Dear Christ Church,

What an amazing couple of years in mission and ministry we've had loving, growing and serving together! As a result of your generosity, we've been able to take major strides in fulfilling our vision to "embrace people, the community and the world with the BOUNDLESS love of God!" Here are just some of the things we've been able to accomplish together:

- We've given over $400,000 to missional engagement opportunities that are transforming the lives of people in our community and the world.
- We've made major improvements to our Holden Rd campus, including updated furnishings, flooring, lighting, painting, technology, and security; the addition of hearing loops to our worship spaces; HVAC upgrades in the Sanctuary to enhance comfort and protect the Fisk organ; and greater accessibility for those with mobility needs. In addition, we are addressing maintenance needs (roof replacements and HVAC upgrades), while also finalizing plans for significant improvements to our children and adult spaces this Fall.
- We've retired long-standing debt on the Fellowship Center and surrounding spaces.
- We've funded increased staff attention on children, adults, senior adults, and missions.
- We've launched a community meal and worship service on our Glenwood Campus that's reaching hundreds of folks and helping to establish this campus as a true missional and community hub.
- We've developed a new Monday Night Worship service on our Holden Road campus to engage those who aren’t able to worship on Sundays.

We are truly blessed! And, we’re not done. This October, we are launching our 2020 generosity initiative, “Get in the Game,” which will fund our ministry and missions for the next year.

In week one, we’ll be reminded that “We’re ALL on the Team.” Each person in our community of faith is a valued, important part of helping Christ Church continue to accomplish the mission God has given us.

In week two, you’ll be encouraged to “Find Your Position.” Every person in our community of faith is gifted by God and, when we put those to use, great things happen! We will launch our new Equipping Ministry, which is designed to help us discover our unique gifts and put them into practice.

In week three, our theme will be “Take the Field.” We’ll consider why it’s important to make a generous financial investment in our church and how to do it.

In week four, we’ll "Celebrate the Win." At each of our worship services, we’ll turn in our commitment cards and celebrate how our willingness to “be on the team, find our position, and take the field” will help Christ Church continue to embrace people, our community, and the world with the boundless love of God in 2020!

Christ Church is a great community of faith that’s loving, growing, and serving in amazing ways! I hope you are as excited to be a part of it as I am. And, I hope you will get excited and “Get In the Game” with me as we move into a new year of mission and ministry together in the coming year!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris
REVIEW THE PLAYBOOK

2020 GIVING TARGET $2,100,000

MINISTRY 47%
Includes Discipleship, Congregational Care, Connections, and Worship & Arts ministries, as well as staff and clergy to serve in these areas.

FACILITIES 23%
Includes the costs of operating and maintaining our wonderful facilities, which enable our great ministries and missions to thrive.

OFFICE & ADMIN 12%
Includes the costs of operating our office, managing our finances, and providing administrative support for all of our ministries and missions.

MISSIONS 17%
Includes spending toward missional engagement, as well as our support of the broader missions and ministries of the United Methodist Church.
SEE THE FIELD

THE GIVING DIAMOND
As you prayerfully consider the impact of your generosity, we invite you to move to the next base of the giving diamond. Maybe you’re being challenged to give for the first time. Maybe it means making generosity a bigger part of your life. We hope you’ll join us in taking that next step as we respond to the generosity that God has shown us.

1ST BASE: FIRST TIME GIVER
It all starts with getting on base. A life of generosity begins with an initial commitment to give. We celebrate giving as an opportunity, not an obligation.

2ND BASE: GROWING GIVER
As you grow in your giving, it stretches you to depend on God and to discover the joy of living generously. As we grow in our generosity, we find that it opens us more fully to the work of God in our lives.

3RD BASE: COMMITTED GIVER
When you’re committed, generosity is a part of your identity. You regularly give 10% or a meaningful portion of your income to honor God and to make a difference in the lives of others.

HOME PLATE: EXTRAVAGANT GIVER
Extravagant generosity is what God shows us. To live this way is to recognize that everything is a blessing from God and that life is full of opportunities to bless others. This is truly the way of Christ.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS GIVING IMPORTANT?
Nearly all of the resourcing for the missions and ministries of Christ Church comes from the generosity of the congregation. Without your generosity, inspiring worship services, vital ministries for children, youth, and adults, impactful missional work, and deeply caring community wouldn’t be possible. We are so grateful for the generosity of so many, which allows Christ Church to be a great community of faith and a transformational force in our community.

