



# A NOTE FROM BRETT

Wayne Gretzky, considered by many (outside Washington) to be the greatest NHL player of all time, once described greatness: "A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be." I once asked the leaders of one of the largest churches in America what the keys were to 40 years of health and growth. He said, "We kept our eyes on the next hill to climb."

While human nature—my nature—is to look for safe places to settle, Jesus' calling for the church is always "go." So, for 25 years God has continually called us to "Go." "Go start a church in Centreville." "Go start churches in NOVA, in North America, and throughout the world." "Go build a 7-day a week space where people experience God before they know it is God they are experiencing." As we have followed and obeyed, God has never failed to surprise!

Our first campaign was called, "More Than We Can See," because that's how God has worked. We wanted to send out high-quality, low cost marketing cards. God created a church marketing non-profit organization at New Life that reshaped the church marketing world at that time. We wanted to start a few churches, God created a church planting ministry that has helped churches on every continent (except Antarctica. Haven't broken the ice in Antarctica, yet... Yes, that was bad.)

So, when it came time to build, we sensed that God wasn't merely leading us to build a church building. He was going to do more than we could imagine. Eight years ago, many made significant sacrifices in faith—despite not quite understanding the vision. Today, the nZone changes lives in NOVA and has inspired new vision for churches across the U.S.

But, great hockey players anticipate where the puck is moving. Great churches move to the next hill that needs climbed.

Our next hill is to make room. A few weeks back, an enthusiastic man approached me after second service. "Brett," he said, "I'm not complaining, but when I drove in today I couldn't find a parking place. I'm not complaining," he repeated, "I think it's great!" Too little parking is a great problem to have, but it's still a problem.

During the week, too little parking is a safety problem. We live in fear that a child might get hurt because the parking lot is so crowded.

On Sundays, bad parking kills our ability to reach our lost friends and neighbors. As a friend of mine says, "Newcomers don't need two reasons not to come to your church. One will do." Let me go out on a limb: People in NOVA hate traffic. They don't want to deal with traffic and parking on Sunday mornings.

Our Sunday morning seating is not limited by our building. It is limited by our parking. American's still prefer to attend services between 9 and 11:30 am on Sundays. However, to expand our seating capacity, we must expand our parking capacity.

Recently, New Life leadership saw God open up an unbelievable opportunity. The land next door, once approved as a hotel site, came available for sale. God went ahead of us so that we had a relationship with the owner before we knew he was the owner! Now, we've been able to buy the property and it's time to develop.

Throughout the history of New Life we have seen God work and build His church in ways we couldn't imagine. He has grown New Life and changed lives in ways we can only describe as miraculous. Through God's favor upon New Life and Passion for Community we have credibility in the community and have impacted countless families around us. God exceeded our dreams of starting one new church every year to not only have a family tree of well over 200 churches

but to lead a highly respected national church planting ministry. Almost 10 years ago He provided the "Bud Building" at a price we couldn't imagine and the resources to convert it to a sportsplex with regional recognition which is bringing new families into His Kingdom on a weekly basis. Yay God!

We believe, I believe, God is on the move once again. He has been revealing to us new strategies to reach people far from God. He has been teaching us how to better disciple His followers within New Life. He has been answering prayers we've been asking for years and has now given us the vacant lot just north of the nZone.

As we enter the Fall, we are seeking your prayers and support as we join God in the next season of His church. Join us as we make more room for God in our lives and more room for people at the nZone and New Life.

### Brett Andrews Lead Pastor

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." MATTHEW 28:19

# **NOW IS THE TIME**

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

NEW LIFE PEOPLE FILLED WITH HOPE PERMEATE THE NZONE EACH DAY. THEY MOVE INTO OUR STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS, INTRODUCING MORE PEOPLE TO CHRIST. NOW IS THE TIME TO UNLEASH MORE OF THE HOPE WE FIND IN GOD BY MAKING ROOM.

The most exciting thing God is blessing right now is our renewed focus on disciple making.

Staff members having individual conversations with people about being disciple makers who make disciple makers. We have access to some disciple making leaders who are teaching and coaching us and are already seeing fruit in that. We believe more people are making disciples which will lead to more disciple makers and that demands greater capacity here in this place.

