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*ACTS 4:13*

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# WELCOME TO BOLD

WHERE WE ARE EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM GOD  
& READY TO ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS WITH GOD.

I know that I can expect great things from God. His Word is filled with many examples of His great power at work: the parting of the Red Sea, water turning into wine, and a talking donkey! ...just to name a few. And because God has done great things in the past, we can expect Him to do great things for us today.

I also believe God wants to do something great within us. I am inviting you to join the FCC family on a **BOLD** adventure as God writes the next chapter of our story.

We all aspire to be a person of significance. Not just successful or popular, but a person who leaves an impact and influences another person's story. However, God will need to do something in us before He can ever do something through us. To write a story worth remembering, it will require great courage and incredible faith. You will need to step out of your comfort zone. When the heart starts racing and the adrenaline is rushing, that is the moment to push yourself beyond the routine and take a **BOLD** next step for the very first time.

That's what happened for Peter and John in Acts 4:13. People saw that these guys were bold. They were willing to take the risk - because they knew in their hearts it was worth it. But the most notable thing about their boldness wasn't in their words or actions, it was how others recognized that they had been with Jesus. All for His glory!

Bold is a 5-week journey that will challenge you to take steps you haven't taken before. It will transform you, those around you, our community, and the world. When we attempt great things with God, we will be known as "those who have been with Jesus."

Boldy Praying for You!



ROB SWEENEY, LEAD PASTOR FCC



# CHURCH HISTORY SNAPSHOT

**DECEMBER 1970**

First Christian Church  
was founded.

**JANUARY 1971**

FCC began meeting in  
Studebaker Middle School.

**1972 - 1975**

FCC purchased land and  
built the building on  
Fishburg Rd.

**SEPTEMBER 1979**

Ray Jones becomes the Lead  
Pastor.

**1980-1993**

FCC continues to grow and the  
education wing is added.

**1994**

Ray Jones Retires and David  
McClary becomes the Lead  
Pastor.

**2005 - 2008**

The Forge is added and Project  
One Hope Begins.

**JUNE 2018**

David McClary retires and  
Rob Sweeney is hired as Lead  
Pastor.

**OCTOBER 2021**





# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

## BAPTISMS

Since 2020, **25 INDIVIDUALS** have made their faith public through Baptism.

## LIFEGROUPS

Each week, **12 LIFEGROUPS** meet to grow together, with new groups forming throughout the **BOLD initiative!**

## FIRST STEPS PRESCHOOL

Started in the middle of the pandemic, we are currently serving **80 FAMILIES** through the preschool.

## PROJECT ONE HOPE

Project One Hope hosts a community meal three times a month. At each meal we serve **160 TO 180 FREE MEALS.**

## MISSION PARTNERS

FCC currently supports the work of **12 MISSION PARTNER** organizations, both international and domestic, with an annual commitment of over \$95,000.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The Celebrate Recovery Group meets **EVERY MONDAY** in the worship center to help anyone with a hurt, a habit, or a hangup.



# OVERVIEW **BOLD**

OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, FCC WILL TAKE BOLD STEPS AS GOD WRITES THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR STORY. THOSE AROUND US, OUR COMMUNITY, AND AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

## VISION

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### PRIMARY GOAL

## 100% ENGAGEMENT

**BOLD** IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY PERSON AT FCC TO TAKE THEIR NEXT BOLD STEP IN THE STORY JESUS WANTS THEM TO TELL.

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### SECONDARY GOAL

## \$2.75 MILLION

OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, EVERY GIFT GIVEN WILL GO TO THE BOLD INITIATIVE, AS WE PARTNER WITH GOD TO BE **BOLD FOR CHRIST** AND **BOLD FOR OUR NEIGHBOR**.





# *FOR CHRIST*

**\$1.25 MILLION INVESTMENT OVER TWO YEARS**

Bold for Christ is a commitment to accelerate the ministry God has already called us to do.

We exist to transform lives through the power of Jesus Christ. Whether they are single or married, children or students, everyone has a next step in their journey with Christ. No matter where people are and what their story is, we are committed to helping people experience the love of Jesus.

The Bold for Christ number is our general ministry budget for the next two years. These funds are used for ministries like FCC Kids, FCC Students, and FCC LifeGroups. It is here we are able to include outreach opportunities to serve our community and sustain the ongoing support for our mission partners around the world.





