



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF “3:20 AND BEYOND”?

Our goal is for each New Day congregation to overcome its current limiting factor, so that all three grow and become more effective in reaching our communities. This will position us to launch more churches. To do this we need to raise a significant amount of money.

We plan this to be a positive experience, and be as much about spiritual growth as about raising money. Giving is an act of worship and an indicator of our walk with Christ. Don't ask, *“How much should I give?”*, but rather *“What does God want to do through me?”* Let's believe that God can do more through us than we think.

THE GOAL FOR OUR NEW DAY FAMILY IS:

- That every participant is fully informed and prayerfully led as to how they can “do their share” (Eph. 4:16) in furthering our mission and ministry.
- That each New Day participant affirms their commitment to faithfully support the church with their involvement, their serving, their prayers, and their giving.
- That each New Day participant pray concerning making the largest financial commitment they have ever made (above and beyond regular giving).
- Instead of asking for a specific amount from each participant, or posting a fundraising “thermometer” we want you to hear from God as to what He is leading you to do.
- Working together we're confident that God will do the “Abundantly more!”

WHAT DOES THE “3:20 AND BEYOND” STAND FOR?

- This is based on Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 3:20-21, *“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*
- We are asking each New Day participant to make a 2017 year-end gift and a 3 year pledge toward helping all three congregations overcome the primary need that each is facing.
- As we meet this goal I am confident we would be positioned to double, or more, the number of people in our church family, and expand our influence in each community and beyond.
- This goal may seem beyond our capacity. But if we only have faith for what we can do without God, we are not positioning ourselves to see God work His “abundantly beyond.” Our goal will take FAITH. But that's what we as a church are called to walk in.

WHO IS LEADING THIS EFFORT?

We have comprised a 3:20 Lead team headed by Israel Yoder, along with Tom Fawley, Matt Vollmar, Greg Miller, and Marilee Menser. In addition, Jimmy McKee and myself (Pastor Cameron) are providing the vision and helping shape the process. Mark Jevert from NEXT Consultants, who has years of experience in both church and business leadership, is providing guidance. Finally, the board of directors will be involved as oversight.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT OUR CHURCH BUDGET AND OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES?

The 3:20 and Beyond pledge is meant to be above and beyond your regular, financial support of New Day and the ministries we support. As a church we already excel at giving. But the challenges we face are real, and it is time to work together to overcome them. It is not our intention to reduce our ministry or the amount we give in support of missions to meet our needs. We believe that when we step out in faith, God will provide.

WHAT ARE THE LIMITING FACTORS YOU SPEAK OF?

- Our youngest church (Vine) needs to continue making improvements on the facility and purchase an adjacent lot for parking. Paying off the mortgage will free that money to be used to improve the building, provide a living wage for the site pastors, and increase our impact in the Vine neighborhood.
- Our next youngest church (Vandalia) needs to have on-site staffing. By raising enough to initially support a local site pastor, we will overcome the greatest limiting factor there. In addition, we need to pay off the Land Contract on the Vandalia building freeing that cash flow to continue to afford on site staff and improve the ministry in Cass County.
- Finally, the mother church (Nichols Rd.) is the largest and has the largest need. We have utilized every square inch of space and need an addition. A welcoming entrance and foyer that communicates that we are a church that can accommodate more is critical for growth. We also need more, and better designed, children's rooms. We need to provide a safe place for parents to entrust their children in our ministry area, and effective rooms where teachers can excel at leading the next generation.

WHY IS THERE A SPECIAL NEED FOR GIVING BY THE END OF THE YEAR?

The Nichols campus has a mortgage (balloon) that comes due 3/25/18 of \$170,000. By raising enough to pay this off a substantial amount of money that would go to refinancing fees can be redirected to our goals. This would help the entire process as banks are not normally friendly to churches, and obtaining refinancing would waste a lot of time and money. We can do this! Also, to begin the process of designing the Nichols addition requires a significant initial investment. (The Faith-raiser funds will be used for this, combined with savings from your faithful giving, amounts to over \$55,000. And a manufactured house donated to us is for sale and will eventually add another \$30,000 or more. So we potentially have about half of this initial amount.)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MAKE A 3-YEAR PLEDGE? This pledge is between you and God, although we are asking you to communicate this to us. It is not a binding commitment. The church cannot and would not press you to fulfill this pledge if your situation changes. Like the recent Faith-raiser, God can use many different means to enable us to fulfill our pledge. Make a faith statement by pledging what you believe God is leading you to do. Many people donate to a vast array of good organizations and purposes. We are asking that you demonstrate the importance of Church by making the largest financial commitment above and beyond your regular giving. Spreading this over 3 years it makes it realistic, even though still stretching. \$1.5 million might as well be \$1.5 billion if I'm just looking at my personal budget. I'm just like you; I have difficulty with \$1500, sometimes even \$15. But when we work together, we have over 200 giving families among the three congregations and three years to reach this goal. That along with the God-appointed, God-sized, special gifts that will come in... This is a goal we can attain!

WHAT IS THE \$1.5 MILLION BEING USED FOR?

The largest portion will go toward expanding Nichols. We have many options, and are looking at several phases to complete our plans. With \$1.5 million we would be able to add an entrance, foyer, classrooms, bathrooms, and pay off the existing mortgage. The next largest portion would go toward staffing Vandalia, and paying off the land contract so that we can provide a living wage long term. Finally at Vine we would purchase an adjacent lot, transforming it into space for parking and ministry. Paying off Vine's mortgage would free up cash that can be used to pay a living wage to Vine pastors, and continue improvements on the facility.

WHAT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND TIMELINE FOR THE NICHOLS CAMPUS?

We have the leadership of Israel Yoder (a builder) and Tom Fawley (also in the building trade), along with Mark Jeverth who has helped many ministries expand. In addition we are already consulting with several builders and architects for input. We have not committed to specific plans at this point, but believe it is time to begin to raise the vision, and the funds, for this project. We hope to have more specifics in place by mid 2018.