  | \$100,000     | Household<br>Participation | 125       | 200       |
| Security                   | \$20,000  | \$12,500      |                            |           |           |
| Digital Presence           | \$10,000  | \$10,000      |                            |           |           |
| Transportation             | \$25,000  | \$24,000      |                            |           |           |
| Related<br>Expenditures    |           | \$20,000      |                            |           |           |
|                            | \$950,000 | \$877,500     |                            |           |           |

## CAPITAL REPLACEMENT FUND

We are on the heels of a successful capital campaign where we met-even exceeded-our financial goals. This blessing has allowed us to finish a nearly full update of our entire 24 year old campus. Even so things wear out and need updates/upgrades year after year, not just during a capital campaign.

Our Capital Replacement Fund (sometimes referred to as the Building Fund) is an ongoing fund we maintain in order to pay for extraordinary capital replacement each year. Over the years faithful givers consistently give to this fund to support the Capital Replacement Fund. We don't spend much time discussing this particular fund and therefore it is not surprising that giving to this fund has diminished over the years. On the heels of this capital campaign, our goal is to be more intentional about sharing the need of this ongoing fund.

# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY



Generosity in its purest form involves first recognizing that all gifts and resources ultimately come from the Lord. It follows that God has entrusted each of us with His resources—however little or much—to be used for His purposes. Many times we can see how our giving impacts the lives of those we intend to bless. Yet, generosity isn't actually about us experiencing blessing or even seeing the results.

Legacy giving is a wonderful example of growing in the grace of giving—a process we read about in Paul's second letter to the Corinthian church. Here we read about the Macedonian churches who, though extremely poor, begged for the opportunity to help out with Paul's many ministry efforts. In reality, the Macedonians were not likely to experience the benefits or even see the results of their giving.

Leaving a lasting legacy has been at the heart of our capital campaign. While we see and even experience some tangible results today, much of our giving will benefit others for decades to come.

And believe it or not, there are two new ways to invest into the future of Rush Creek for many years beyond our capital campaign.

## **GIFTWISE**

The purpose of establishing a last will and testament is often viewed as passing on our money and assets to the next generation(s). However, Biblical stewardship allows us to take a higher view, asking questions such as "Why has God given me these resources?" and "What does God want me to do with these resources beyond my lifetime?"



If you don't have a will or haven't kept your will up-to-date, the church now offers an online service called GiftWise. GiftWise is an easy way to help you both think through and methodically compile a will and at no cost to you.

If you would like to explore GiftWise just scan the QR code above to learn more and/or quickly and thoughtfully put together your will.



# LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY



### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT FUND

The leadership of Rush Creek has recently approved a restricted endowment fund: the Leadership Development Endowment Fund.

### Leadership development is an enduring core value of Rush Creek Bible Church.

As such, we aspire to ensure there will always be sufficient resources to keep this commitment. This new fund will allow for the ongoing development of current and future ministry leaders in and through Rush Creek Bible Church, the Grace Gospel Fellowship, and other partnering ministries.

Those among us who have been given the gift of giving or want to exercise the grace of giving through a legacy gift during their lifetime or at the time of their passing can be assured these financial legacy gifts are stewarded well into the future.

If you are less familiar with an endowment fund, all giving to such funds are dollars which are not spent but rather invested. The fund itself generates investment income that can then be used for various opportunities; in this case to train and equip future church leaders. If you would like to learn more, feel free to call the office or reach out to Brett. He will connect you with one of our Trustees.

## **TRUSTEES**

We seek to steward the resources-people, opportunities and finances-in pursuit of God's purposes and plans for Rush Creek Bible Church.

We want to thank all of our Trustees for their work on the business issues of an organization of our size. They do a great job not only with the financial matters of the church, but also with people and processes (managing staff and related items), and risk and opportunity (facility management and building usage.)

#### **TRUSTEES 2024:**

Teri Stutes, Chair Randy Velting, Vice Chair Kristen Lee, Treasurer Chuck Stutes, Vice Treasurer April Holst, Secretary

Jason Holst Nate Johnson Dan Meyering Tim Patterson



## CHURCH CENTER APP





## **CHURCH CENTER**

Church Center is a mobile app and web experience where our congregation can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week. We are just starting to implement this app for everyone to connect in a variety of ways. Scan this QR code and download the app on your phone. Search for "Rush Creek Bible Church."