HOW IS THE CHURCH BUDGET CREATED?
The church budget is a collaborative endeavor. First, ministry leaders and committees submit their requests to the Finance Committee. This committee then uses these requests and the results of the generosity campaign to establish a budget for the coming year. That budget is then submitted to the Church Council, which includes representation from all ministry areas, for final approval. The Finance Committee then monitors income and expenses throughout the year, ensuring financial responsibility as we pursue our mission together.

WHY DO WE MAKE GIVING COMMITMENTS?
Making a giving commitment is extremely helpful as the Finance Committee and staff work to project the income and set the budget for the coming year. If you ever need to make a change to your commitment, we understand. These commitments simply help us to plan well and be good stewards of church resources.

HOW DOES EACH CAMPUS SUPPORT THE WORK OF CHRIST CHURCH?
It doesn’t matter which campus you call home, your giving is important. Your generosity provides resources for ministries specific to your campus and for the shared ministries of both campuses. We are one church on two campuses, working together to change lives in our community and beyond.
FOLLOW THE GAMEPLAN

This devotional guide corresponds with the “Get in the Game” worship series. Follow this guide during the month of October to see how God is calling you to Take the Field in 2020. Together, we will Celebrate the Win!

WEEK 1 | YOU’RE ON THE TEAM
Read: Matthew 4:18-22; 1 Thessalonians 1:4
Reflect: Jesus knew that he needed all kinds of people to help him accomplish his mission. So, he made sure everyone knew that they were an important part of his team. At Christ Church, we want everyone to know they are an integral part of helping us accomplish our mission to “embrace people, our community and world with the boundless love of God.” When have you felt like a part of a team? Do you currently feel like an important part of the Christ Church team? How might you take steps to deepen your engagement? How can we help? Take the Next Step: This week, take some time to prayerfully consider what makes you an integral part of the Christ Church team. Write down some ways that you can engage with the mission of Christ Church this year.

WEEK 2 | FIND YOUR POSITION
Read: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Reflect: Paul uses the metaphor of a human body to help us understand that God has equipped each of us with unique gifts and passions that enable us to serve God and others. What unique gifts, skills, and interests has God given you? Do you enjoy working with children or youth? Are you a good listener? Do you have carpentry skills? Are you passionate about senior adults? Are you adept at working with numbers? Take the Next Step: Spend some time prayer, asking God to show you how you might use your gifts to serve God and others through Christ Church. Explore our new Equipping Ministry and see how they might help you discover your gifts and find your position.

WEEK 3 | TAKE THE FIELD
Read: Malachi 3:10; John 6:1-13
Reflect: This week we’re talking about taking the field. We can be on the team and know our position but, in order make a difference, we have to take the field. We take the field when we use our gifts. We also take the field when we generously support the missions and ministries of our church with our financial resources. All of the great things that happen in and through Christ Church are because people have chosen to “take the field.” Take the Next Step: Spend some time reflecting on how God is calling you to “Take the Field” financially in 2020. Is it to make a financial commitment for the first time? Is it to increase your financial investment in Christ Church? Review the Giving Diamond on the previous page. Then, fill out your commitment card and bring it to worship on Oct 27th. If you cannot be in worship, you can submit another Sunday, on the website, or to the church office.

WEEK 4 | CELEBRATE THE WIN
Read: Philippians 4:10-20; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Reflect: When we understand that we’re on the team, find our position and take the field great things happen! God will be able to use us to help Christ Church “win the game” by fulfilling our mission to embrace people, the community, and the world with the boundless love of God in 2020. Take the Next Step: Name some ways you see Christ Church “winning,” or making an impact in the lives of people, the community, and the world. Take some time to celebrate and thank God for the ways God is using you and our church to transform the world with love!

WAYS TO GIVE

- Give by credit or debit online at christgreensboro.org/giving
- Give by cash or check during weekly worship services or by visiting the church office.
- Give by text message. Text “Give 100” (Change number to change gift amount) to 984-237-2862. You’ll recieve further prompts to setup your one time or recurring gift.
- Give by mail to 410 N Holden Rd, Greensboro, NC 27403
- Give by contacting Samantha Charlet, our Business Manager, at 336-299-1571 ext. 310. She would be glad to answer questions or assist you with gifts from Donor Advised Funds, Securities, Estates, IRAs, and more.