

NEXT 

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Philippians 2:2



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A MESSAGE FROM *Pastor Jamus*

It was almost 16 years ago when a small group of believers went on faith and started Pleasant Valley Community Church. It was a humble beginning, but God has blessed us with incredible growth and used the people of PVCC to accomplish His Kingdom purposes through the years. To be sure, countless lives have been impacted for Christ and for all of eternity. We weren't all there on that first Sunday, but we are here now. And that makes us the fruit of their faithfulness to God, and of God's faithfulness to PVCC.

Annie and I consider serving among God's people at PVCC one of the greatest joys of our lives. There is not a church in America that we would rather serve than right here! God has truly accomplished more than we could have asked for or imagined, as He has worked in and through you as the people of God at PVCC.

While we recognize and celebrate the incredible work of God over the past 15+ years, the Spirit of God has burdened our hearts with this question: "What's NEXT?"

I believe with all of my heart that God has given us a clear and compelling vision for the NEXT 15 years of our church – to **saturate** Owensboro with the Gospel – so that there's not a neighborhood or cul-de-sac in our city that's not been touched by the Good News of Christ. And . . . I believe God is calling PVCC to become a launching pad of servants, leaders, church planters, and missionaries across our city and around the world – for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to *NEXT*.

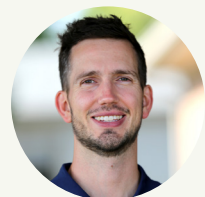
NEXT is a two-year, Spirit-led initiative that, by God's grace, will enable us to **build, invest,** and **multiply** the amazing work of God in our lives at PVCC, throughout Owensboro, our country, and to the ends of the earth.

It is a God-sent, God-sized vision that we are fully embracing as God's answer to our passionate prayer for God's *NEXT* assignment for PVCC. This is going to be an incredible, life-changing, and world-changing journey, and YOU are invited!

Years from now, we will look back on this moment and be amazed at what the Lord did in and through us in these days. This Spirit-led initiative will challenge us. It will stretch us. It will grow us. It will change us, and by God's grace, it will change the world!

With that in mind, let's begin this exciting journey of *NEXT* together!

JAMUS EDWARDS
PASTOR OF PREACHING AND VISION



Our Story...

1. PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH IS BORN

Pleasant Valley started in an old warehouse in 2006 with a small group of 20 believers who stepped out with enormous faith in the work they believed God was calling them to. Five families who believed God wanted to move in a radical way to reach a new and changing generation took a risk. They purchased our building on Pleasant Valley Road and hired Pastor Jamus Edwards to lead this new church. It seemed risky, and many people told them they were crazy to risk their own livelihoods by signing on as guarantors to secure this building. But those families had faith in what God was calling them to do and stepped up boldly, giving sacrificially to the vision that God had given them. As the people of Pleasant Valley worked night after night clearing out conveyor belts and making that old warehouse into a church, they prayed that one day God would fill it with hundreds of people. And He did.

2. GOD BRINGS A HARVEST, AND MORE WORKERS

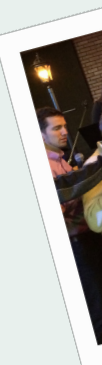
From humble beginnings, God began to grow PVCC exponentially as our people lived on mission to see our city changed by the Gospel. For the first 8 years, the church grew by an average of 100 people per year, quickly filling the building to capacity. As God began to bring more and more people, he also brought just the right leaders, staff members, and pastors at just the right time who made great sacrifices to serve and help shepherd His people.

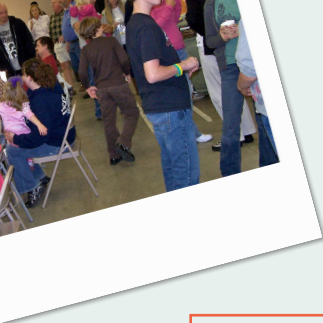
3. FOR THE CITY MINISTRY STARTS

God gave the people of Pleasant Valley a vision to **invest** in our community and to serve as a refuge of safety and help for those who are struggling. It was out of this heart that *For The City*, our mercy ministry, was born. Initially a one-day service event, this ministry developed into a highly-relational long-term partnership with local schools, mobile home parks, and families to empower individuals to break out of the cycles of generational poverty that they are so often trapped in. *For The City* would serve hundreds of people in our community, with many graduating out of the program and going back in to mentor others who were going through it.

4. A FOCUS ON MULTIPLICATION AND CHURCH PLANTING

While Pleasant Valley had been a part of church planting networks from the very beginning, in 2013 PVCC finally sent out our first church planters to start a new work and **multiply** our ministry. Barry and Amy Rager, along with several PVCC members, moved to Indianapolis, IN to start New Circle Church. In 2014, Pastor Danny Hinton planted our second church plant, Gospel Community Church, on the west side of Owensboro to reach the deaf and special needs communities. In 2015, Will and Niki Troutman, along with many Pleasant Valley members, were commissioned out to plant Harvest Church of Calhoun in Calhoun, KY.





... Go Far

5. A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON LOCAL EVANGELISM

In 2018 and into 2019, Pastor Jamus led us into a focus on prayer for the lost and personal evangelism. Our vision was to see the Gospel saturate every inch of our city, and so we began calling our people to share it boldly. We set a goal to have 3,000 Gospel shares in 2019, and had everybody place a pin on a giant map of Daviess County wherever they shared the gospel as a visual representation of that saturation happening. God was faithful to honor our obedience, and we saw over 100 people baptized during this period, with over 60 occurring at a huge, evangelistic tent revival downtown on the Owensboro Riverfront.



6. SENDING OUR FIRST INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

International missions has always been a vital part of our ministry at Pleasant Valley. We've given hundreds of thousands of dollars to support missions and ministries all over the world, but in 2020 God raised up the first international missionaries who were sent out from within our body, Josh and Marie Ehlers. The Ehlers are serving in the Czech Republic, where they are currently in leadership at Kostel Jinak while preparing to plant a new church in Owensboro's sister city of Olomouc.

