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for
more**



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Welcome to BEYOND

We are in the midst of a soul-challenging and faith-stretching journey called “BEYOND: Created for More.” This focus comes from a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus — *“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* “BEYOND” means believing God and His work are not limited by our dreams or aspirations. *“Created for More” reminds us that the steps we take through faith in Jesus Christ have an eternal impact.*

That is why we are participating in BEYOND, an initiative that will have a lasting impact far into the future. One step of this involves extending our building to accommodate growing ministries. Other steps in this journey include multiplying leaders, deepening relational interaction, and increasing community engagement. As we pursue God’s heart and stay in step with the leading of the Holy Spirit, we believe that lives will be changed and God will be glorified.

Take a look at how you can be involved! Join us as we look beyond ourselves to follow after Jesus together.

The Community Church Oshkosh Leadership



EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen

EVERY STORY BEGINS WITH A FIRST STEP

1985 — First Public Service at Oshkosh YMCA
108 People Attended

1986 — First Church Plant
Whitewater, WI

1990 — First Service at Jackson Street
400 People Attended

1990 — First Worship Album “I Lift My Eyes”

1996 — First Website

1997 — First Stateside Mission Trip
Grand Forks, ND

1998 — First International Mission Trip
Africa

2000 — First Service at Ryf Road
1,057 People Attended

2013 — First Service at CC - New City
192 People Attended

2015 — First Service at CC - Winterhaven

2021 — Church Merger
*Community Church - Ryf Road & Community Church - New City
merge into Community Church Oshkosh*

2021 — First Serve the City Weekend

2022 — beyond^o



FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

THE HISTORY OF COMMUNITY CHURCH OSHKOSH

The first service of Community Church Oshkosh (CCO) took place in September 1985 after months of preparation by Pastor Steve and Lynne Johnson. Over 100 people gathered at the YMCA in downtown Oshkosh. The church grew and, in 1990, moved into its first building on Jackson Street. The church continued to grow, and the ministry expanded. In late November 2000, CCO moved to its current location on Ryf Road. CCO currently averages over 1,000 people in attendance every week between Sunday morning services in-person and online.

A church's history goes beyond its buildings and attendance. CCO has always been a Gospel-centered, innovative body. Since the opening of our doors, eight churches have been planted directly from CCO, and many of those churches have gone on to plant churches! Teams from CCO have traveled to Africa, Mexico, Greece, the Bahamas, Sri Lanka, Poland, and more. Interns have gone to serve in ministry as pastors, worship pastors, and movement leaders. Each week the leaders and volunteers of CCO impact over 150 children through Community Kids, engage over 150 students in discipleship through Community Student Ministry (CSM), and disciple 220 individuals through Foundations and Community Groups. These ministries prepare people to serve the larger community through local ministries and service opportunities.

reach connect empower

We **REACH** people with the life changing message of the Gospel by prioritizing families

We **CONNECT** people with God and others through authentic community by leveraging Sunday mornings

We **EMPOWER** people to live a life of mission by providing opportunities for people to serve



REACH

Our goal is that people will LOVE GOD through hearing and responding to the Good News of Jesus.

We believe investing in FUTURE GENERATIONS is the best way for us to carry the Gospel forward. Below are specific ways we will REACH our community through BEYOND:

SHORT TERM GOALS

- Creating a more significant, secure, and engaging area for infants through preschool. We will add an additional 2,000 sq. ft. focused on preschool and younger children.
- Increasing our environment for safe, fun, energetic age-appropriate engagement with elementary-age children. We will add 3,200 sq. ft. for elementary-age children's classrooms.
- Decreasing lines and congestion in the lobby for Community Kids check-in and pick-up. We will add over 500 sq. ft. for secure and spacious family check-in areas.
- Creating an inviting and relaxed space to facilitate spiritual growth and interpersonal connections with students. We will repurpose and re-structure 4,000 sq. ft. of space for a student lounge and expanded student worship space.

LONG TERM GOAL

- Developing a playland, which will be open to the public. We will add over 1,500 sq. ft. for the playland, with additional space for parent seating.

CONNECT

Our goal is that people will **LIVE DIFFERENTLY** because they are connected to a Gospel-centered, Jesus-honoring community.

*We believe the best way to do that in our context is by maximizing our time on Sunday mornings. Below are specific ways we will **CONNECT** our community through **BEYOND**:*

SHORT TERM GOALS

- Increasing opportunities for Bible teaching and discipleship for our church body. We will repurpose 2,400 sq. ft. of Community Kids classrooms into multifunctional rooms allowing for expanded Foundation options on Sunday mornings and community group meetings throughout the week.
- Creating more unrestricted movement and opportunities to linger. We will expand the lobby by an additional 3,000 sq. ft. for more space to gather in between services.