Making Room is all of that. It's about stewardship, how can we be the best stewards to best leverage what God has given us. But it also gets personalized with Paul's, "make room in your hearts for us." New Lifers need to make room for lost people by leveraging what we have been blessed with to help us make more and more disciples 7 days a week.



# **HOW ARE WE MAKING ROOM?**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." ROMANS 1:16

EVERY YEAR 500,000 PEOPLE COME THROUGH THE NZONE'S DOORS. BY FAR, MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE DO NOT CALL NEW LIFE THEIR HOME. WHILE MOST CHURCHES STRUGGLE FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, NEW LIFERS HAVE THOUSANDS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO START SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS BECAUSE OF THE NZONE'S OUTREACH. AS A RESULT, EVERY WEEK WE HEAR STORIES OF PEOPLE COMING TO KNOW CHRIST AT NEW LIFE AFTER FIRST DISCOVERING THE NZONE. NOW, IT IS TIME TO MAKE ROOM.

## New Life leaders believe God has made the 5 acres next door available so we can expand.

Expanding parking next door allows us to make room for more of our friends and neighbors to use the nZone seven days a week. Most churches struggle to keep their parking lots full throughout the week. New Life doesn't have that problem. We struggle to have enough parking spaces for the convenience and safety of our guests.

Expanded parking allows us to make room for people on Sunday mornings as well. One church consultant said, "Newcomers don't need two reasons NOT to return. One reason will do." Newcomers want to attend services between 9am and 11:30am on Sunday mornings. More parking makes room for more newcomers to experience God on Sunday morning.

Making room also means expanding our outdoor community service opportunities. New Lifers have

great ideas for the land next door. Children's play area? Soccer fields? Dog park? Volleyball courts? Some of the older staff are hoping for shuffleboard... (not gonna happen). Making room means more opportunities to serve more people.

Making room also means reaching more people by starting more churches. The first 10% of our campaign will help start new churches that reach new people for Christ. Over the years, New Lifers have helped start nearly 250 new churches which reach over 31,000 people every Sunday. Many of those churches were started through past generosity campaigns. Making Room means reaching more people beyond our community.

# **WE NEED LEADERS**

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." MATTHEW 9:37 - 38

WE NEED LEADERS AND PARTNERS TO STEP FORWARD TO CONTINUE THE TASK OF TURNING ORDINARY PEOPLE INTO EXTRAORDINARY FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. MAKING ROOM IS A STRATEGIC MOVEMENT THAT GOD HAS BIRTHED WITHIN OUR CHURCH. IT INVOLVES BEING A PART OF CHANGED LIVES.

This project will require all who call New Life their church family to reach out together as we put "others first," recognizing that our generosity and sacrifice are simply a response to Jesus' transforming love at work in our own lives.

# **WE NEED BOLD PRAYERS**

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS SEEN AN AMAZING MOVEMENT OF GOD OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS! WE HAVE BEEN A CHURCH THAT'S COMMITTED TO GOING BEYOND SUNDAY MORNING AND REACHING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.

We have made a tremendous impact on our community providing a welcoming atmosphere for worship, fellowship, and life-changing Bible teaching that builds strong families, mends marriages, and brings hope to the hurting for eternity.

While our history is encouraging, our future is exciting. NOW IS THE TIME to prayerfully commit to the future of NLCC and our mission to reach the world with Christ's love. We are asking each person who calls New Life his or her home to pray this prayer:

"God, please give me your heart for people who don't know you yet. Open my heart to courageously do whatever it takes to help New Life reach MORE beyond our walls with HOPE through your transforming love. Open my hands to a lifestyle of giving that reflects your heart and brings HOPE to the world. Lord, I want to follow You in my generosity."

## THE GRACE OF GIVING

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints." PSALMS 85:8 ESV

EVERYONE WHO CALLS NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH HIS OR HER SPIRITUAL HOME HAS UNIQUE GIFTS, TALENTS, ABILITIES, AND RESOURCES TO CONTRIBUTE. AS WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE GENEROUSLY, GOD IS ASKING EACH ONE OF US TO GIVE PROPORTIONALLY TO THE VISION OF MAKING ROOM. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT GOD IS ASKING OF YOU.

