

BEYOND THE HORIZON

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH



HORIZONS CHURCH

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A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

Over the past year, we’ve refined our vision through listening events, surveys, prayer, and the collective wisdom of our leadership. Time and time again, we’ve been drawn back to the Horizons property and grounds. We see the incredible potential of extending our reach into the neighborhood and city through this asset. The Holy Spirit has guided us to embark on this capital campaign to transform our faithful work into reality.

The local church is God’s missional plan to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Horizons has been appointed to reach Lincoln in a unique and powerful way, one that reflects our special identity as a community. While there are many worthy charities, the church is uniquely responsible for sharing the love of Jesus and raising new disciples to transform the world, one generation after another.

Horizons has a rich history of making disciples and changing lives, and we have the potential to expand this legacy beyond this generation to the next. We are blessed to have an amazing team working on making this a reality, including our awesome co-chairs Mary Kinning and Chris Berger.

We invite you to join us in asking, “God, what do you want to do through me?”

Peace,



Pastor Mandy Barkhaus



When I think back to this time last year and we were starting the “vision” process, I had no idea where or what God was leading us to! It is amazing to look back and see where and how far God has led us! Then to think what is ahead is a bit “mind blowing.” I’m looking forward to it.

—Mary Kinning, Campaign co-chair



I’ve been at Horizons since we broke ground on the building over 20 years ago. It’s pretty wild to look at how we’ve grown as a church during that time. What’s even more exciting is looking ahead at the next 20 years. This project is the next step to bring an even greater impact to our community and living out the commandment from Christ to love our neighbors.

—Chris Berger, Campaign co-chair

THE BIG IMPACT!



Over two decades ago our church launched a visionary endeavor to construct a place of worship that would serve generations to come, with a dream to reach people with the transformative message and life of Jesus. Through the selfless contributions of our members, we created a church where countless individuals have found faith and community. A place for weekly service, youth group, weddings, funerals, VBS, life groups, team meetings, and so much more — all pointing people to Jesus. A building that has been, and still is, well used.

As we look ahead, we envision the transformative impact that our new campaign can have on the lives of those who are yet to meaningfully engage with a church community (some of whom are yet to be born). By ensuring that our building is well-maintained and equipped to meet the needs of future members and future generations, we are creating a space where people can encounter Jesus and experience the life-changing power of God's love.

STORY OF LIFE IMPACTED

“On that youth trip, I found God and the glory and happiness He brings.”

—Grace, High School Student



Grace's story is just one example of the life-changing impact Horizons has on students, families, and our entire church community. Through youth trips, confirmation, worship, and countless other moments, God is moving in powerful ways. By investing in the future of our church through the Beyond Campaign, we ensure that more lives will be transformed for generations to come.



THE PROJECTS

Horizons strives to create spaces that reflect our mission of discipleship and our vision of loving our neighbors. A well-maintained HVAC system, safe parking, and inviting outdoor spaces contribute to a welcoming environment for all. These spaces foster community both within our church and with our neighbors, aligning with our vision of living God's love.

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

- Church Asset Preservation
- Increased Functionality and Accessibility
- Creating a Vibrant Community Hub
- Enhanced Curb Appeal
- Financial Stability

A new parking lot would support the creation of a vibrant community hub, attracting visitors for existing events like Summer Palooza and Trunk or Treat. It would also open up opportunities for hosting new events, such as farmers markets, community festivals or outdoor concerts.

By repaying the general fund for the completed portion of the parking lot, we can strengthen Horizons' financial position.



NEW HVAC UNITS

- Energy Efficiency
- Reduced Maintenance Costs
- Improved Comfort and Air Quality

Investing in new HVAC units directly supports Horizons' mission by ensuring a comfortable and welcoming environment for years to come where people of all ages can gather, grow in their faith, and serve their community.



MISSIONAL SPACE: HORIZONS PARK

- Inclusive Play
- Community Gathering Space
- Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Horizons Park will serve as a welcoming hub for the community, featuring an inclusive playground that fosters a sense of belonging for children of all abilities and inviting outdoor spaces that encourage connection, healthy lifestyles, and the expression of God's love among neighbors.



WORSHIP CENTER, PROPERTY RESERVES, & MINISTRY IMPROVEMENTS

- Enhanced Worship Experience
- Improved Community Gathering Space
- Upgraded Interiors and Aesthetics
- Boosted Morale and Engagement

Worship is at the heart of our mission, and maintaining and preparing this space for future generations to experience it fully is of great importance. Having reserves ready for our building will help us to be ready for the future.



