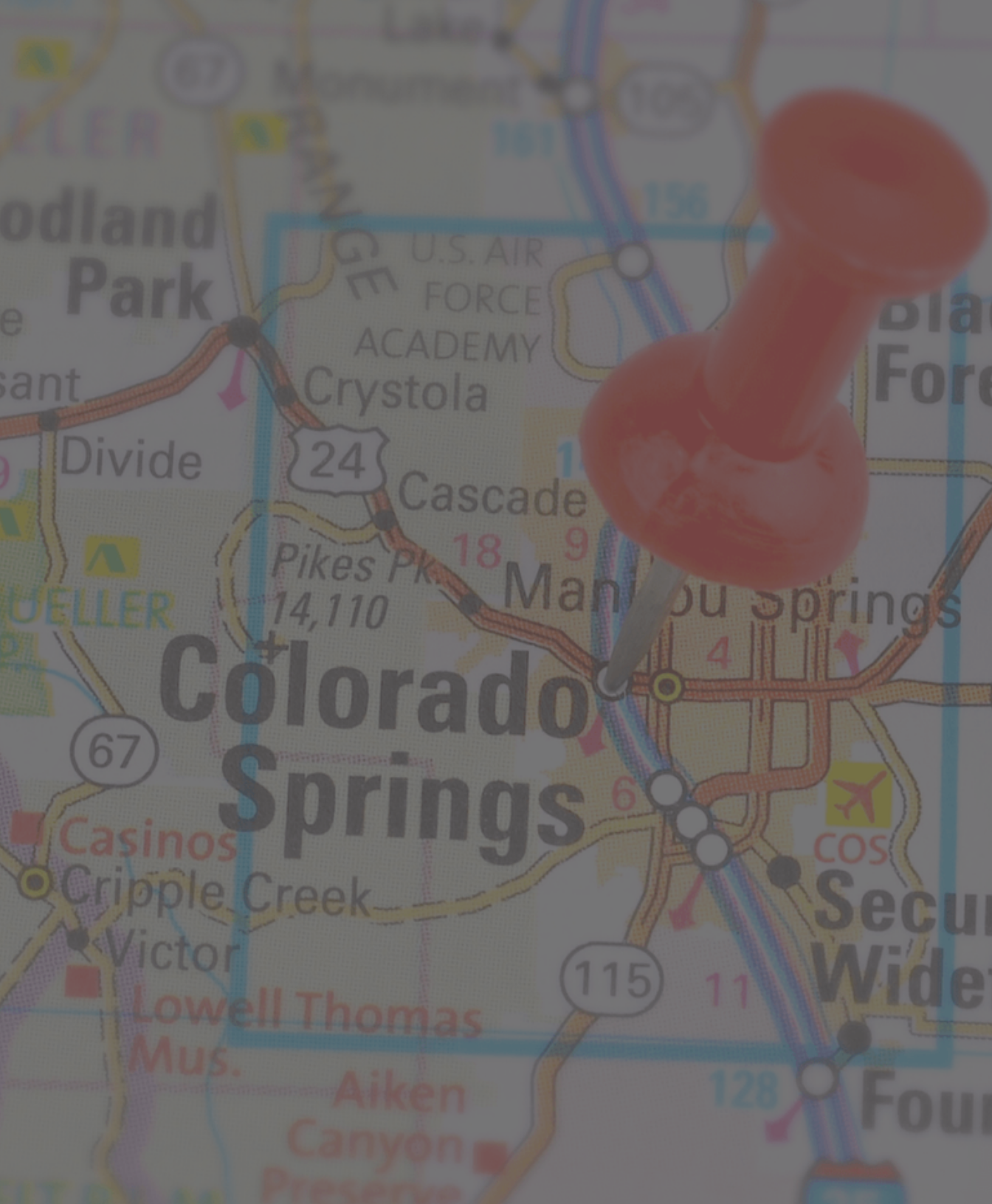




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God Has  
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

God has a NEXT for everyone. He promises to show us what it is, bless us to be a blessing in our Next Journey, and protect us through it. God's NEXT always requires a step of faith. The foundation for this is seen in the calling of Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3. For the past year I have been asking God to reveal this. With the help of our leadership team, I know what that is. In 2025 and 2026 we are going to discover how we can best:

**N**avigate Cultural Change  
**E**quip Future Generations  
**eX**pend the Kingdom and  
**T**ransform Lives

I am looking forward to this fulfilling two-year journey and I'm hoping you will join me in it. Together we will discover God's NEXT for each of us individually and collectively at Fellowship of the Rockies.