LONG TERM GOAL

- Increasing opportunities on Sundays and during the week for connections and social interactions. We will expand the café footprint, by over 500 sq. ft. with a connection to the playland to foster interpersonal connections.

EMPOWER

Our goal is to help people **LEAD THE WAY** as we launch new endeavors and reach our world for Christ.

We believe it is our responsibility to empower servant leaders through the creation of new ministries and the strengthening of existing ministries. Below are specific ways we will EMPOWER our community through BEYOND:

SHORT TERM GOALS

- Continue our annual Serve the City initiative.
- Increase mission support through Café on Ryf.
- Provide more mission opportunities locally and globally.
- Develop ministry cohorts and volunteer training.
- Provide more volunteer opportunities in current CCO ministries.

LONG TERM GOALS

- Develop a strategic residency program for the purpose of multiplying leadership.
- Extend the ministry of CCO by accelerating our church planting efforts.

LONG RANGE SITE PLAN

PHASE ONE:

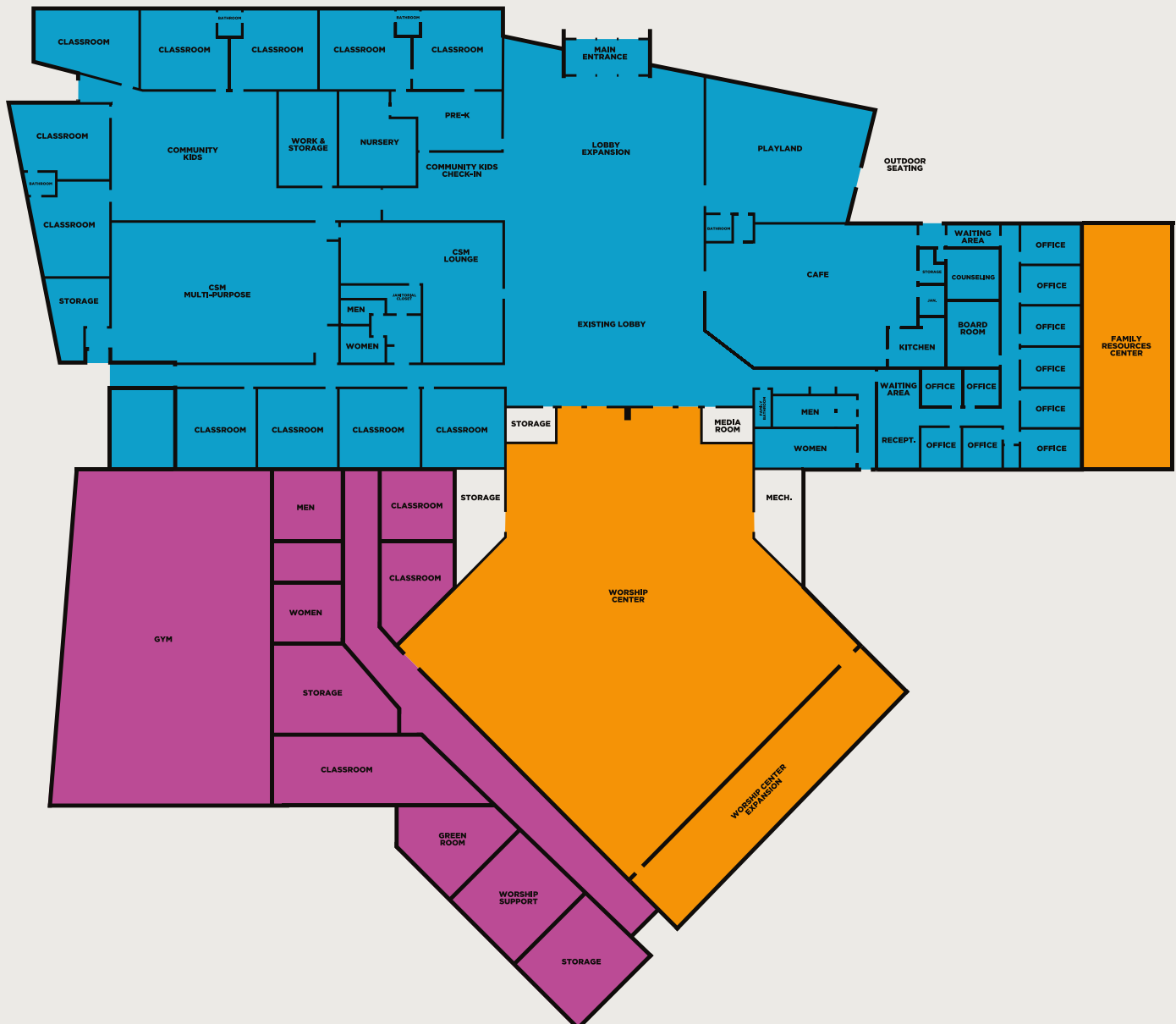
- Classrooms for Community Kids in a secure zone
- Nursery/pre-k separate from elementary classrooms
- Designated area for Community Kids check-in
- Classrooms/meeting rooms available to multiple ministries
- Lobby expansion with soft seating areas to linger
- CSM/large multi-purpose activity room for banquets, weddings, and conferences
- CSM lounge connected to lobby and CSM/multi-purpose room