7. RESPONDING TO COVID

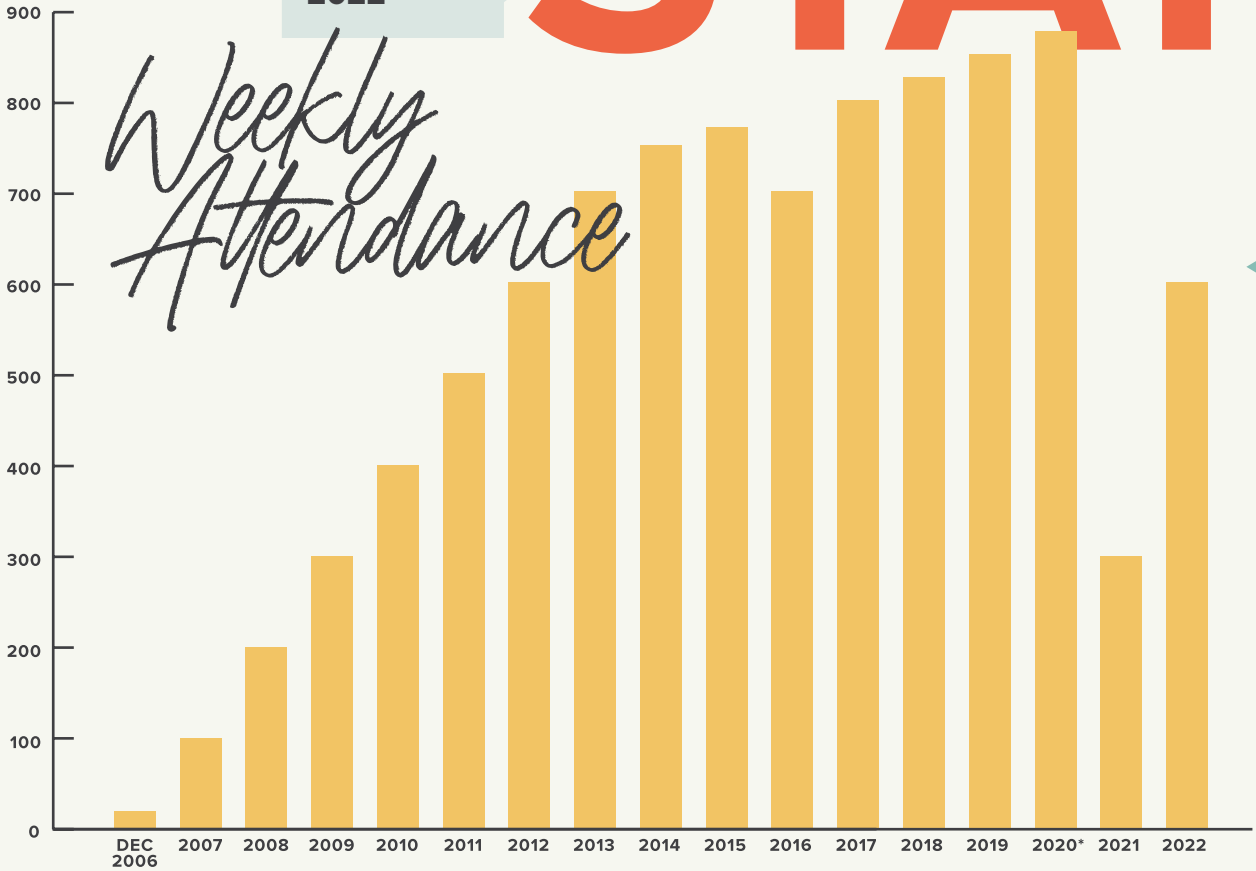
When the COVID-19 Pandemic shut the world down in March of 2020, our people stepped up with a bold vision to love and serve their neighbors and to be a light in a turbulent world like never before. We brought all of our services online in a more easily-accessible way than ever to get the Gospel message to our city, but perhaps most importantly, we went to work right away organizing relief for the people of our community. Our members delivered food and cards with prayers and encouragement for hospital workers and teachers. We had one of the largest food drives in Owensboro every single week to get food to those who were struggling. At the beginning of the pandemic we distributed hundreds of yard signs where our people could display their phone numbers and neighbors who were in need could call for help. We even began to minister in many local mobile home parks, a ministry that has continued long after the world returned to normal. This experience further illustrated what we already knew— people in our community are hurting, and it is important that the church is committed to being a safe harbor from the storms of this world.



STATISTICS

AS OF
SUMMER
2022

Weekly Attendance



690

BAPTISMS IN THE
LAST 15 YEARS

455

CURRENT
MEMBERS

263

CURRENT
VOLUNTEERS

**603 PEOPLE HAVE
VOLUNTEERED
IN THE LAST 15
YEARS**

3,100+

DIFFERENT PEOPLE
HAVE CONNECTED WITH
OUR CHURCH IN
THE LAST 15 YEARS



STATISTICS

NEXT GENERATION:

Valley Kids



CHILDREN BAPTIZED THIS YEAR
110 CHILDREN
OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

543 KIDS HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE MINISTRY IN 15 YEARS

178

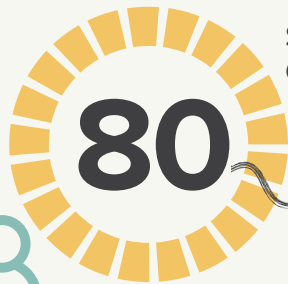
KIDS IN OUR KIDS MINISTRY



7,050

BIBLE STORIES HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO KIDS

Students



STUDENTS IN STUDENT COMMUNITY GROUPS THIS YEAR

90

STUDENTS ATTENDING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS YEAR



TEENAGERS HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE STUDENT MINISTRY IN 15 YEARS

300+



1,438

TEENAGERS HAVE ATTENDED CAMP AND SPECIAL EVENTS



80+

STUDENTS BAPTIZED IN 15 YEARS

MISSIONS

We directly support missionaries in 5 countries:




GIVING





> 75 KIDS
KIDS ADOPTED THROUGH OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY

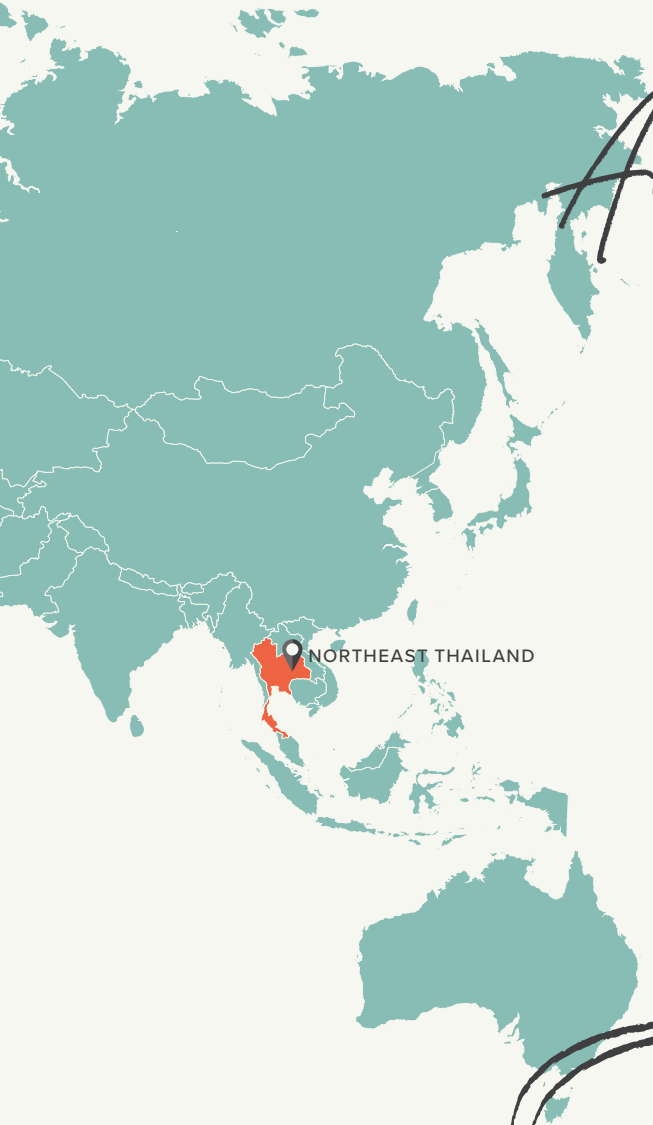

> 450 FAMILIES
HELPED THROUGH FOR THE CITY


> 7,800 PEOPLE
HELPED THROUGH OUR FOOD PANTRY


> 300 TEACHERS
HELPED THROUGH OUR MINISTRY


577 MEALS
DELIVERED TO PVCC MEMBERS GOING THROUGH DIFFICULTIES

Adult Discipleship



45 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND D-GROUPS



PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN SMALL GROUPS **453**

1,368

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN A PART OF A SMALL GROUP OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

GIVEN RIGHT BACK OUT THE DOORS TO **FUND THE GREAT COMMISSION**



375 COUPLES HAVE BEEN A PART OF OUR MARRIAGE MINISTRY

60 MARRIAGES RECONCILED AT OUR CHURCH

MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH STARTED GRACE MARRIAGE, WHICH IS CHANGING MARRIAGES IN HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD

40 PEOPLE WHO WILL RECEIVE MARRIAGE HELP IN 2022

GOD HAS BEEN DOING AMAZING THINGS IN OUR CHURCH
OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS.

BUT WHAT IF HE'S JUST GETTING STARTED?

WHAT IF ALL OF THESE LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRIES ARE JUST
THE BEGINNING OF WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO?

WHAT IF GREATER THINGS ARE ON THE HORIZON, AND THE
BEST REALLY IS YET TO COME?

*What if all of
this has been
leading to what's...*



NEXT 

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WHAT IS *NEXT*?

NEXT is a two-year Spirit-led initiative to **build** a foundation that will launch us into our *NEXT* 15 years of ministry.

Our vision for *NEXT* is to **Build, Invest,** and **Multiply** our ministry to reach and disciple a new generation not only in Owensboro, but around the world.

We want to saturate Owensboro with the gospel so that there is not a neighborhood or cul-de-sac that has not been touched by the gospel. We want PVCC to become a launching pad for church planters and missionaries all over the world for the glory of Christ.

THE URGENCY

There are over 101,000 people that live in Daviess County, but only about 10,000-12,000 who attend church. This means there are over 90,000 people in Daviess County who didn't go to church anywhere last Sunday, many of whom are lost without Christ. We believe the harvest is plentiful, and the time to reach them is now.

God has given us a big vision, and so we are stepping out with a big faith.

NEXT is going to take all of us!

One Vision. One Fund.

Over the *NEXT* two years, we're focusing all of our generosity (tithes, offerings) into one fund. This single fund will provide the resources needed to **Build, Invest, and Multiply** for what's *NEXT*.

Unlike traditional campaigns, *NEXT* is a "one fund" initiative, meaning that all of our giving occurs as a combined gift and goes toward all three areas of investment. It's all one mission, so it's all funded through one budget.

Why does this distinction matter? We want everyone at our church to experience greater faith, surrender and generosity through *NEXT*. Through a "one fund" initiative we can invite everyone to grow in generosity, regardless of where you are in your journey, even if you're not currently engaged. In short, *NEXT* is a vehicle designed to help each of us take the *NEXT* step on our discipleship path.

NEXT will last for two years. During that time, every financial gift to Pleasant Valley will go toward multiplying our ministry, investing in children and students, and expanding Christ's reach globally as we **Build, Invest, and Multiply** toward the *NEXT* 15 years of ministry and beyond.

THE PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

Our primary goal in *NEXT* is that every person at Pleasant Valley would engage the fight for trust, obedience, and generosity by asking what it means to put God first.

NEXT is going to take all of us, and so our primary goal is to see every person in our church family participate in this Spirit-led initiative.

THE SECONDARY GOAL: \$8 MILLION

We are trusting the Lord for \$8 million over the *NEXT* two years to accomplish this God-sized vision in three areas: **BUILD, INVEST, and MULTIPLY.**



BUILD

WE WANT TO BUILD A BASE CAMP THAT WILL SERVE IN 3 WAYS:

1. We want to **build** a place of unwavering truth in a fallen, compromising world.
2. We want to **build** a place that will serve as a lighthouse in a dark world full of broken, hurting people.
3. We want to **build** a place of community in a world where people are more lonely than ever.



Build.

God is calling us to expand our facility to make space for the people that He is saving:

- This new space will allow us to **double** our current children's ministry capacity and serve over 430 kids on a Sunday morning, with room to accommodate those with special needs.
- We will increase our student ministry area by 50%, creating more worship and classroom space for discipleship during these formative years.
- We will **build** a new 750+ seat auditorium to **nearly double** our capacity and serve an additional 800-1,200 adults each Sunday.
- We will **build** new office space for our staff, to continue to bring the best-equipped men and women that God is calling to minister here in Owensboro.
- We will centralize our lobbies into one main hub that is nearly 2.5 times larger than both of our current lobbies combined. This will create a more inviting and hospitable environment that will allow guests to feel and experience the love and care that our church family has for them.
- The increased children's space will also allow us to provide creative ministry opportunities throughout the week for kids, including things like a childcare center or school in the future.