Once you set up your username and password, you will see the church welcome page and various tabs you can access. In the future we will have an online directory option so that you will have access to our church directory right on your phone. All sign-ups for events will be available here, as well as your schedule for serving in various ministries at church, information about upcoming events, and the new online giving portal!





## **GIVING**

For close to eight years, we have been using PushPay as our online giving platform. This has been a great resource to our church family for their giving and financial support of Rush Creek. However, we are excited to announce our switch to Planning Center Giving. Not only is the overall cost of this platform less expensive, it also gives the option-which many have asked for-to be able to cover the associated fees when you give to the church. It also has lower overall fees on bank transactions. Because we recently switched to Planning Center for our church database system, this giving platform will integrate well.

If you are currently giving through PushPay, we ask that you take the time to cancel that giving and switch over to Planning Center Giving. If you have questions or need help please reach out to **office@rushcreekbc.org** and one of our staff members will be happy to help you.



## GETTING CONNECTED



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

There are so many ways to plug in at Rush Creek! Here are just a few, along with some information on how to find out more.

### **ADULTS**

There are three groups that meet after the Sunday morning worship service for further study and fellowship. These groups meet at 11:30AM in the Creekside Room, Courtyard Room, and Parkside Room.

## **RUSHWOMEN**

RushWomen is for all women at Rush Creek! Our mission is to engage in authentic, Christ-centered relationships with other women. There are semester-long Bible studies, short-term groups, and R&R (Refresh and Renew) quarterly evening events to be a part of!

For more information: <a href="mailto:rushcreekbc.org/rushwomen">rushcreekbc.org/rushwomen</a>

**RUSHWOMEN** 

## RUSHMEN

RushMen is for all men at Rush Creek Bible Church. We believe that Jesus Christ is the ultimate pursuit of the Christian life and that we were never meant to pursue Christ alone. By God's design, we as men need to be intentional in each other's lives in order to fulfill God's calling on our lives to be godly men who impact our families, our churches, and the world for the sake of Christ. For more information: rushcreekbc.org/rushmen

## **EXPLORE**

RUSHMEN

Explore is a Rush Creek community designed especially for young adults in college and/or pursuing careers. Venturing together we serve others, learn from God's Word, and grow together! We're passionate about exploring and discovering God's unique calling on our new life in Christ. Meets weekly on Saturday evenings. Follow our flier for exact time and event information.

For more information: Text or email Pastor Camron: 616-633-6326, camronbefus@rushcreekbc.org

## FLIPSIDE

Flipside is our High School student ministry at Rush Creek-we endeavor to empower and equip students to live for Christ and love God's Word. During the year Flipside meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7PM.

For more information: <a href="mailto:rushcreekbc.org/flipside">rushcreekbc.org/flipside</a>



### RUSH78

Our student ministry to 7th and 8th graders, Rush78 endeavors to empower and equip students to live for Christ and love God's Word. Rush78 meets on Tuesdays from 6-8PM.

For more information: <a href="mailto:rushcreekbc.org/rush-78">rushcreekbc.org/rush-78</a>



RUSH78

### IMPACT56

This is our student ministry to 5th and 6th graders. During the school year, Impact56 meets on Tuesdays from 6-8PM.

For more information: rushcreekbc.org/impact56.



## RUSHKIDS

### **SUNDAYS**

### Children ages K-4th Grade

Our children enjoy singing, prayer, age-appropriate lessons and small group time during the Sunday sermon time that coincides with what everyone else is learning in "big church."

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## **MISSIONS**

Rush Creek has been rolling up our sleeves getting to work! We tore out the mailboxes and installed a new space to highlight Missions and Prayer. If you have ever wandered over to the Creekside entrance on a Sunday you may have noticed an area dedicated to missions. We are now moving that space to be more forefront on Sundays and during the week. The goal is to keep our church family updated on what is happening with our local and global missions. Each month we highlight missionaries or home missions to let you know about them and how you can be praying and supporting. In this area, we also have missionary prayer cards with contact information. We hope you stop by and take advantage of these resources in the future!



