

Greater Impact

For: The Lost, The Seeking, The Growing

A Greater Impact update for the Phillipsburg Alliance Church family

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Let's Be Used By God By Reverend Randall Nelson

The last command that Jesus gave to the disciples is found in Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus said to the disciples then and he says to us today, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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." This is what we are trying to do in our capital campaign for the Liberty Road project.

It is our purpose and goal to reach as many as we can for Christ and not only those who are near us but to the ends of the earth. As we begin our capital campaign, we must remember the goal isn't simply to build a building, it is to reach the lost and disciple believers. The building is just a tool God will use to help accomplish the task. So we want to invite the lost, encourage seekers and disciple all those who are part of our fellowship.

We are first to reach the "lost." But who are they? The lost are those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The lost are everywhere we go; we meet them every day. They are in our families; they are at our work. They surround us in Phillipsburg and the lost encompass us up on Liberty Road. There are thousands of people in the area where we will be building the church who have no knowledge of who Jesus is. It is our vision not only to reach the Lopatcong and Phillipsburg area, but the entire region and the world. It is exciting to think what God is going to do through us. I remember Steve Green's song, People Need the Lord. This is but one

reason why we are doing the capital campaign, it is to reach the unsaved.

A second group we want to focus on are those who are "seeking." The seeking could be those who have a growing interest in knowing Jesus or it could be people who know Christ but are looking for a church home. There will be plenty of opportunities to reach those who are looking for the Lord through outreach and for those who are looking for a church fellowship on Liberty Road. We will have plenty of space for people to meet, to worship and to have all types of outreach ministries and programs. It will be right near the road where thousands of people drive by each day. It is our desire to be the "light on a hill" to point people to Jesus.

Finally, we want to disciple those who have come to Christ. We want them to grow just as Jesus said in Matthew 28:20. It is our goal to bring people to maturity in Christ. God does this through his Holy Spirit, Word, prayer and also uses other Christians to do this. It is our desire God will use the facility as an instrument to help do this with our fellowship. There will be all types of opportunities for growing through the Word, through worship, youth ministry, Sunday school, Bible studies, prayer meetings and outreach.

So we want to keep this before us. The capital campaign is not about a building, the building is secondary; it's about people. It is about our theme, Greater Impact for the Lost, the Seeking and the Growing. The question is, what does God want you to do with it?

Phillipsburg Alliance Church Vision is to...

Effectively communicate God's grace to all people

"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God." 2 Corinthians 4:15

The Capital Campaign Team...



Each month we will highlight the members of the Capital Campaign Team

Pastor Randy Nelson

Hi, my name is Randy Nelson and it has been my special privilege to serve on the pastoral staff of PAC for more than 28 years. Having come fresh out of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, into a new church, new home, new bride, Laurie, and new responsibilities, only the Lord knew what was to come. The church was struggling in 1988 and was about to close. We were given these words by the District Superintendent at the time: "You can only go up from here. You can watch the Holy Spirit do a great thing in Phillipsburg and you can ride His coat-tails." And so we have watched the Lord do amazing things through the leadership and the people of PAC. It has been our delight to be a part of it. Along the way we have grown our own family with 5 wonderful daughters and 1 amazing son. We do not know what God will do in the years to come, but we are sure it won't be boring and it will stretch us in ways we never imagined. I hope you will join us in this next adventure



Duane and Norma Wheeland

have been part of the Phillipsburg Alliance Church for over 10 years after moving from Colorado Springs, CO. They have really enjoyed being part of the PAC family and have grown in their faith through solid preaching, teaching, and fellowship with other like-minded believers. Norma has been active with the Women's Ministry Leadership Team and prayer ministries. Duane has been part of the Budget Committee, Corporate Prayer Team, and the Building Committee. Now he is chairing the Capital Campaign Committee and the Advance Commitment Committee. They want to be part of what God is doing through PAC in making a greater impact for His Kingdom in this area of New Jersey and PA.

Impactful Praise & Prayer!

Praise God...

For the 120 people from PAC committed to pray for our capital campaign and this time of trusting God for Greater Impact in our community for the spread of His gospel with Kingdom impact!

Upcoming Prayer Meetings:

Tuesday, August 30th

Capital Campaign

Prayer Request For The Week:

“Pray that as we study the Word of God we will have the mind of Christ throughout our Capital Campaign”

- 1. For unity among our congregation.** The enemy is interested in limited impact by causing divisions among us.
- 2. For the planning and logistics for the Leadership dinner on August 7th** that most of our leaders will be able to attend and have a clearer understanding of the direction our church is moving.
- 3. For each committee member as they work on their special areas** to make this capital campaign a success.
- 4. Pastor Randy as he continues his series, “As Unto the Lord.”**