PHASE TWO:

- Gym with changing rooms and storage
- Expanded area for storage, bathrooms, and classrooms
- Playland open to the community and connected to the café
- Expanded bathrooms including a family bathroom
- Expanded café seating with view of lobby and playland
- Additional administrative offices

PHASE THREE:

- Worship Expansion with support rooms
- Family Resource Center



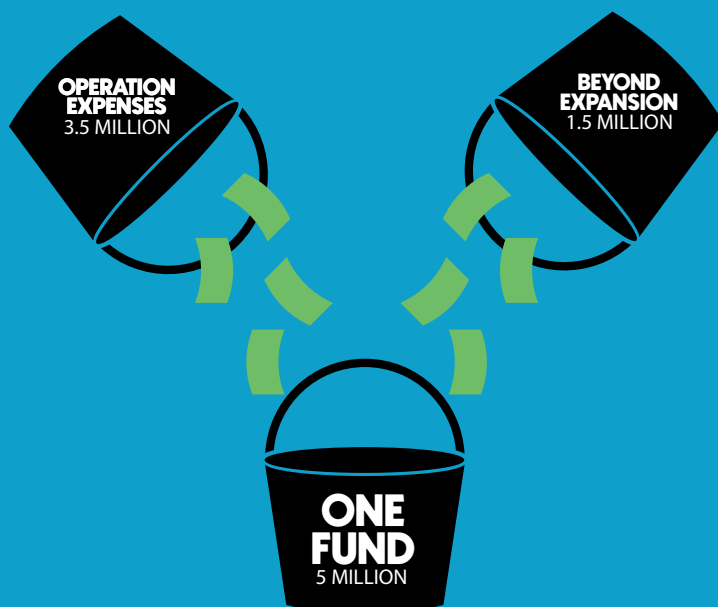
HOW DO WE GET THERE?

The BEYOND Initiative is about focusing on our values and reaching others with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus. BEYOND is not about building new facilities but about reaching, connecting, and empowering people. You may have been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your usual gifts to complete special projects.

Traditionally, you designated your gifts to two separate funds: the “Building Fund” and the “General Fund.” This type of giving is potentially confusing. Rather than taking this approach, CCO is financing the BEYOND Initiative through a One Fund approach. The One Fund is a simplified method for fully funding the mission and ministry at CCO. Instead of giving to both the operating budget AND a separate building fund, everything is accounted for in the One Fund.

We believe we’re all on one mission—to share the message of Jesus Christ and lead people to follow Him. We want our giving to reflect that same sense of single-mindedness.

FINANCIAL GOALS FOR: OCT. 2022 - DEC. 2024



A grayscale photograph of a man with glasses, wearing a patterned shirt, speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his right hand. The background is dark and out of focus.

WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO?

PRAY SPECIFICALLY

- Pray for God to move in your heart to determine your part in following God's vision for our future.
- Pray for your generosity to grow as you examine your heart regarding the gifts God has given you.
- Pray for generosity to abound in the families of CCO.
- Pray for the CCO leadership and staff in ongoing decisions that will be made during the BEYOND Initiative.

COMMIT FULLY

- Commit to participating in CCO activities and ministries.
- Commit to living more generously in all areas of your life.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

- Ask God to show you what a generous financial gift looks like for you for the Beyond initiative.
- Participate by giving generously to help reach our goal of \$5 million. This goal is not BEYOND what God can do!
- Make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving at community-church.com/give.
- See page 12 for the different types of givers and also page 13 for creative ways to give.

CHEER LOUDLY

- Own the CCO BEYOND vision.
- Become an ambassador for CCO in your spheres of influence.



1st Time Giver

- I have never given to CCO. Today I am starting my generosity journey.
- My step: Give a gift of any amount to CCO for the first time (Yay!)



Consistent Giver

- I have given to CCO occasionally, but today I will begin tithing regularly.
- My step: Determine how much my regular tithe will be (10% of my income) and when I will give it.