**Stewart McWilliams**  
*Senior Pastor*



**NEXT**  
*is about*



## **N**avigating Change in ministry and culture by...

- Embracing our identity in Christ
- Adopting positive and Christ-honoring social media practices
- Responding with new ministry models in light of the post-Christian reality of America

## **E**quipping Future Generations by enhancing spaces and supporting kids and youth while...

- Creating an exciting, kid-friendly ministry place
- Providing extended hours for Pre-School
- Investing in future ministry leaders through two 12-month apprenticeships

## **e X**panding The Kingdom by being the light of Christ locally and sharing the good news globally, we will...

- Provide three local mission opportunities
- Support 80 people to attend our Juarez mission trip to help build four houses, feed a local church, and minister to local children
- Encourage our members to visit their sponsored children in the Dominican Republic by reducing the cost of the trip to just the airfare

## **T**ransforming Lives Leading people to Serve and Share by...

- Equipping people to understand their spiritual gifts and be more Christlike by serving others
- Equipping people to share their faith in practical and effective ways

# NEXT

# TWO YEAR GOALS

▶ *Primary Goal:* **100%**  
**PARTICIPATION**

God has a NEXT for everyone. During this initiative, we want every single person to discover their personal next step.

▶ *Secondary Goal:*  
**\$3.924 MILLION**

Our secondary goal is \$3,924,000. We need everyone to get involved in order to do what God has for us over the next two years.



## God has a NEXT for Everyone

Generosity is an essential part of disciple-making. Think about it - There is little that we do that doesn't involve some kind of financial decision. Will we go out to lunch; will we grab an overpriced coffee on the way to work; are we looking to buy a new car or a used one that fits our budget?

If we're honest, we'd likely be able to agree that we've all experienced the allure of money at some point in our lives. For this reason, Jesus spoke often about our "treasure", the attitude about our possessions, and who really owns them in the end. We need only to look to the story of the rich young ruler (Matt. 19:16-22) to realize that the stewardship of our resources is very important.

NEXT is all about taking the Next Step in our generosity journey. It's important to understand that generosity impacts much more than our money. Generosity is a byproduct of our spiritual transformation. Jesus, who we know had little possessions in the eyes of the World, was the most generous person who ever lived. The stronger our relationship with Jesus grows, the more we place our trust in Jesus, the more generous we become. Generosity is, without a doubt, a matter of the heart.

Take the time to really ask yourself, "Why does my generosity matter to God? What NEXT step does God want me to be prayerfully considering?"





Our generosity will fund the budget for each of our ministries, enabling us to address our identity in Christ, navigate changes in the way we conduct ministry, and respond as Christ would to the changing culture.

Our generosity will enable our church to participate in three local mission opportunities, take people to Juarez and the Dominican Republic to build five houses and conduct community outreach, and continue to support over forty missionaries and organizations.

**NAVIGATING**  
**CHANGE**  
**\$1,598,000**

**EXPANDING**  
**THE KINGDOM**  
**\$547,000**



**EQUIPPING FUTURE  
GENERATIONS**

**\$997,000**

Our generosity will enable us to remodel our kid's ministry space, offer two ministry apprenticeships for future pastors, and expand our Preschool to provide afternoon care.



**TRANSFORMING  
LIVES**

**\$782,000**

Our generosity will equip and grow us as disciples by knowing and implementing our spiritual gifts and enable us to confidently share the Good News of Christ with others.

*A fully funded NEXT Initiative will encompass two years of our ministry budget and several special projects. The total need over two years is \$3,924,000 and is broken down into these N.E.X.T. categories. The first \$350,000 of this initiative will come from the sale of the Fountain property.*

## Next FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

2025 Operating Budget	\$ 1,619,000
2026 Operating Budget	\$ 1,648,000
Special Projects	\$ <u>657,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,924,000</b>

## Next FUNDING SOURCES

Congregational Generosity	\$3,574,000
Church Savings	\$ <u>350,000</u>
<b>Total Need</b>	<b>\$3,924,000</b>

*God promises to protect us and*

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# *Special* **PROJECT LIST**