# ***FOR OUR NEIGHBOR***

**\$1.5 MILLION INVESTMENT OVER TWO YEARS**

God is calling us to take Bold steps beyond our current ministries that will transform the story of our community.

Last year, we sought God's direction for the next chapter of FCC's story. We now believe He is calling us to relocate our campus and increase the ministry impact to our neighbors. Although God has not identified where, we are trusting Him to provide an ideally-suited property for the relocation and we want to be ready when God reveals His plan.

Bold for our Neighbor includes the initial funds to purchase and renovate a facility that enables us to expand our ministry and allow us to respond to future opportunities.



# WHAT'S ***NEXT?***

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

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### **PRAY PERSISTENTLY**

Ask God to reveal his ***BOLD*** step for you and for the FCC family to respond to His vision for our next chapter.

### **COMMIT FULLY**

Commit to take the next ***BOLD*** step of your story and help us reach our goal of 100% engagement.

### **CELEBRATE LOUDLY**

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Own the ***BOLD*** vision by enthusiastically sharing your story with those around you.

### **GIVE GENEROUSLY**

Live and give in a ***BOLD*** way that changes your story, revealing to others that you have been with Jesus.

***OCT. 17 - NOV. 14***

BOLD Series

***NOV. 3***

Advance  
Commitment Night

***NOV. 14***

Commitment  
Sunday



# ONE FUND EXPLANATION

## *What is a “one fund” initiative?*

You may have participated in a church campaign in which you were challenged to give a second gift ‘above and beyond’ your usual giving for a specific initiative, such as a new building. In that case, you gave to the ‘Building Fund’ while you also continued with your regular giving to the ‘General Fund.’

This type of designated giving is potentially confusing for anyone who does not have a baseline for their ‘usual giving.’ It also may alienate anyone who is unable to increase their giving and contribute to the ‘Building Fund.’

At FCC, we want to celebrate every gift given! We’re all on ONE MISSION – the mission to boldly proclaim the Gospel and make disciples. Leadership has decided we’re going to give to FCC in one fund for this next season of ministry expansion. Let’s celebrate the totality of our generosity growth as disciples of Jesus.

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The BOLD initiative will last for two years. During those two years, every gift that is given will go to the key components of this initiative – our general ministry budget, ministry expansion through the investment in our new facility, and continued investment in reaching those far from Jesus. These areas are explained in further detail in the pages of this booklet.

We have included a sample commitment card for your review. Begin praying about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God. A new hard copy of the commitment card will be provided to you on Commitment Sunday, November 14.



# COMMITMENT CARD SAMPLE

\$	What I/we normally give in a year (general fund, special projects, missions)
+	
\$	My/Our expanded annual generosity for Bold
=	
\$	x 2 years = \$
	+
	\$
	Gifts from my/our stored resources

## MY/OUR TOTAL TWO YEAR BOLD COMMITMENT DECEMBER 2021—DECEMBER 2023

\$
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



# Two Year Gift Chart

Pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time. Use this gift chart as a discipleship tool—let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom. Let's be **BOLD** for Him!

GIFTS NEEDED	2 YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
1	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$150,000
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000
4	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$260,000
5	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,708	\$260,000
7	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$245,000
10	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$250,000
15	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$225,000
20	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$200,000
25	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$187,500
30	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$150,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$157,500
				<b>\$2,750,000</b>



# ***Your Giving Journey***

How is your giving fueling your growth as a disciple?

## **INITIAL GIVER**

An Initial Giver decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

## **CONSISTENT GIVER**

A Consistent Giver exercises the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus by giving on a regular basis. Someone who makes their gift an online recurring gift is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent in their giving; it just requires more discipline.

## **INTENTIONAL GIVER**

An Intentional Giver understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things. All things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places a significant priority on their giving. It drives their spending and their saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving.





## SURRENDERED GIVER

A Surrendered Giver recognizes the power of the Gospel and honors God with 100% of their resources as a result. This Individual gives in a way that changes them, reflecting the totality of their resources belong to God. A Surrendered Giver seeks to honor God with 100% of what He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource.

## ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than month-to-month or even year-to-year generosity. This individual makes decisions in light of eternity rather than the short-term here on earth. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to the impact of their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver could be someone who has a lifetime giving goal that governs their larger financial decisions. They make a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs their larger purchases like homes, cars, investments, and the like.



# MESSAGE NOTES

**WEEK 1 | BOLD MISSION**

ACTS 4:23-31



**EXPECT GREAT THINGS**



# MESSAGE NOTES

WEEK 2 | *BOLD TRUST*

GENESIS 12:1-9; 22:1-6



*ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS*



# MESSAGE NOTES

WEEK 3 | *BOLD TRANSFORMATION*

JOHN 4:1-42



*NOBODY IS PERFECT*



# MESSAGE NOTES

**WEEK 4 | BOLD GENEROSITY**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



# MESSAGE NOTES

**WEEK 5 | BOLD COMMITMENT**

NEHEMIAH 4:1-23; 8:1-12



*ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE*



# LIFEGROUP CONTENT WEEK 1

1. Read Acts 4:13 and 4:23-31 together
2. What are some words or phrases from the disciple's prayer that stand out to you? Why are they important?
3. Maybe you've never experienced walls or buildings shaking, but can you recall a time in your life when God showed up in an unmistakable way? How did that experience shape you?
4. What hinders people from being **BOLD** for Christ?
5. What are some specific things that we, as both individuals and as a group, can do that would make people around us say that we "have been with Jesus?"

OUR **BOLD** PRAYER IS...



# LIFEGROUP CONTENT WEEK 2

1. Read Genesis 22:1-14 together
2. What stands out to you about this story? What questions do you have about the story of Abraham and Isaac?
3. Have you ever witnessed someone's **BOLD** sacrifice? What was that experience like? How did that affect you?
4. What **BOLD** sacrifices are you currently wrestling through?
5. When have you stepped out in a moment or decision of **BOLD** trust? How did God show up in that situation?

OUR **BOLD** PRAYER IS...



# LIFEGROUP CONTENT WEEK 3

1. Read John 4:1-42 together
2. What stood out to you about the way the woman responded to Jesus?  
What stood out about the way that the disciples and the villagers later responded to the woman?
3. Has God ever showed up at one of your low points of your life? How has God used the unexpected parts of your story to change you?
4. What does **BOLD** transformation look like in your life now? What is God inviting you into?
5. How can we be sharing our own **BOLD** stories with the people around us this week?

OUR **BOLD** PRAYER IS...



# LIFEGROUP CONTENT WEEK 4

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 together
2. Paul describes in detail the joy and excitement of the Macedonian believers at the chance to be generous. How did you respond to his description of that group of believers?
3. Paul encourages the Corinthians to "excel" in all good things. What would it mean for you to excel in these good things and in your generosity?
4. When was the last time you were excited about an opportunity to be generous toward kingdom-giving? What fueled your excitement?
5. **BOLD** question to meditate on/Respond to: How is my giving helping me to become more like Jesus?

OUR **BOLD** PRAYER IS...



# LIFEGROUP CONTENT WEEK 5

1. Read Nehemiah 4:1-15, 6:1-4, and 8:1-12 together
2. What stands out to you about Nehemiah's response to the opposition in Chapter 4? Why do you think he chose to post the workers by families?
3. In Chapter 6 Nehemiah responds to his critics by saying: "I am doing a great work and cannot come down." How does a great work help us conquer distractions? What great work is God inviting you into?
4. What **BOLD** legacy do you want to leave for the next generation?
5. The story of Nehemiah ends with a **BOLD** celebration. How can we celebrate the **BOLD** work God is doing in each one of us and in the community around us?

OUR **BOLD** PRAYER IS...





# ***FAMILY GUIDE***

Throughout this series our FCC Kids and FCC Students will explore the same stories that the adults are exploring in the ***BOLD*** Series.

## ***PARENTS!***

Be sure to take time each week to interact as a family as you all learn from these biblical stories of ***BOLDLY*** following where God leads!

## ***LIFE APPLICATION***

Giving and Serving changes our hearts!

### ***COMMITMENT DATES:***

***FCC KIDS: NOV 7***

***FCC STUDENTS: NOV 14***



## ***MEMORY VERSE:***

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and discovered that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized these men had been with Jesus.