WE ARE ASKING GOD FOR \$4.2 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 2 YEARS TO BUILD OUR NEW FACILITY.



Invest.

God isn't just calling us to **build** a building *NEXT*. He's calling us to **invest** in His Kingdom. The building is an important tool, but it's all about the work of ministry.

As a part of *NEXT*, God is calling us to **invest** in future generations and Kingdom expansion. To expand not only our building, but also our operating budget so that we can engage in more ministry both here in Owensboro and to the ends of the earth.

God has grown our budget exponentially, and this has made all of the ministry that we've seen over the last 15 years possible:

GOD HAS GIVEN US A VISION FOR EVEN GREATER THINGS *NEXT*:

- We want **invest** in discipling more children and students.
- We want to **invest** in more church planters.
- We want to **invest** in helping more families through benevolence.
- We want to **invest** in more local ministries.
- We want to **invest** in reaching more people for the Gospel.
- Through this two-year Spirit-led initiative, we're asking God for \$3.8 million in giving to our ministry budget to allow us to do more than we ever have before.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Budget</i>
2006	205,123
2007	318,860
2008	281,510
2009	365,000 <small>*ESTIMATED</small>
2010	480,100
2011	715,390
2012	640,750
2013	770,300
2014	1,043,373
2015	1,159,070
2016	1,131,450
2017	1,269,640
2018	1,237,860
2019	1,400,100
2020	1,576,365
2021	1,353,940
2022	1,750,000



Multiply.

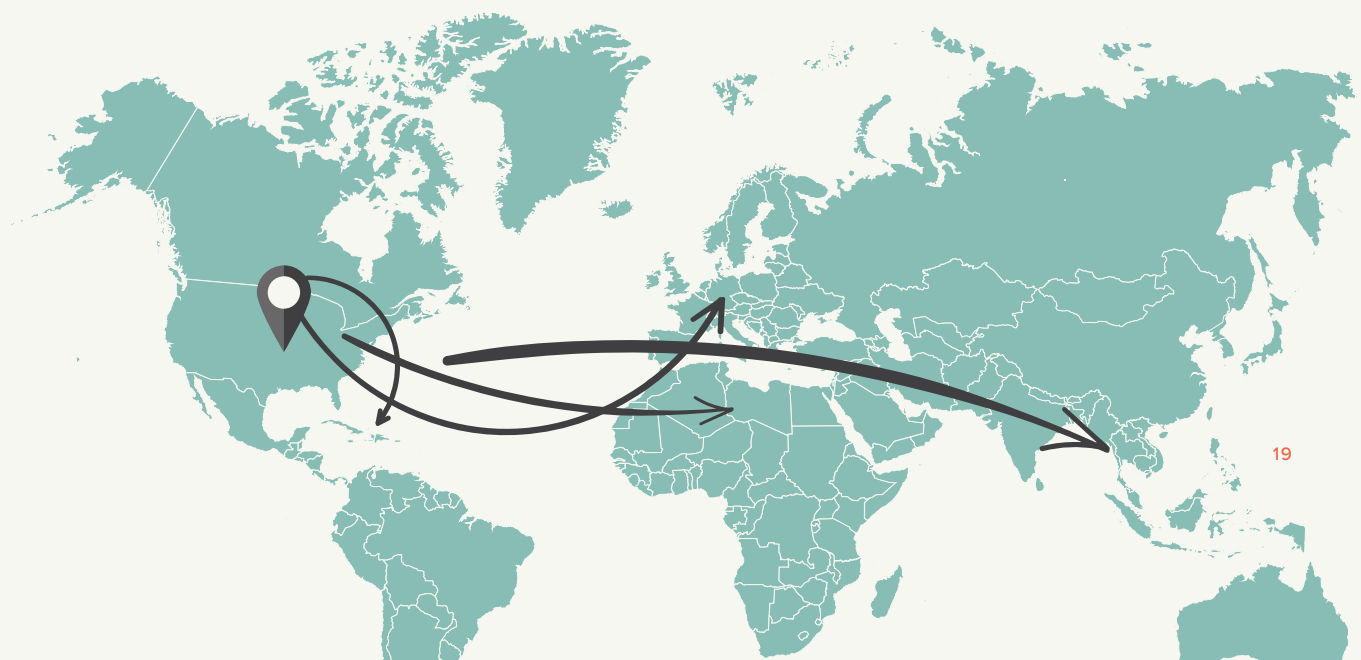
THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”

– MATTHEW 28:19-20

Our vision is for PVCC to be a launching pad for ministry across our city and around the world, and so the final component of *NEXT* is to **Multiply**.

To fully saturate our city and the world with the Gospel, we have to be a church that makes disciples who make disciples.

- In the *NEXT* 15 years, we want to see over 100 discipleship groups **multiplying** all over our city.
- We're asking God to help us **multiply** by planting 3 new churches.
- We want to **multiply** by sending out 5 new missionaries all over the world.
- We believe God wants to start a movement, and that the time is now to see the Gospel **multiply** like never before to the ends of the earth.



The Math of NEXT

BUILD. INVEST. MULTIPLY.

<i>Facility Expansion</i>	\$4.2 MILLION
<i>Two-Year Ministry Budget</i>	\$3.8 MILLION
THE NEXT SPIRIT-LED INITIATIVE: TWO-YEAR GOAL	\$8 MILLION

To think about all God is going to do in and through us as we journey into what's *NEXT* is simply staggering.

These three components: **Build, Invest, Multiply** will be leveraged for explosive kingdom growth, not only in our church, city, and world, but also in each one of our hearts. We believe that God wants to do an amazing work in each one of our lives, molding us to be more and more like Jesus.

\$8 million is a big goal, but every single time God has called this church to step out in faith and do something big, He has ALWAYS blown us away by doing more than we could ever hope for or imagine. We can't wait to see the *NEXT* story of His faithfulness!



Your Giving Journey:

NEXT STEPS:

We're challenging every person at Pleasant Valley Community Church to join this two-year journey to set the foundation that will launch us into the *NEXT* 15 years of kingdom impact and beyond.