OTHER BUILDING UPGRADES & EXPENSES

- Improved Accessibility
- Enhanced Building Appearance and Functionality
- Safety and Efficiency
- Cost Savings and Energy Efficiency
- Long-Term Sustainability

UPCOMING IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN DATES

March 4 & 5	Horizons Prayer Team Calls
March 16	Gratitude Sunday
March 23	Ministry Sunday
March 30	Prayer Sunday
April 6	Sacrifice Sunday
April 13	Commitment Sunday & Celebration Event <i>Plan to turn in your Beyond the Horizon commitment card on or before Sunday, April 13, and stay between services to celebrate!</i>
May 11	Campaign Announcement Sunday

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Ephesians 3:20-21



MASTER PLAN

COMPLETED PROJECTS

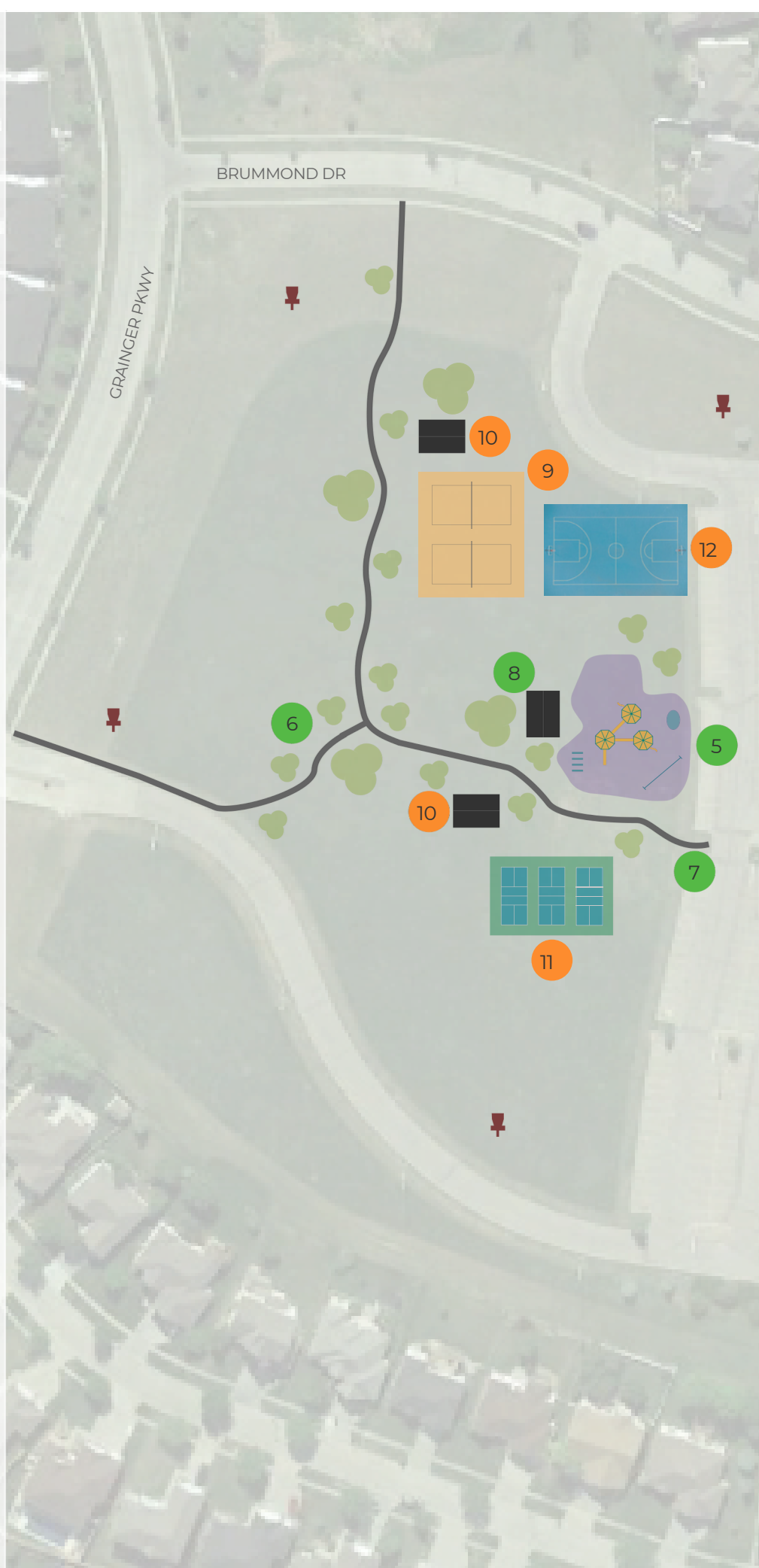
- 1 PRAYER PATH UPGRADE
- 2 DISC GOLF COURSE