Sacrificial Giver

- I have been giving my tithe of 10% regularly, but now I am going to add an offering that increases my giving percentage over and above the tithe.
- My step: Determine the new percentage I want to give and calculate that amount based on my income.



Legacy Giver

- I give a sacrificial percentage of my income as an offering to CCO, but I want to give beyond that to make a Kingdom impact that will outlive me.
- My step: Consider assets I own that can be leveraged to support CCO's Kingdom work.

WHAT TYPE OF GIVER WILL YOU BE?

Your generosity makes an impact! Every dollar you give to CCO expands the Gospel, impacts our local community, brings hope to people across the globe, and transforms YOU in the process!

- Giving strengthens your devotion to Christ and frees you to live open-handedly with the gifts God provides.

- Giving provides you the opportunity to build trust in God and His provision instead of perceived self-sufficiency.

- Your financial commitment is a way to acknowledge that everything you have is a blessing from God.

- Giving is an act of worship as you joyfully return a portion to the Lord.

We are all at different places in our generosity journey, and we value each person taking the next step as a disciple of Jesus. Where are you now, and what is your next step?

CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

**The 3 main
characteristics of the
generosity journey**

For many of us, when we think of "church giving," the first thing our minds jump to is donating a recurring amount to the church. However, the BEYOND Initiative relies on you, growing as a disciple of Jesus, which leads to increased generosity! When you set your heart on things above, financial priorities take shape from your spiritual priorities.

One way to think about these priorities is through examining your generosity journey. The generosity journey is the practice of prioritizing giving in all aspects of one's life. A challenge to this lifestyle is finding creative ways, boldly and prayerfully, to prioritize generosity!

King David declared, "I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24 ESV) This is an excellent example of the spirit of the generosity journey - if a gift is for my God, the gift must have value and meaning to me. The gift that will touch God's heart will first touch the giver's heart!

Often, as you take steps in the generosity journey it means joyfully giving up something in one area so that you can give more in another.



Reassess Lifestyle

Rearrange Priorities

Reallocate Resources

KEY WAYS TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

1. PRACTICE PRIORITY BUDGETING

Many families will rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget to give more to the BEYOND Initiative. For example, priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, home remodeling, or other major purchases.

3. INCREASED GIVING WITH INCREASED INCOME

Some people receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses. Many of us are tempted to increase our lifestyle to fit the higher income. In many instances, families will decide to commit the full amount of salary increases toward Kingdom impact.

5. COMMIT UNEXPECTED CASH

People often pray for God to show them a way to give beyond what they can presently see or afford. Sometimes, the answers come unexpectedly.

7. DONATE APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own stocks worth significantly more than the original purchase price. That is good news. The bad news is that if these stocks are sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets—typically investment securities or real estate—can be highly advantageous to both the donor and the church. By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids capital gains taxes on the asset's sale. In addition, the donor receives an income tax charitable deduction for the asset's full market value. That, in effect, makes these gifts less costly to make. (Remember to consult your CPA, tax attorney, or other financial advisors before committing this type of gift.)

2. REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Often, families have significant short-term expenditures for special needs. One example is the cash flow freed up when a loan term ends. Another example is a child graduating from college during the years of the BEYOND Initiative, which would allow them to increase their commitment by giving what they had previously been spending on tuition.

4. GIVE FROM YOUR EXCESS

Some individuals may have valuable collectibles, inheritance, savings, or other resources they will donate to the BEYOND Initiative.

6. SACRIFICE YOUR EXTRA TIME

Some individuals have extra time and are willing to volunteer in various ministries. Others choose to get a part-time job to be able to give more to the church. This is particularly true for families whose children are grown and away from home and for semi-retired or retired couples.

If you want to learn more about starting your generosity journey, or you are ready to start participating financially today, please visit community-church.com/give



FAQ's

Q: What is BEYOND?

A: BEYOND is an initiative to challenge our growth in intentional ministry and generous living. We believe God does far BEYOND what we can ever imagine or dream.

Q: Why BEYOND?

A: BEYOND addresses current needs and prepares us for future opportunities.

Q: Why now?

A: We want to act and take steps today to be faithful and ready for what God has next.

Q: What will be true about CCO because of Beyond?

A: We will have greater ministry opportunities and more space to do that ministry. BEYOND guides and challenges us to intentionally live out our values of Reach, Connect, and Empower.

Q: How can I participate when I am already stretched?

A: We are ready to assist you in beginning your journey of generosity. Our consumer culture makes it easy to rack up crippling debt. We offer classes and resources to help you address your situation and experience financial freedom.