THERE ARE 4 STEPS THAT WE ARE SPECIFICALLY ASKING YOU TO TAKE:

1. PRAY DILIGENTLY

Ask God to move you (and all of us) from fear to faith as we each commit to do our part in following God's vision for our future.

2. COMMIT FULLY

NEXT is a big vision, and we all have a part to play. Our goal is 100% participation, so we are asking you to get in the game and commit to following Jesus wherever He leads. Put your "yes" on the table and allow God to use you to be a part of something bigger than we can imagine.

3. GIVE GENEROUSLY

Ask God to show you what a sacrificial, above-and-beyond gift looks like for you over the *NEXT* two years. Take whatever steps He is calling you to take to see it through, and then walk forward into deeper obedience, discipleship, and intimacy with the Lord. It's not about the amount we give, but the heart behind it and how God uses our sacrifice to mold us into who He is calling us to be.

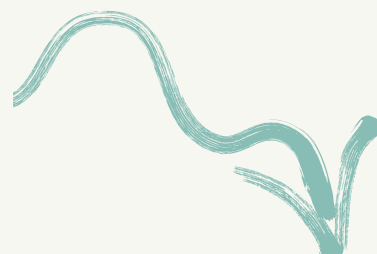
4. CHEER LOUDLY

God has given all of us a voice and a platform. Use your influence to be a cheerleader for *NEXT*. Whether it's in a Community Group, ministry team, with your family and friends, or out in the community, celebrate loud and often the amazing things God is leading us into through *NEXT*.



1 *Initial Giver*

Someone who decides to give, maybe for the first time, to the mission and ministry of Pleasant Valley Community Church. Through *NEXT*, they have felt God calling them to get in the game and trust God to **multiply** their gift for His kingdom.



5 *Kingdom Giver*

Someone who strategizes about the long-term impact of their generosity. They are less concerned with what they **ARE** giving than what they **NOT** giving and why. They make strategic financial decisions about spending and saving that allow them to increase their capacity to give more generously. They see the sum-total of their giving over their entire lifetime as a strategic and eternal Kingdom investment, which is where their ultimate legacy and citizenship lies.



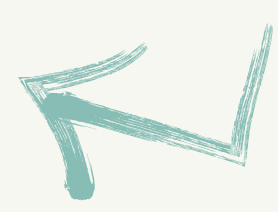
2 *Consistent Giver*

Someone who gives to Pleasant Valley in an ongoing, regular way. They begin to feel a part of what God is doing and want to develop the discipline to give to support God's kingdom consistently.



3 *Intentional Giver*

Someone who is consistent in their giving, and also wants to grow the amount of their giving. They see giving as a part of discipleship, as well as an act of obedience to and trust in God. Desiring to follow Jesus, they consider their giving when thinking through priorities of life and intentionally take steps to grow and become more generous.



4 *Surrendered Giver*

Someone who is struck by the generosity of God and is fully surrendered to Him in response. They realize that all they have is the Lord's, and seek to make it available for His purposes because you can't outgive God. Their giving governs their spending and saving, and they ask "Lord, how much do you want me to keep?" rather than "Lord, how much do you want me to give?"

HOW CAN I GIVE TO NEXT?

HERE ARE A FEW CREATIVE WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPIRIT-LED INITIATIVE.

STEP ONE *Pray!*

Pray that the Lord would help you discern your role, and give you the discipline and creativity to find ways to join in this **NEXT** journey!

STEP TWO *Think about Lifestyle Changes*

Adjust some current spending habits so you can give to **NEXT!** Include the whole family in this conversation– it's an important discipleship opportunity.

SELL YOUR CAR & BUY A USED ONE TO LOWER PAYMENTS	\$
EAT OUT ONE LESS TIME PER WEEK	\$
GIVE UP A HABIT (ALCOHOL, SMOKING, COFFEE)	\$
CANCEL A STREAMING SUBSCRIPTION	\$
CUT THE CORD OR SHIFT TO A LOWER COST TV PROVIDER	\$
SCALE BACK ON NUMBER OR SCALE OF VACATIONS FOR 2 YEARS	\$
COMMIT YOUR TAX REFUND FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS	\$
ORDER WATER AT RESTAURANTS	\$
DO YOUR OWN HOUSEKEEPING / LAWN CARE	\$
PAY OFF A DEBT & CONTINUE THAT PAYMENT TOWARD NEXT	\$
DELAY A MAJOR PURCHASE FOR 2 YEARS (CAR, HOME, REMODEL)	\$
REASSESS OTHER CHARITABLE GIVING	\$
OTHER	\$
SUB-TOTAL	\$

HOW CAN I GIVE MY ASSETS TO NEXT?

Real Estate: Ownership can be transferred as long as there are no liens on the property. Real estate gifts will be initially credited at a value determined through an appraisal obtained by both the donor and the church. When the property has been sold, the church will notify the donor of the sales price. The amount credited to the donor will be adjusted accordingly and the donor will be informed of the adjustment.

For additional information on Gifts in Kind & Appreciable Assets contact our church business office at (270) 926-2888 or email info@pleasantvalley.cc.

Marketable Securities: Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be given to the spiritual initiative without incurring capital gains on these assets. For example, if the stock was purchased for \$100 and has appreciated in value to \$1000, you would be liable for a capital gains tax for the \$900 of appreciation. If donated the contributor avoids having to pay the capital gains tax, and still receives a \$1000 tax deduction.

All Other Assets: We ask that gifts in kind (jewelry, cars, art, etc.) be sold first and then the proceeds donated to **NEXT**. As with other cash gifts, the proceeds are 100% tax-deductible.