***ACTS 4:13***

## ***BASIC TRUTH***

***"I can trust God no matter what."***

### ***Week 1 - BOLD Mission***

Bible Story: Acts 4:23-31

Bottom Line: When we face opposition we need to pray for God's protection and presence.

### ***Week 2 - BOLD Trust***

Bible Story: Genesis 12:1-9 and Genesis 22:1-6

Bottom Line: When God calls, trust him. He's got this!

### ***Week 3 - BOLD Change***

Bible Story: John 4:1-42

Bottom Line: God can use your story to change everyone around you.

### ***Week 4 - BOLD Giving***

Bible Story: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Bottom Line: It's not what you're giving to, it's where you're giving from.

### ***Week 1 - BOLD Commitment***

Bible Story: Nehemiah 4:1-23

Bottom Line: What we do together can change the way people see God.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**If we are committing to BOLD, how does this change my giving to missions, the general fund, or other special offerings?**

Every gift made will go into the same fund and will be our **BOLD** giving. There will not be separate funds. During this two-year period, every contribution to God is a contribution to our **BOLD** initiative. Every aspect of the ministry God is calling us towards for the next two years will be funded through **BOLD**.

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**What are you asking me to do?**

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray. Seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him. Listen to what He says. Step in to a LifeGroup during this season, if you haven't already engaged in one. Engage in personal reflection with God. Make good use of this BOLD guide. Talk with your spouse, your family, your group, friends, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life. We are asking that you make a commitment to gospel-driven, BOLD generosity – whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading.

Prepare to be amazed. He is an awesome God that we serve! We anticipate He will move in huge ways as we seek an unprecedented impact from our collective **BOLD** commitments. Mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 14. It will be a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and for your own faith.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more towards BOLD?**

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards **BOLD**. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. You may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He might be calling you to give out of during this time. Let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Jim Storms at [jstorms@fcchh.org](mailto:jstorms@fcchh.org) and 937-236-8029 to make a gift of this type.

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## **How long is my commitment?**

This is a two-year commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with our First Big Give on Sunday, December 5, 2021 and it will culminate in December of 2023.

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## **What if I don't have a job right now? What does that mean for my BOLD commitment?**

**BOLD** is about your total, prioritized, gospel-driven generosity to God's mission at FCC. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. **BOLD** is about a heart surrender - one that is only accomplished by seeking the Lord and responding to His call and His Word. So that may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now but that you believe God will provide for as you seek for ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. We would love for 100% of us to be a part of **BOLD** so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging, and praying for one another through this spiritually-stretching season at FCC.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What if I am significantly in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

We commend you for making progress on reducing your debt and you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend a budgeting class that might minister to you. Being in debt does not, however, make someone "excused" from giving. 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, regardless of the amount or percentage. Please contact us if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor, and we would be honored to help.

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## What if I have never even given to FCC before?

If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with committed giving. **BOLD** was crafted specifically with you in mind. **BOLD** is a "one fund" generosity initiative. It is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving. **BOLD** is a call to surrendered, gospel-driven generosity for absolutely everyone at FCC.

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## What if I am new around here?

BOLD is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards. FCC can be your home and you can join us in BOLD. You are an important part of the team!

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What if I haven't been baptized yet?**

Whether you have taken the spiritual step of baptism or whether you haven't yet, we would encourage you to still join us in this BOLD initiative. People take different spiritual steps at different times. Giving is another important next step, and it comes at different times for different people. One thing is for sure, just like other spiritual disciplines, giving draws us closer to God. And God is calling ALL of us to give. Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19) We firmly believe that it will draw you closer to God. This will lead you to a place where you are ready to make the decision to become baptized and to surrender your life to the Lordship of Christ.

## **Where is FCC relocating? (Are we staying or leaving Huber Heights?)**

The Lord has not yet revealed or provided the new site. Therefore, we cannot state with certainty where the new location will be. However, we trust God already knows where He is taking FCC and we want to be ready for this next step when He reveals the new site to us.

We know God is at work in preparing a new location just as he was at work in the sale of the property across the street. Before it was ever on the market, we had two buyers make offers above estimated value. At the height of the pandemic in 2020, the property was sold without the assistance of a realtor. God is never late in revealing His plan but rarely early.



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THROUGH THE POWER  
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