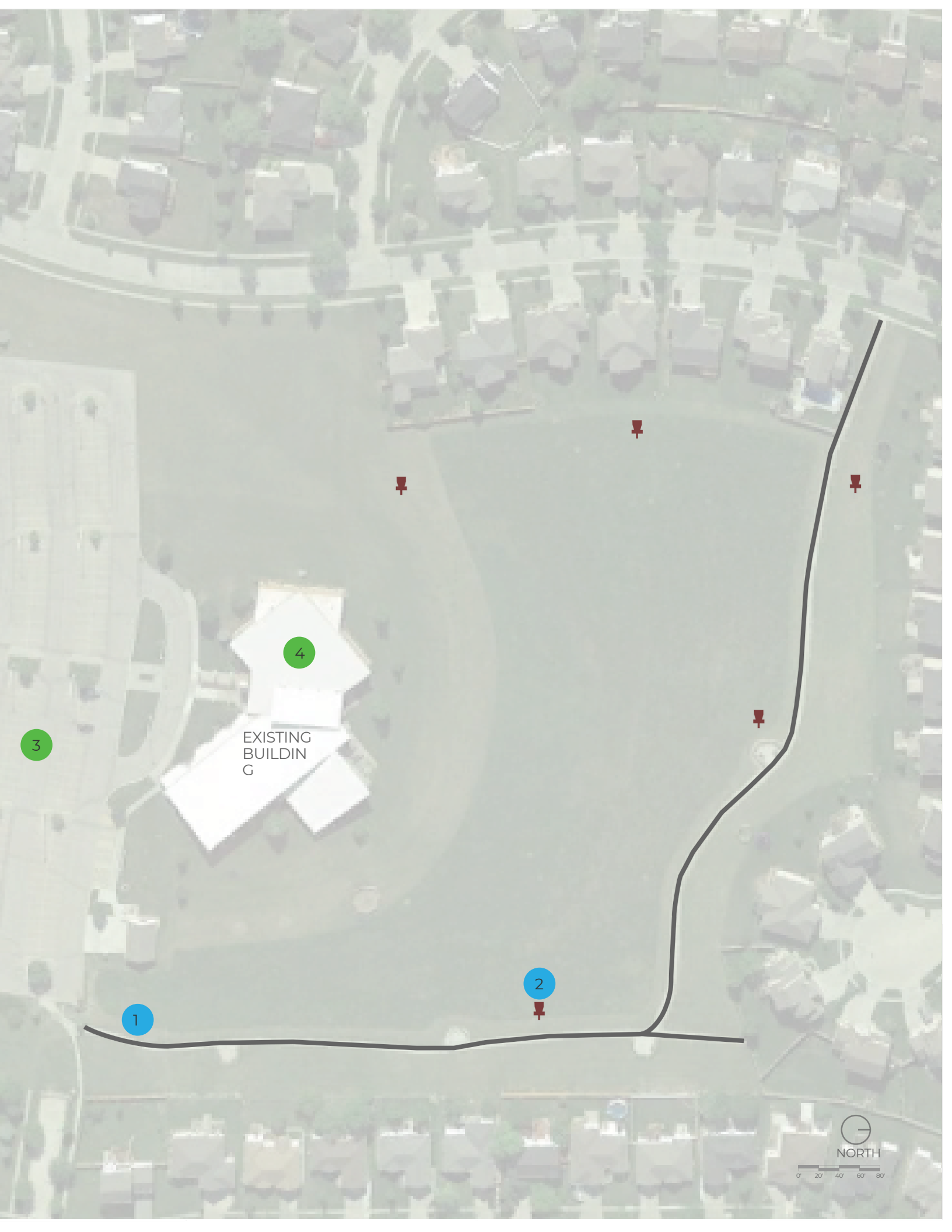
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

- 3 PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT
- 4 HVAC & FACILITY UPGRADES
- 5 INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
- 6 PARK LANDSCAPING
- 7 WALKING PATH
- 8 SHELTER