#### **COMMITMENT AT-A-GLANCE**

Use this chart to easily estimate your total gift over the 3 year campaign:

Total Pledge	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1,000	333	28	6
2,000	667	56	13
4,000	1,333	111	26
5,000	1,667	139	32
7,500	2,500	208	48
10,000	3,333	278	64
15,000	5,000	417	96
20,000	6,667	556	128
25,000	8,333	694	160
50,000	16,667	1,389	321
75,000	25,000	2,083	481
100,000	33,333	2,778	641
250,000	83,333	6,944	1,603

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

Feel free to give using whatever method you prefer however we would like you to be aware that sending us a check or giving via ACH minimize the fees charged to the church maximizing your donation.



#### **IN PERSON**

Drop your check in the bag as they are passed: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am



#### BY MAIL

Send a check or money order: 14550 Lee Rd., Chantilly, VA 20151



#### ONLINE

Give online by visiting: newlife.church/egive



#### **OTHER**

Want to donate another way? Email: giving@newlife.church to discuss other methods of giving such as donating stock.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY?

As we dream about this property we are asking ourselves what helps us reach people now, pays for itself over time, and doesn't limit our future options.

We know that parking is a concern for everyone. There will be additional parking to help minimize the number of times people circle the lot and leave without coming in. This applies both to church and other large activities in the nZone. We will likely add between 50 and 150 parking spaces. Every space allows us to set up four more chairs for Sunday services.

We also envision a number of outdoor activities on the property. We are looking at a multi-use artificial turf field, basketball courts, a walking/obstacle course trail, an outdoor playground, and more. The goal of each these is to give more people reasons to be at the nZone. Each new activity and/or group of people gives us more opportunities to start spiritual conversations.

#### WHAT IS THE CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE?

We are already using the property for informal overflow parking. God's timing for breaking ground on a parking lot and outdoor activities area depends on our financial resources moving forward. The more we can raise in this campaign and the quicker we can sell our Rt. 29 property (our expectation is third quarter of 2019), the sooner we will be able to move forward. Based on our experience and the conversations we've already had with the County; the approval process will likely take from nine to fifteen months after we submit our plans. In the end we are praying to be able to break ground early 2020 with construction complete by late 2020.

#### WHAT'S IT GOING TO COST?

The estimated costs at present are \$3 million, but the need is greater, of course. Our preliminary exploration tells us that site development and parking will cost about \$1.5-2M, installing a multi-use artificial turf field would cost about \$1M. Other outdoor activities areas would be similar in cost.

#### **CAN THE NZONE PAY FOR THIS?**

New Life and the nZone have a symbiotic relationship. Without the nZone, New Life would be less visible during the week and could only afford a much smaller meeting space. Our opportunities to share Christ's love with our community would be diminished. Without New Life, the nZone would not be able to afford the property or the required improvements. While the nZone does contribute significantly toward our mortgage and utilities, if it were independent of New Life, the nZone would have to charge more for many services reducing our ability to be good news to the community around us. The need to share Christ with people is immediate. This project will help us continue connecting people to Jesus.

#### **HOW CAN I HELP?**

Above everything else we ask for your prayers. We continue to believe that our best strategy for leading people to Christ is to seek God first in all that we do. Pray for our leadership and the entire staff of New Life and the nZone. Pray for discernment and wisdom for the design team in understanding God's purpose for the adjoining property. Pray that God honoring conversations will continue to happen on a daily basis in the nZone. Pray also that God will lead you to participate in whatever way that is right for you. Our desire is that everyone who calls New Life home would participate financially (no matter the amount) and relationally. By this we mean that you would actively join God in drawing people to Him through the nZone and New Life. Join the nZone. Partner with us. See God work through you. This isn't about revenue or building the nZone "brand", this is about starting conversations with people who need Jesus and making disciples who make disciple makers.

In the same way that hundreds of families at New Life have generously given to get us where we are today, we are asking you to give sacrificially. Whether that's through a one-time gift or committing to give over the next three years, we appreciate your financial contributions. We can also receive stock and other donations that can be easily converted to cash, often at a significant tax benefit.