We are also excited to let you know that a new mission team has begun meeting. Each month we get together to address care, communication, financial needs, and engagement to help you connect with missions at Rush Creek in a greater way.

Some opportunities you can begin to look forward to include: up to date needs within local ministries, greater updates on financial projects, future adult mission trips, and missionary updates.



We challenge you to pray alongside our new missions team as we begin and learn new processes and figure out ways to best come alongside our church family, home missions, and our global missionaries.

# **COMMUNITY**PARTNERSHIPS



Through the faithful giving of God's people, we have finished up the replacement and renovations of most of our campus. A facelift on our facilities is an amazing blessing. Yet it was never the primary goal. It was simply a byproduct of striving to be good stewards of the resources, facilities, and opportunities that the Lord has graciously placed into our care.

You may have heard it said that during the school year there are over 400 people on this campus each weekday and also on Sunday morning. That's an average. A few days a week we have over 500 people in the building much of the day.

As you walk through the halls any day of the week-regardless of which room you walk past-you will witness intentional discipleship taking place on this campus.

On Mondays and Wednesdays we have the privilege of hosting the FourSquare homeschool co-op, which serves 500 kids representing 300 families. On Tuesdays and Thursday we get to experience Bible Study Fellowship (BSF); a ministry which deeply enriches the lives of 350 women, as well as builds into the lives of children of all ages. Nearly 75 leaders of BSF meet on Tuesdays in preparation of the larger gathering on Thursdays. On Fridays we play host to Classical Conversations, a smaller homeschool co-op of around 50 students. There is a common thread to all these partnerships. Each has a missional pursuit to disciple through a Christian worldview with God's word at the center of their ministries.

We realize these kinds of partnerships come with a cost. Is there wear and tear on the building as a result of our partnerships? Of course there is. Are these groups working with us to be good stewards of our facilities through their finances and planning? Again, a resounding "yes!" While you may not have the opportunity to see our partnering ministries in action, allow us to share with you some of the feedback from those families. Your giving to the ministry of Rush Creek impacts more lives than you know and in ways you may not anticipate.

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# **GRATEFUL**MINISTRY PARTNERS



Dear Rush Creek Bible Church,

My family is incredibly grateful for Rush Creek Bible Church allowing Four Square to utilize its facilities. There are so many reasons why Rush Creek is the ideal place for our children to attend their homeschool co-op, but I will name just a few. The location of Rush Creek is perfect for Four Square because it is central to many towns in West Michigan. The building gives space for worship, classrooms, physical activities, and lunch. The parking lot is great for picking up our children safely. We appreciate the gracious hearts of the staff at Rush Creek. Providing the students space to learn, interact, and grow spiritually is such a gift and we can't thank you enough. Sincerely, Kayleigh Dumond

#### Dear Rush Creek Bible Church,

Thank you for being so wonderful in letting us use your church for another year of education. Your Church is so beautiful and the space has been such a blessing for the Four Square community of children to gather and learn. Last year was my first year sending my daughter (5yo) to Four Square's program after I learned of the Homeschool program a few years ago from my friend who lives in Rockford. When I heard that she was willing to travel over 40 minutes to bring her kids I knew I needed to find out more about Four Square. I have been so fortunate because of Four Square and because of your church to homeschool my oldest daughter and now my son. Without the program and the convenience of the location for our family I would not be able to keep them at home for their education. I work as a dentist on the days they attend school and then I get to homeschool on my days off. God has blessed us so immensely with a strong community of homeschooled families that continue to encourage me and help in my efforts to raise Christ centered, loving, caring and charitable children. It takes a village to raise a family and to teach them the right paths. I appreciate your church community so very much. Thank you, Brittany Kross

Rush Creek is a wonderful and welcoming church. Their Sunday services are deeply meaningful with heartfelt worship along with passionate and biblical preaching. A unique aspect of Rush Creek is their heart for outreach. They open their doors to various community groups throughout the week which enables the Gospel of Jesus Christ to flow from their building all week long. The staff and people are friendly, loving, and genuinely care about others. I would highly recommend Rush Creek, whether you are new to church or have been attending your whole life. This would be a church (and a church family) you could easily call "home." Thank you, Bonnie Honderd (BSF Teaching Leader)

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# DEACON UPDATE



We have an amazing team of nine deacons who oversee the care of our congregation, and that is no small task! With a congregation of over 800+ who call Rush Creek their home we have many opportunities to serve this community of believers. Our deacons are not called to do all the work but rather to ensure we are meeting the needs of people and bringing others into that process. Some of the ways our deacons serve this community include:

**Urgent Care Needs -** Your deacons and pastors are only a phone call away when there is a need for intervention, prayer, or help with hard news such as a medical diagnosis or loss of a loved one.