**KID'S MINISTRY: .....\$412,000**

- Area Remodel & Technology Upgrade
- Air Conditioning Install
- Expansion of Preschool Hours

**PARKING LOT RESURFACING.....\$93,000**

**APPRENTICESHIPS .....\$42,000**

- 1 Year-Long Future Worship Pastor
- 1 Year-Long Future Kid's/Youth Pastor

**GLOBAL MISSIONS .....\$110,000**

- Building 5 Houses in Juarez & the Dominican Republic, including Community Outreach

**TOTAL NEXT SPECIAL PROJECTS: \$657,000**

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*provide for us in our* **NEXT** *journey*

# Committing to **NEXT**

It's possible that you've been a part of church campaigns in the past where you were invited to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular contributions. These types of initiatives have often allowed churches to do great things like build new facilities and make room for everyone!

As much as these have contributed to wonderful seasons in the history of many churches, we've found that "over and above" giving can potentially be confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving". It also has the potential to diminish the significance of the ongoing generous giving of many people at Fellowship of the Rockies.

The NEXT initiative will span two transformative years. In those two years, every gift given at Fellowship will go to the NEXT initiative to help us propel God's Vision for Fellowship of the Rockies from dream into reality. We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how the NEXT initiative will work. Please consider taking the time to fill this out, but don't worry, you'll be given an official version on Commitment Sunday, March 2nd.

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Initiative Costs \$3,924,000  
Funds from Savings \$ 350,000  
**Remaining Need \$3,574,000**

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<b>March 2025 - March 2027</b>		

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Gifts Needed	2-Year Gift Level	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Weekly Gift
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$1,923
1	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$1,154
1	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$962
5	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$577
8	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$1,875	\$433
10	\$36,000	\$18,000	\$1,500	\$346
12	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$288
18	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$833	\$192
20	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$750	\$173
25	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$115
40	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$58
50	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$48
70	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$100	\$23
80	\$1,200	\$600	\$50	\$12
<b>Total Gift Goal: \$3,574,000.00</b>				

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, feel free to use this chart as a discipleship tool - allow it to be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity and stepping out on what God has NEXT for you!

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*How Do You Play a Part?*

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*We hope that your participation at Fellowship of the Rockies, your prayer life, and your desire to be generous in order to advance the Kingdom will result in a commitment to NEXT that is from God and requires a measure of faith. In order to accomplish our church's God-sized vision for the future, we need everyone involved!*

## **WE ARE ASKING YOU TO:**



Prayerfully determine how God might be calling you to grow in your generosity to be a part of our expanded investment to reach others for Christ.



Join us for worship services over the next several weeks. Fully engage and make notes of the main points and scripture references for future consideration starting on pages 21 in this guidebook.



Commit to participating in a small group over the next few weeks. Invest the time and energy, share with your group members, and use pages 58-59 of this booklet as a supplemental guide.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Is there a priority list of spending for the special projects?**

*Yes! We believe the generosity of the church will make everything possible over the next two years. If not, our commitment order of execution will be:*

- 1. Kid's Ministry Items*
- 2. The Juarez Mission Trip*
- 3. The future Worship Pastor Apprenticeship*
- 4. The Dominican Republic Mission Trip*
- 5. The Parking Lot*
- 6. The Future Kid's/Youth Pastor Apprenticeship*

### **2. What will be included in the Kid's ministry area remodel?**

*The Kid's ministry area remodel will be an updated design that will include custom wall-graphics, lighting, wayfinding, furnishings, as well as flooring. It will be a floor to ceiling re-imagining of the Kid's ministry space.*

**3. What is the time frame for the Kid's ministry area remodel?**

*Our goal is to complete the project over the summer of 2025.*

**4. Will the Kid's ministry area remodel cause an interruption of Sunday Kid's ministry or Vacation Bible School?**

*No, we anticipate no interruption of Sunday Kid's ministry or Vacation Bible School.*

**5. Why do we want to extend the preschool hours and when would this begin?**

*This will better support the parents and the teachers would like to invest more time with kids. It will begin in the fall of 2025.*

**6. Will the future pastor apprenticeships be ongoing?**

*This is not the plan.*

**7. How will the future pastor apprentices be selected?**

*We will seek out and interview qualified candidates that are called to vocational ministry.*