Look Family For

STEP THREE <i>Actively Consider Your Assets</i>	
Bring a generous, even sacrificial gift!	
HOMES	\$
LAND / PROPERTY	\$
STOCKS & BONDS	\$
SAVINGS / RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS	\$
CRYPTOCURRENCY & NFTS	\$
COLLECTIBLES (CARS, COINS, ANTIQUES)	\$
VEHICLES (MOTORCYCLE, BOATS, CARS)	\$
CAMPERS / RVS	\$
ARTWORK	\$
JEWELRY	\$
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	\$
THINGS THAT COULD BE SOLD ONLINE	\$
GARAGE SALE	\$
OTHER	\$
SUB-TOTAL	\$

STEP FOUR <i>Invest Your Time + Talents</i>	
Consider putting your time and talents into play to generate resources.	
GO BACK TO WORK	\$
WORK ONE ADDITIONAL DAY PER WEEK OR MONTH	\$
START A SIDE BUSINESS TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL INCOME	\$
TAKE AN OUTSIDE "SEASONAL" JOB OPPORTUNITY	\$
EARN MONEY THROUGH CREATIVE/ARTISTIC HOBBIES	\$
DELAY RETIREMENT A YEAR & GIVE THOSE RESOURCES SACRIFICIALLY	\$
OTHER FORMS OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING	\$
SUB-TOTAL	\$

TOTAL EXPANDED GIVING	\$
OVER THE 2-YEAR NEXT INITIATIVE	

POTENTIAL RESOURCES	WEEKLY	YEARLY	2 YEARS
ELIMINATE 1 MEAL OUT PER WEEK	\$35	\$1,820	\$3,640
ELIMINATE 1 STARBUCKS PER WEEK	\$4	\$208	\$416
REDUCE NUMBER OF STREAMING SERVICES		\$312	\$624
REDUCE ENTERTAINMENT / SHOPPING		\$500	\$1,000
REDUCE CHRISTMAS BUDGET		\$250	\$500
REDUCE VACATION BUDGET		\$300	\$600
GARAGE SALE INCOME		\$200	\$400
EVERYONE'S SPARE CHANGE EACH DAY		\$260	\$520
MOW A NEIGHBOR'S YARD		\$1,605	\$3,210
50 STOCK SHARES FROM OUR PORTFOLIO			\$5,000
INCREASE CASH GIVING	\$50	\$2,600	\$5,200
TWO YEAR EXPANDED NEXT GIVING			\$21,100

*at One
y's Plan
Creative
Living*

YOUR GIVING JOURNEY

Join the Mission
COMMITMENT CARD

TWO-YEAR NEXT COMMITMENT

\$

WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN A YEAR
(General Budget, World Missions, Benevolence, Etc.)

+

\$

MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR NEXT

=

\$

X TWO YEARS =

\$

+

GIFTS FROM MY/OUR STORED RESOURCES
(Savings, Stocks, Personal Property, Sale of Assets, Etc.)

\$

=

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR NEXT COMMITMENT

LATE 2022-DECEMBER 2024

\$

TESTIMONIES



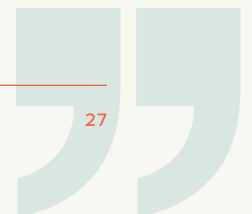
Kayla Walker

I've been here since the beginning, and I got to see how a church starts from nothing and becomes what it is today. God has used Pleasant Valley in a lot of ways in our family. For me, I feel like it taught me the power of prayer because I really don't think our church would be here if not for prayer. My mom was one of the people who would drive up here and sit in the parking lot just praying over the building and that God would grow his church here. That really made me more aware of what it means to believe in something that God is working on even when you can't see it. Even if you never see it. My mom was such a huge part of starting the children's ministry at this church... she would pray for all the hundreds of children she believed would come, but she didn't get to see it. And now I'm getting to see the fruits of what she prayed for and her legacy, and I can't imagine what the fruits are going to be one day of what we're praying for today. I'm really excited to see where the next 15 years are going to take us... there are going to be a lot of changes, but it's going to be amazing and I'm just ready to get started. I'm ready to be a part of it.



Andy Norris

I came to Pleasant Valley over 10 years ago. I was a Seminary student looking for a church during what I thought would be a very short stay in back in Owensboro. Little did I know, when I walked through the doors of that warehouse for the first time I would find a home. The people of Pleasant Valley quickly became family, and have been with me through every major milestone. I soon joined the staff of PVCC and found my calling as this church poured into and developed me. While volunteering at the Connect Center one Sunday I met Taryn, who would become my wife, and this church invested in us and gave us a foundation for a God-honoring marriage. Our PVCC family was there through our early years of marriage and transition to parenthood, and one of the greatest honors of my life was eventually being asked to become a pastor of this church. This place is special, and my family would not exist if not for how God has worked through the ministry of PVCC. As I reflect on God's past faithfulness, I couldn't be more excited to see what comes *NEXT*. Our family has confidence in the *NEXT* Spirit-led Initiative and is excited to financially support it because we want to see God repeat the story of how He's worked in our lives for countless other people. We want to see more young seminary students like me taken in, disciplined, and deployed for the advance of God's Kingdom. We want to see more marriages blessed and children invested in for God's glory. We are so thankful for God's faithfulness to us through this church, and we can't wait to begin this *NEXT* journey together!





Joy Biggs

God has used Pleasant Valley in our family's life in so many ways. We've had some trouble in our family at times, and any time that we've had anything go wrong or we've had a need, Pleasant Valley has changed everything for us. Several years ago my son was shot and we almost lost him. I had a lot of questions... wondering if my prayers were really going to help and if my son was going to make it. I reached out and Pastor Jamus was at the hospital immediately—praying for me and ministering to our family. That experience and the people at Pleasant Valley really helped me to draw closer to God in that season and to trust in Him more. To me, giving is so important because we are supposed to be there to help one another and care for one another especially in the hard times. I am really excited for the future of this church. It's going to continue to grow... we're going to have more people coming and becoming a part of this church because you feel like family here, and I can't wait to see how God continues to bless it.



Joe & Sherry Bennett

We've seen this church make a huge difference in people's lives. Through being involved in the lives of people from Friends of Sinners, the Food Pantry, all of the different outreaches... This church just does so much in the community. One of our biggest prayers in moving here recently was that we wanted to find a place to serve, and we have felt so comfortable here from the minute we walked through the doors. We choose to give here because it's a weekly reminder that the physical things of this world aren't as important as the spiritual things, and it just does our hearts good to see the impact of the Lord doing a lot more with that money than we ever could. What excites us about *NEXT* are the opportunities it is going to bring for people to connect with one another and to create spaces for discipleship. Our grandchildren are here, and we're just so excited that we have good people here who are going to invest in them and place an emphasis on their spiritual lives. People are investing in other people's lives here, and that's going to reap a lot of rewards in the Kingdom.

FAQS

Q. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION?

A. Phase One will include a 750-seat auditorium (including a family room and separate nursing space), a large centralized lobby that will include restrooms, a café, and a hospitality room and volunteer space. Additional parking, drop off lanes, and a new exit from the campus will also be constructed. A family restroom, sensory room, and enhanced children's areas to accommodate those with special needs are included. Finally, by repurposing our present auditorium, we will double the capacity of Valley Kids.