**Visiting and Grief Care -** We have many people who are no longer able to make it to church on Sundays, many of them homebound or in long-term care facilities. We take communion to them, visit with them, pray with them, and send cards to them.

**Meals -** There are times when someone can use the support of meals for a period of time, whether it be after a surgery, the birth of a child, or other difficult life changes.

**Cards and Prayer -** So many in our congregation are great at sending cards and praying for their church family! Our deacons also reach out to our widows and many others in these ways.

**Drivers -** We have a team of men and women who offer rides to those who no longer can drive whether it be short-term or long-term.

**Memorial Service and Luncheon Help -** We have gracious women who serve the luncheons after funeral services, along with a team of people who help with setup and tear down for the events.

**Handyman Services** - We have many willing servants who offer minor home and vehicle repairs for people who are otherwise unable to do so or afford it themselves.

Do you have a need?

Please reach out to deacons@rushcreekbc.org or 616-583-7600.





## DEACON 2024 TEAM



We seek to reflect Christ's love by providing consistent presence, emotional encouragement, and tangible help during times of change or crisis.

#### **DEACONS 2024:**

Ron Scott, Chair
Terrah Quesada, Vice-Chair
John Peterson
Ken Zylstra
Maria Johnson
Al Harrison
Tom Leyder
Aaron Emmons
Irma Dominguez
Kaylee Mys, Secretary, Staff
Steve Sherman, Pastor

## Ready to join RUSH Care?



Would you consider joining us in caring for our church family? Scan our QR code to learn more and apply for a 1 year commitment!



## ELDER UPDATE & PRAYER

As we bring this Rush Creek Gratitude Report 2024 to a close, we are excited to draw our attention back to the vision the Elders set to make 2024 a Year of Prayer at Rush Creek. Whether it was through a sermon series, monthly prayer focuses, a 40 hours of prayer vigil, a new initiative to have two Elders praying throughout the entire service each Sunday, and so much more... we have sought to put prayer front and center in the life and ministry of our church family! With that in mind, we close this report with a Prayer of Gratitude:

### **ELDERS 2024**

Michael Wychers, Chair
Oscar Quesada, Vice Chair
Kendall Thompson, Secretary
Rob Miedema, Vice Secretary
Dallas Strong
Jim VanderGiessen
Jim Hunt
Cameron Townley (Pastor)

#### Lord.

We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and awe, humbled by Your boundless generosity and unfailing faithfulness. As we stand at the beginning of a new ministry year, we give thanks for the countless ways You have blessed and sustained us in the past, knowing that it is by Your hand that we have come this far.

Heavenly Father, You are our Provider and our Guide, and so we thank You for the resources, the opportunities, and the people You have brought into our midst. Every good and perfect gift has come from You, and we acknowledge that without You, our efforts would be in vain. We are grateful for the vision You have imparted to us, the strength You have given us, and the wisdom You have poured out upon us as we seek to do Your will.

As we embark on this new season, we pray that You would continue to lead us with Your Spirit. Grant us the courage to step out in faith, the discernment to follow Your path, and the love to serve others with humility and grace. May our programs and ministries be a reflection of Your heart, bringing hope, healing, and the light of Christ to all who encounter them.

Father, we also ask for Your blessing upon our church family. Unite us in purpose, strengthen our bonds of fellowship, and empower each member to use their gifts for Your glory. May our church be a beacon of Your love in this community, a place where Your name is honored, and where lives are transformed by Your presence.

We thank You in advance for the victories and challenges that lie ahead, trusting that in all things, You are working for our good and for Your glory. Help us to remain faithful to the calling You have placed on our lives, to serve with joy, and to always give You the praise!

In Jesus' mighty name, and on behalf of our church family we pray, Amen!



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