



Dear Vision Family,

Wow, what a year we have had at Vision! So many people have surrendered their lives to Jesus this year, have been baptized, joined the church through membership, began serving and even leading. I'm blown away at the way God is leading His church through all of you! I've never been more proud to be your pastor than I am right now!

Let me share a few things that have happened this year. Our Sunday morning attendance continues to grow and both services are filling up. More and more people call Vision home and we must continue to be good stewards of this blessing.

We continue to see people get plugged into a group. In fact, almost 80% of our church body is in a LifeGroup! We've added more studies and are seeing many people stepping up and out to lead these studies. Also, discipleship groups (D-Groups) are forming organically, which is incredible.

Our church body continues to show a lost and broken world how to love people by serving outside the walls of Vision and into our community. FOR919 continues to impact our community and so many of you who served. We continue to partner locally with nonprofits and ministries such as Harris Creek and Forestville Elementary School, backpack buddies, iChoose Support Services, Everyday Grace Foster Care, local Food Pantries, and the Raleigh Dream Center.

Missions continue to expand under the leadership of the Missions Strategy Team. We were able to increase our financial partnership with Impact International and Beyond the Gate Ministries to provide resources for these organizations to share the Gospel in hard to reach areas. Also, we saw many of you go on mission trips to North Africa, Mexico, Zambia, Thailand, and India. Our church plant, Christ Church International, continues to grow, and have seen many people saved and baptized this year!

Vision, I believe in many ways we are modeling the church in Acts 2. We are shining our light brightly, but in order to continue to be a light in this dark world, we must continue to expand our reach, stretch our faith, and grow our church to make disciples. This is the Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20.

We recognize our growth is bringing the need for expansion; not just for the sake of buildings, but to create more space for relationships to be built, for people to connect, for our Kids and Student Ministries to have dedicated areas to gather, and for groups to meet, study, and do life together.

Throughout this year, the Growth Strategy Team and I have been working diligently to discern what this next step for Vision looks like, and we've done our best to keep you informed along the way. We're so grateful for your continued prayers and patience, as this is not something we desire to move through quickly, but to approach prayerfully and wisely.

As part of this process, we've started having detailed conversations with a select group of General Contractors regarding the overall Master Plan for our campus, future buildings, and what it might look like to step into the first phase of development. I want you to know that we expect to launch a building campaign in 2026, and that will take tremendous faith and increased generosity.

God is clearly at work building His Church, and as we continue to grow, we want to remain faithful stewards who invest in His Kingdom and trust Him to stretch our faith in the days ahead. As we continue to receive affirmation of our need for expansion, we sense the Lord may be leading us to use this year's **BEYOND Offering** to fund the planning and design work needed to prepare for the first phase of development.

What is the **BEYOND Offering**? **BEYOND** is a response to God's generosity to each one of us. **BEYOND** is a special, end-of-year offering we give to make a difference in people's lives in our community and around the world. Last year, we gave more than \$80,000 as a body! What a beautiful, sacrificial step of faith our church body has taken each year through this offering. This money has been used for capital improvements, missions, meeting member's needs, and serving our community. This is a great opportunity for you to give what God puts on your heart in order to accelerate the vision of our church and reach more people with the Good News of Jesus. We give big. We give in faith. We give so that others will live.

This year's **BEYOND Offering is Sunday, December 7th**, so please make plans to attend. Our goal is not for a certain amount to be given, but for everyone to participate and stretch their faith in some way. It's not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice. God is so generous. He gave everything so we could experience life. In response, we worship Him with our generosity.

Please pray and prepare to give generously to **BEYOND**. You play a crucial part in building the future generations and leaving a legacy. Every gift matters. Everything counts. The more we give, the more we can do to reach people far from Christ – our family, our friends, our community. There is no better investment than in the local church to reach people with the Gospel and to disciple them.

There are several ways you can participate:

1. Bring your offering Sunday, December 7th, and give during the worship service.
2. Give online at visionchurchnc.com/give or on the Vision App- designate gift to BEYOND
3. Mail your Beyond offering to Vision - 7633 Buffaloe Rd. Raleigh, NC 27616

I love you church. I'm so proud of you and I'm excited to see what God does through this stretch of faith!

Serving Him & serving you,