Phase Two will remodel current church space to add adult classrooms, add restrooms to the Fellowship Hall, and increase the Student Ministry capacity by 50%. Office space will also be consolidated into one location.

Q. WHAT WILL BE THE COST?

A. The total budget of Phase One is projected to be approximately \$7.25 million. Any decrease in costs or surplus in funds raised will accelerate completion of Phase Two of the project.

Q. HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

A. From October 23 – December 18, we will engage in a campaign to raise the resources to support this Spirit-led initiative.

Q. WHO WILL BE DOING THE WORK?

A. A team of PVCC elders and lay leaders selected Master's Plan as our architectural design/build firm. They are a nationally recognized, faith-based company with an excellent reputation. We will look first to local subcontractors/suppliers to execute the work.

Q. WHEN WILL WE BREAK GROUND?

A. Our target date to break ground is May 1, 2023. We plan to begin worshipping in our new auditorium by November of 2024, and the grand opening of our remodelled existing building is scheduled for March of 2025.

Q. HOW WILL THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS AFFECT OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES?

A. Since construction will begin with the new Worship Center, operations within our current church building will continue unimpeded. However, we will lose some parking spots in our existing lot, since the new building will be constructed there. It is our intention to first build the new parking lot before we begin construction on the Worship Center. Once the Worship Center is completed and we receive our certificate of occupancy, we will then vacate our current auditorium so we can repurpose that area for Valley Kids.

Q. HOW DOES NEXT CHANGE MY GIVING TO MISSIONS, THE GENERAL FUND, AND OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS?

A. During this two-year initiative, we are focusing all of our efforts and resources toward accomplishing the God-given vision of *NEXT*. *NEXT* is a comprehensive initiative that includes ALL of our ministries and missions in one fund. That means that all of our giving to PVCC for the *NEXT* two years will be directed to the *NEXT* initiative. Our elders and Finance Team will ensure that ministry and mission needs are resourced according to our church's priorities. There will still be a church-approved budget each year during *NEXT*. That will enable each of us to focus on giving generously FROM our hearts and not just FOR individual needs or projects along the way. There is power and greater impact when we are strategic and focused.

Q. WILL WE BE TAKING ON LONG-TERM DEBT?

A. Our hope is that we will be able to fund the initiative entirely through the contributions made by our church family. However, even if we do reach our goal, at a minimum, we will need to secure bridge funding to enable us to begin the project while the monies committed come in. In order to be good stewards of our financial resources, it is imperative that we begin construction ASAP. This will reduce the impact of inflation or the labor and materials that are likely to increase during the two-year initiative. If more funds are needed to accomplish our goal, the elders are not averse to procuring an additional amount, provided that any debt realized is paid off within five years following the end of construction. We believe we have been prudent by implementing forecasting and a strategy to minimize debt and accelerate debt retirement.

As we count the costs, we realize interest will be paid on borrowed funds, but we truly believe the cost of not borrowing is greater – – lives that will be lost for eternity if we do not expand our capacity for reaching them.

Q. ARE THERE WAYS I CAN GIVE ASSETS TO NEXT?

A. Gifts of appreciated property (stocks, real estate, mutual funds, jewelry, artwork, collectibles, etc.) can bring significant tax advantages. Real estate can be transferred to the church for a tax credit based on appraisal and eventual sale price. Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be transferred to the church without incurring capital gains taxes on the assets. You may have many kinds of stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He just might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please consult with a professional advisor for advice in your particular circumstance. Contact our church office at info@pleasantvalley.cc if you need assistance with gifts of property or stock. We would be happy to help.

Q. WHY SHOULD I COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A NEXT COMMITMENT CARD?

A. We commit to many things, from our marriage to a mortgage, even to a membership at the local gym. We wouldn't get very far in life without a willingness to commit ourselves. Commitment also is central to our faith and at the very heart of following Jesus. We make a commitment to Him, and He expects us to be committed to His Body, the Church. Our church

needs to know what you are committing to give so we can plan and proceed accordingly. God grows us and shapes us according to our priorities and through the commitments we make to Him. So we invite you to take this powerful, life-changing discipleship step by joining us with your two-year *NEXT* generosity commitment.

Q. HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

A. *NEXT* is a two-year Spirit-led initiative, so our commitments are for two years, beginning on November 20, 2022. Our first opportunity to give to *NEXT* will be on Sunday, December 11, 2022 with our first “Big Give Sunday.” The following Sunday we will announce the total of all commitments to *NEXT* as we give our very best gifts to begin this exciting time in the life of our church.

Q. WHAT IF I’M NOT A MEMBER OF PVCC?

A. These are exciting days at PVCC and will no doubt be remembered for years to come. You are here and we would love for you to go with us on this amazing journey of faith. If you watch and wait, you won’t be able to truly share in the joy of this season or experience all God has for you. We believe God brought you here, and we want you to be a part of all God is doing at Pleasant Valley. We need you on the team, and this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make PVCC your church.

Q. WHAT IF I’VE NEVER GIVEN, OR DON’T REGULARLY GIVE TO PVCC?

A. This would be a great time to start! The primary goal of *NEXT* is 100% engagement of everyone at PVCC, and that includes you. We are praying this will be a disciple-making, faith-building, life-changing experience in our church and in your own heart and life. To get anywhere, you must start somewhere, and *NEXT* is a great place to start your giving adventure.

Q. WHAT IS THE “RIGHT AMOUNT” TO GIVE?

A. 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 7 says, “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Everyone’s situation is unique but we are all called to give. Our challenge, no matter what you currently give, is to take a step forward in your generosity journey.

Q. WHAT IF I’M NOT IN A GOOD PLACE OR POSITION TO GIVE TO *NEXT* RIGHT NOW?

A. The reality is, there will never be a “better time” to begin the faith journey, or to take the *NEXT* step in giving to the Lord, than right now. God calls us to action in times of hardship as much as He does in times of abundance. *NEXT* is about a heart change – one that is only accomplished by surrendering our lives completely over to God in every area, including the area of giving. Believe God, walk in obedience, and trust Him to provide as you sacrifice and work towards fulfilling your commitment.

Q. WHAT IF I AM SEVERELY IN DEBT RIGHT NOW? AM I STILL SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

A. If you are currently seeking to pay off debt right now, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend resources that might minister to you. Being in debt does not, however, exclude you from this journey. Giving isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. So it should be our joy and privilege to give at all times. Please contact us if you need assistance in this area, and we would be honored to help.