FUTURE PROJECTS

- 9 VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- 10 SHELTERS
- 11 PICKLEBALL COURTS
- 12 BASKETBALL COURTS





EXISTING
BUILDING



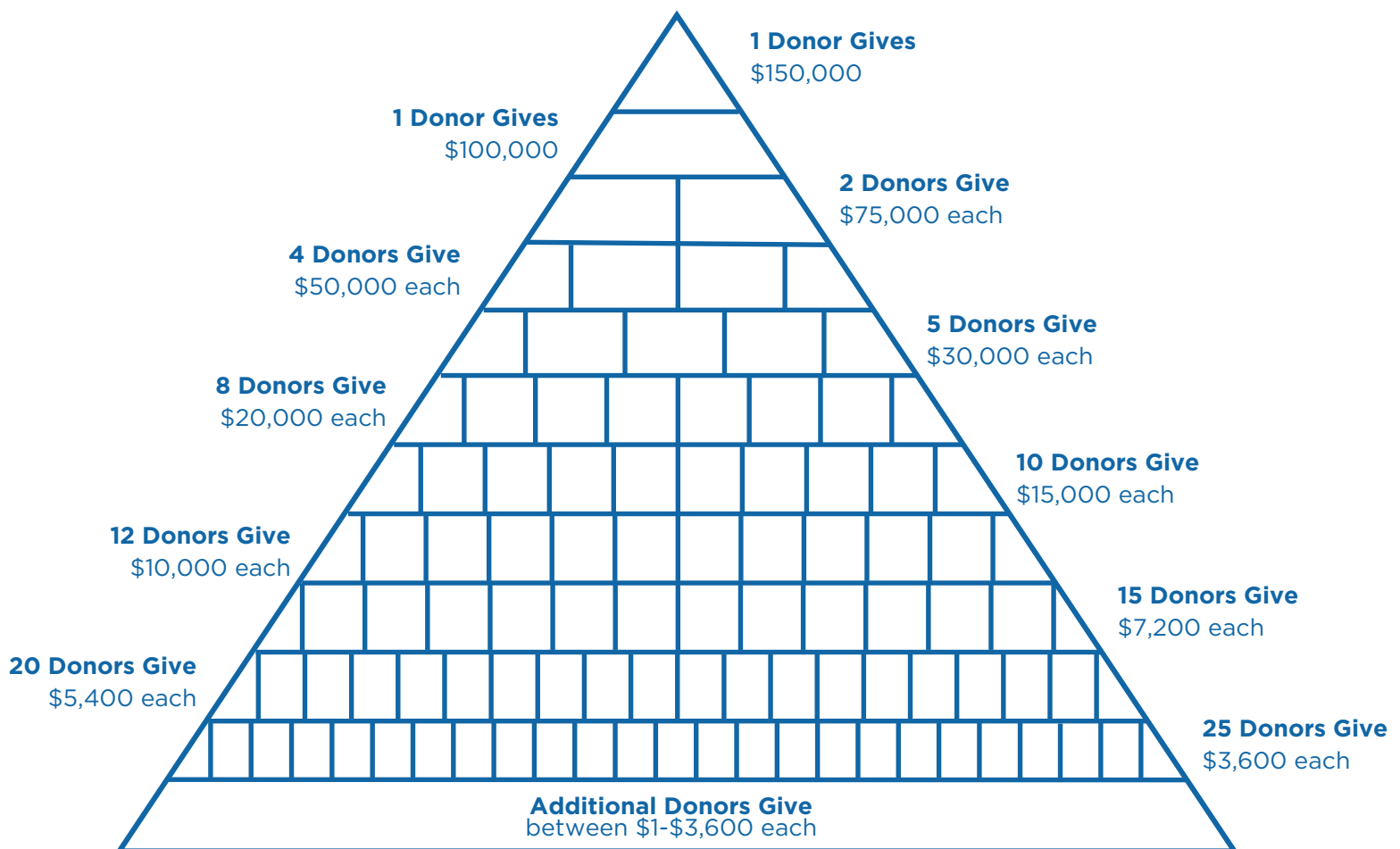
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This model outlines how we can collectively reach our \$1.6 million campaign goal. Commitments in these amounts (given over a three year time period) would be instrumental in our success. The focus is on equal sacrifice, rather than equal giving.

CAMPAIGN NEED: \$1.6 MILLION



Sample Covenant Card



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THE HORIZON**

CAMPAIGN COVENANT

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Giving Period is April 2025 to April 2028

I/We plan to support Beyond the Horizon with a total campaign gift of \$ _____

I/We plan to give as follows:

\$ _____ Weekly for 156 weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 36 months

\$ _____ Annually for 3 years

\$ _____ Other Timeframe


I/We plan to use the following payment type:

☐ Credit/Debit/ACH (Church Center)

☐ Cash or Check

☐ Stock Gift

☐ QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)



**Online
Covenant
Form**

Return this card to the office or submit online by April 13, 2025


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WHAT SHOULD I GIVE?

