



## **Yesterday**

Pathway began with seven young families who had visions of a church with hardworking, busy parents, striving to raise their kids in the way of Jesus. They had visions of a church with doors open to broken people and the community, creating unlimited opportunities to share the love and grace of Jesus. The vision was to answer the call of Abraham in Genesis 12, leave behind the comfortable and familiar to allow God to make us into a great nation, a great church family so that all families on earth could be blessed by the love of God.

Fifteen years later, the vision was in jeopardy as the wide open doors at Pathway were at risk of being closed forever. Disagreements on what it looked like to love seemingly unlovable people, a subtle pull to be more inward focused and resistance to pay the high cost of being community-minded, created a hemorrhage of both human and financial resources. The vision began to fade and Pathway church was on the verge of death, but those who remained recommitted themselves to sacrificial service and giving selflessly to their God-sized vision.

## **Today**

The vision is alive and thriving now! Hundreds of young families and their children flock through our doors every weekend. Marriages are being restored. Children and youth are being raised by parents who are intentionally leading their homes in the way of Jesus. Dads are discovering what it means to be a servant leader. Moms are discovering their ultimate identity is not in their career or the raising of children but in Jesus himself. People who have been beaten, burned out and bruised by the harsh realities of life are being restored. People who have turned their backs on the church are falling deeply in love with our good, good Father. Lives are being changed!

When our schools, scouts, youth sports leagues, chamber of commerce and non-profit groups need a place to convene, the doors of Pathway are open, at no charge.

You and I have experienced firsthand the transforming love of God in Pathway because those who came before us relentlessly pursued God's original vision. They were committed to keeping the doors open for real people whose lives were messy and busy. Sacrifices were made in faith to construct a campus on which we now dwell. They launched new services, ministries and the Birthday Gift to Jesus.

## **Tomorrow**

Our community, nation, and the world are changing at a rate never seen before in history. We are experiencing tectonic shifts in lifestyle, values, and diversity. Our nation and the institutional church have been polarized by differing political and cultural extremes. Technology has dramatically fragmented the family and impaired the healthy development of our children. The fastest growing religious group of people are the "nones", young adults who declare they have no interest or belief in God nor have good cause to be part of the Church.

Yet by God's favor and grace, Pathway is being used to reach the very generation of people who have been turning their backs on God and serve the community as a whole. Now, imagine your own life without the impact of Pathway. Imagine how different our communities would be. We are not perfect, but God is using a group of real, down-to-earth, fun-loving, God-honoring people to change this part of the world.

It is time now to refocus our efforts to ensure that Pathway Church is a beacon of light in a dark world and a place where everyone can experience the reckless love of God for generations to come. Here are 3 critical steps to reach our God-sized vision to reach one more:

#### **Now**

- Empower Pathway people to connect with people where they are, recklessly loving them so God is glorified over the next 10 years through 1 million and one life-changing “aha” God moments
- Equip parents who are stressed, tired, sick of polarizing politics and judgmental Christians with the tools to raise their children in the culture of God’s love and live their lives for a purpose bigger than themselves - changing family legacies.
- Leverage the unique spiritual giftedness of our church family and Birthday Gift to Jesus to continue to be a diverse, unifying presence in our community and the world at large.

#### **Next Steps**

- Reclaim the ARC gym for our growing student ministry and multi-purpose use
- Relocate ARC worship services to a new worship and event center
- Expand parking capacity to accommodate growing needs during peak times
- Create a larger, dedicated space to equip staff and laity to better serve others
- Develop a staff and laity of high capacity servant leaders
- Enhance relationships within our communities with growing event needs
- Develop a strategy for marriage renewal and ongoing strengthening of the family

#### **Future Steps**

- Create new Pathway satellites to serve the homeless, imprisoned and international ministry
- Develop a plan to expand and upgrade the space for children’s areas
- Repurpose the space connected to our pastoral care center

God has uniquely positioned Pathway to be the intersection for the community. God has already used us to transform thousands of lives for His purpose. Our future is only limited by our inability to dream as large as God. We must keep moving toward connecting people to people and people to God by sharing the love and grace of Jesus with as many people as we can.

#### **Call to Action**

Now is the time to reach for this God-sized vision by asking all of us to invest time, talents, gifts and financial resources to raise 6.5 to 7.5 million dollars. We are conducting a Fall initiative to do just that, and continue to need your feedback, thoughts, and prayers. Leadership evaluated the summation of all input while continuing our due diligence with our architect and resident builder. Because of your positive feedback we are preparing for a church-wide campaign called NOW. We have already completed the remodel of the ARC and parking expansion enabled because of gifts given last year. The hope would be to begin construction on the worship and event center in 2020.