Q. WHAT IF MY CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE DURING THE NEXT INITIATIVE?

A. A commitment to the Lord and to *NEXT* is an important step of faith. We shouldn't make any commitment without prayerfully seeking the Lord. However, since none of us know the future, faith is required. A change in our circumstances will be no surprise to God. Of course, your commitment to *NEXT* is voluntary and non-binding, but enter this exciting phase of your journey totally committed with faith and not fear. God is able!

Q. WHAT IS THIS REALLY ABOUT?

A. Giving is the fruit, not the root. Again, *NEXT* isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. God wants to do a great work in your heart. Your commitment to the Lord and to *NEXT* will impact far more than your finances. It may very well be a turning point on your faith journey as you walk with Jesus and make an eternal impact on the world for Him.

Q. WHAT IF WE DON'T REACH OUR GOAL?

A. First, we wholeheartedly believe that God has given each of us the resources we need to accomplish this vision together! We believe that "God can do exceedingly abundantly beyond all we can ask or imagine... Through His work within us" (Ephesians 3:20 – 21). If for some reason we didn't achieve our goal, the Elders and Building Team would need to prayerfully consider scaling back the scope of the project.

Q. WHAT IF WE EXCEED OUR GOAL?

A. Exceeding our goal would allow us to fulfill the vision, accelerate the timetable for Phase Two, and even reduce the amount of loan the church would need to incur on this initiative.

Q. HOW CAN I FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE NEXT GENEROSITY JOURNEY?

A. We have created a dedicated website for *NEXT* where you can learn about the project, watch inspiring life-changing videos of others who have been impacted by the ministries of PVCC, stay informed with periodic updates, and give online. Visit and bookmark:

www.pleasantvalley.cc/next.

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PRAYER + BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

**WE HOPE THAT THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES, SERMON NOTES, AND
PRAYER GUIDE WILL SERVE AS A POWERFUL TOOL TO HELP YOU GO
DEEPER INTO DISCIPLESHIP DURING THIS 5-WEEK JOURNEY.**

Week 1 / Prayer Guide

MONDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Romans 10:14-17

Pray for more people from our church to feel conviction to go and share the gospel to the lost.

TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 9:35-38

Pray for our church to have the kind of compassion Jesus had for the harassed and helpless crowds.

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: John 13:34-35

Pray that our church would be marked by love and the lost would be drawn to Christ because of that.

THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: James 2:1-7

Pray that our church would be a safe place for the broken, the lost, and the helpless.

FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

Pray for generosity of money, time, and resources to fuel the mission of the church.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What does Jesus healing people tell us about Him and His heart?
2. What does the phrase “harassed and helpless” tell us about mankind?
3. Why was the image of a harvest so helpful back then and what does Jesus mean when He says this?
4. Where do you lack compassion for the lost? Where do you see that in your life?
5. How does the Gospel transform the way we view others? And how does it stir us to love the lost?
6. After reading this passage, what do you think God is calling you to do?

Week 2 / Prayer Guide

MONDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 5:14-16

Pray that the light of the Gospel would shine through the individual lives of the believers of our church.

TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Galatians 1:10

Pray against any fear of man that might cause us to hide the light of the Gospel.

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Romans 13:12-14

Pray that we would clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ and prepare for temptation to come.

THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Acts 1:8

Pray that we as a church would be on the move and we would go knowing the Holy Spirit is with us as we reach the nations.

FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: John 8:12

Pray for many to be raised up to go the darkest places in our world.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What does this passage mean by “a city set on a hill cannot be hidden?”
2. Why would hiding a lamp be ridiculous and what does it tell us about someone who has the light of the Gospel?
3. Where in your life do you tend to hide the light of the Gospel?
4. What could it look like for you to let your light shine in the darkness?
5. What is the role of “good works” in shining the light in a dark world?

Week 3 / Prayer Guide

MONDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: 2 Corinthians 4:4

Pray that God would remind you of the urgency of the Gospel going to the ends of the earth.

TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: 1 Timothy 1:3-4

Pray that we would raise up churches that are faithful to truth from Scripture and pray that they never waver from that truth.

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Ephesians 4:11-14

Pray that we would see future church planters raised up and sent out to plant churches in strategic places.

THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Galatians 1:15-17

Pray that many of Pleasant Valley would feel the burden to leave the comforts of their lives to go on the mission field and proclaim the Gospel.

FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Revelation 7:9-12

Pray that we would never be hindered by any bias or bigotry as we advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What is a disciple? What does the Bible say a disciple is?
2. Where has the Church as a whole struggled to make disciples?
3. What is the role of the Church in making disciples?
4. What does a church that multiplies look like?

Week 4 / Prayer Guide

MONDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Pray for our parents to be vigilant to teach their children the Gospel and how to walk with Jesus.

TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Psalm 78:1-4

Pray for our children's and student ministries as they seek to help in the discipleship of the next generation.

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: James 1:27

Pray for orphans in Owensboro and pray that Pleasant Valley would be a beacon of hope for them.

THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Titus 2:1-7

Pray that God would create in our church the culture described in this passage of Scripture.

FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 19:14

Pray that our church will learn from our children to have their kind of faith.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What do these passages reveal to us about the human condition?
2. Where do we tend to neglect raising up the next generation?
3. Why are we so forgetful of the truth about God?
4. What are some practical ways you can raise up your children to know the Gospel? Or if you don't have kids, what is a practical way to raise up children or youth in general?

Week 5 / Prayer Guide

MONDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Isaiah 6:1-3

Pray that we would grow greatly in our awe of God so much so that it transforms how we live.

TUESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 28:18-20

Pray that we not just see the gospel proclaimed alone, but that there would many disciples making more disciples.

WEDNESDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Habakkuk 2:14

Pray that this would be desire and mission of Pleasant Valley Community Church.

THURSDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 4:18-22

Pray that you would have greater faith to follow wherever Jesus might lead you.

FRIDAY

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION: Colossians 3:12-17

Pray that our church community would take responsibility for one another, build each other up, admonish one another, and extend Christ-like forgiveness to each other.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. What does it mean to “make disciples?”
2. What prevents you from sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost?
3. What is the good news that saves? How would you present the gospel to a lost person?
4. Do you support mission work? How do you support that?



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and Making God
Known... Together*

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