Only you can make that decision. Begin with prayer; ask God to guide you. This special gift should be an amount which makes a difference in your life. Make a commitment that is personally challenging and worthy of your circumstances - one that honors God.

HOW YOUR GIVING GROWS



WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$750	\$3,250	\$39,000	\$117,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$400	\$1,733	\$20,800	\$62,400
\$300	\$1,300	\$15,600	\$46,800
\$250	\$1,084	\$13,000	\$39,000
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$150	\$650	\$7,800	\$23,400
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$50	\$216	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$20	\$86	\$1,040	\$3,120



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Start your online giving here!**

Horizons offers simple and secure online giving using the Church Center app by phone or at our website: horizons.church

Thank you for your generosity!

Have Questions? Contact us.
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Next month, you will receive a campaign covenant card for Beyond the Horizon. A sample card is shown here for your reference. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in this campaign. The campaign will run for three years, from May 2025 to May 2028. A devotional guide is also included to assist you in your prayerful reflection.

This is a 3-year commitment over and above giving to the annual budget.

EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIVING.

Equal giving is never the goal at our church, but rather to come together as a church community — each sacrificing to achieve our vision. There is a role in this capital funding campaign for every member of the church and each contribution enables our success. You will not be pressured or told what you should give, but rather encouraged to pray to discern God's will for your giving. We ask everyone to pray the campaign prayer:

God, what do You want to do through me?

WE ARE HORIZONS

MISSION

Horizons is a community where we mature as disciples and lead all to Jesus for the transformation of the world from one generation to the next.

VALUES

- We are Guided by the Holy Spirit
- We are Growing Together
- We are Impacting the World Around Us
- We have a Place for You at the Table

VISION

Connecting with our neighbors to live God's love.

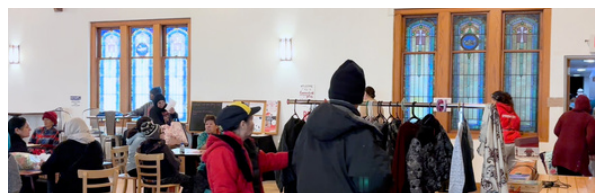
CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God, what do You want to do through me?

GOD'S IMPACT THROUGH US



A new disc golf course was donated and installed by the Reeder family. In the first several months after opening, hundreds of people have visited the Horizons property.



In 2024 Horizons started a new partnership with Connection Point, furthering the impact in the Clinton neighborhood.



In 2025 Horizons celebrates 20 years of Project Hope, and crossing over \$1 million given to help orphans in India.



The McNerny Family has been making an impact through Horizons for generations. Pictured above is Riley McNerny speaking at last year's Fusion Retreat, a trip her parents helped lead for many years.

BENCHMARKS

The Steering Team is committed to completing the following projects based on the level of support received for the Beyond the Horizon Capital Campaign. We will prioritize and complete projects as we reach their respective fundraising commitment benchmarks.



Ground Level \$1 Million **Horizon Level \$1.3 Million** **Beyond Level \$1.6 Million**

BENCHMARKS



Ground Level \$1 Million

GROUND LEVEL A: PARKING LOT RESURFACING (\$400,000)

- Drainage trenching. Milling (1 inch or less), crack-filling and asphalt overlay (2-inch) resurfacing the entire asphalt parking lot and drives.
- New paint striping of parking spaces and accessible parking spaces to ensure orderly traffic flow and parking.
- Repaying the General Fund for the 2023 project on the west end of the parking lot, west drive, and full lot crack repair.

GROUND LEVEL B: HVAC SYSTEMS (\$305,000)

- 3 Large Units (2 worship center, 1 atrium)
All units original to 2004.
- 13 Small Units (6 classrooms, 4 BOB, 2 offices, 1 backstage)
 - 3 of these small units have already been replaced. 10 units are original from 2004.
- Repaying the General Fund for the 2024 kindergarten unit partial replacement.

GROUND LEVEL C: OTHER BUILDING UPGRADES AND EXPENSES (\$60,000)

- Horizons Stewardship & Campaign Expenses
- Accessible ADA Doors
- Concrete Sidewalk Repairs (4 squares west)

GROUND LEVEL D: MISSIONAL SPACE: HORIZONS PARK (\$235,000)

- Inclusive Playground
- Park Electrical

BENCHMARKS



Horizon Level \$1.3 Million

HORIZON LEVEL A: WORSHIP CENTER, PROPERTY RESERVES, & MINISTRY IMPROVEMENTS (\$140,000)

- Worship Center Speakers
- Worship Center Lighting/Stage Upgrades
- Children & Youth Wall Wraps (BOB & DZ)
- Property Reserves

HORIZON LEVEL B: MISSIONAL SPACE: HORIZONS PARK (\$160,000)

- Landscaping/Trees
- Grading
- Walking Path/Shelter Concrete
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Tables/Benches



Beyond Level \$1.6 Million

BEYOND LEVEL A: OTHER BUILDING UPGRADES & EXPENSES (\$125,000)

- Atrium Flooring
- Window Blinds
- Kitchen Industrial Refrigerator
- Kitchen Ovens/Appliances
- Camera System (Security)
- Electricity Upgrades (Indoor, Emergency System, Parking Lot)

BEYOND LEVEL B: WORSHIP CENTER, PROPERTY RESERVES, & MINISTRY IMPROVEMENTS (\$175,000)

- Worship Center/Foyer Paint
- Tech Booth Laminate Exterior
- Worship Center Flooring
- Property Reserves (for unexpected facility needs)

FAQ

How will this project benefit the community as a whole?

This project will not only enhance our church community, but also provide a valuable asset to our neighbors in the broader community with the addition of a park.

How will this project improve the church's facilities and functionality?

The capital campaign will fund necessary maintenance and provide a new outdoor gathering space.

Have other churches built similar parks?

Yes, our vision team visited a church in Omaha with a successful park.

Will there be an outdoor restroom for the park?

No, there is no outdoor restroom planned. Some may use the main building restrooms when open.

What about maintaining the park?

We plan to expand our church steward volunteer team and invite new teammates to join in regular park maintenance. Minor issues like vandalism will be covered by our general budget, which will be adjusted based on the playground equipment company's recommendations.

How will the project be funded?

In addition to this special campaign, we're seeking grants and partnerships.

Have you already considered any grants?

Yes. We are currently considering many grant opportunities and have received one grant which will partially fund the automatic door project.

Can the items for Horizons Park be done in phases?

Yes, the park can be done in phases. The patio building basketball, disc golf course and prayer path are complete/ongoing. If funding allows, the capital campaign and grants will fund the inclusive playground, path and shelter. Future projects are outlined in the master plan.

Will this impact the General Fund?

In 2018, our Boundless for Christ Debt Reduction Campaign demonstrated that fundraising for specific projects can be done without negatively affecting our General Fund giving. By launching a similar campaign for this capital project, we can ensure that major maintenance projects do not divert funds away from our existing ministries and outreach efforts.

FAQ

How will the project address safety and liability concerns?

Safety is our priority. We've consulted with our insurance provider and will implement necessary measures. Their initial assessment indicates that adding an inclusive playground to our project will increase our annual insurance costs by approximately \$500. While this is a minor increase, it's a necessary investment to guarantee the well-being of everyone who uses our facilities.

How will the project be managed?

Our Property Management Team, along with other Horizons teams and members, will form subcommittees to oversee the projects, leveraging skills, talents and community involvement.

How will the project promote community engagement and inclusivity?

The park will be designed to be accessible and inclusive, welcoming all. We will also reach out to the neighborhood association.

How will the project contribute to the church's mission and vision?

The park will create a welcoming space for spiritual growth, fellowship and outreach.

How will the project address environmental sustainability?

We will consider sustainable practices and develop a long-term maintenance plan.

When is Commitment Sunday?

Commitment Sunday will be April 13, 2025.

How long is the campaign running?

Commitments can be fulfilled over three years, starting in May 2025 and ending in May 2028.

When will we announce the first fruits offering of early money collected?

We will announce the first fruits offering of early money collected on May 11, 2025.

Will we still run annual general fund campaigns?

Yes, we will continue to run separate campaigns for general fund giving each year.

Will Horizons commit to undertaking all proposed projects within a budget of \$1.6 million?

The Steering Team intends to implement a number of projects equivalent to the commitments received during the Beyond Campaign. Once the total number of commitments is determined, we will establish the corresponding benchmark and finalize the specific projects to be completed within the scope of this campaign.

Will Horizons take out a loan?


Horizons may take out a short-term loan, depending on the timing of donations and projects. Leadership intends to limit any such loan to the amount already covered by existing commitments.

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