

Dear AGCC Family,
Ever felt that longing — that itch for change, for a new season? In 2022 it was time, time for a change, time for a new season of life and ministry at Aspen Grove Christian Church. In response to this longing — this hunger for a new horizon — we, as a church family, prayerfully turned to God. We asked Him to guide us and direct us into a new



season of ministry. God, in His unfailing faithfulness, heard our prayers and poured a new, life-giving vision into our church, a vision to be *“A church striving to embody GRACE and TRUTH as we GROW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.”*

As we considered this vision and how to accomplish it, four action steps immediately rose to the surface. We knew that if we were to fully live into this new season—into God’s vision for our church—we would need to:

- Prepare our facility for missional outreach. To serve the needs of our immediate community, significant changes and improvements would be needed. This includes the addition of a sprinkler system & improved security.
- Prioritize and increase our ministry team, ensuring key areas like connections/outreach, student ministry, and administration receive the attention they need.
- Increase our support for mission-critical ministries like global missions and foster/adoption care.
- Establish a firm financial foundation to increase our effectiveness and amplify our impact going forward.

This vision and these goals represent a bigger, bolder, more audacious, and impactful future than has previously been imagined at AGCC. While we recognized this vision and these goals to be both good and achievable, we knew it would only be possible with God’s help. So beginning in 2023 we, as a church family, entered into a campaign to fuel the vision. It was a campaign built around the idea that our faith, our ministry, and our church have *“Room to Grow.”*

What happened next? God showed up! He stirred in the hearts of His people, and a spirit of generosity and sacrificial giving welled up in our church like we have never seen before. On commitment Sunday, hearts were stirred in such a powerful way, we

witnessed what can only be described as a “Generosity traffic-jam” and more than \$400,000 dollars was pledged! With over a year left in the campaign, an incredible 80%+ of what was pledged has already been donated.

It has been an incredible response, and we are so thankful to you and to everyone who has given to this church. Your love, devotion, & sacrifice make AGCC the amazing church it is. But, we wouldn’t be here without the provision that only God can supply. We see God’s hand in every part of this and we are reminded that we can, with deep faithfulness and trust, rely on Him for everything.

Our heads have been spinning! Not only did we have an amazing “Room to Grow” kick-off in 2023, behind the scenes so much has been happening.

Room To Grow Goal Updates:

Facility Improvements

- Facility safety, maintenance & improvements are all increasing. Have you noticed any changes?
- Installation of the Sprinkler System (\$375K) is in progress & nearing completion
- We’ve replaced multiple HVAC Units
- We’ve worked to repair a minor flood
- Remodel of both the Park & Cafe
- Security has improved
- Countless small repairs have been done
- Building use & requests by outside groups are at an all time high. This is a huge win as it helps us offset some of our costs while at the same time utilizing the building to serve the community.

Ministry Team / Staffing

- We’ve *GROWN!* We continue to add new families and are seeing an increase in first-time guests.
- To meet this need we have increased our team by adding key individuals to our Worship, Kids, and Administration teams.

Foster/Adoption Care & Missions

- AGCC is regularly contributing to Graceworks Ministries, Tennessee Kids Belong (Foster/Adoption Group), and The Hacienda of Hope (Children’s Home in Ecuador).
- We’ve seen an increase in need in the foster/adoption world, but at the same

time our community partnerships with groups like Tennessee Kids Belong, The Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Development, and most recently Love On Wheels are also increasing.

- In May (Foster/Adoption month) AGCC once again extended our reach sending much needed care baskets to foster families and those aging out of the foster system (EFC - Extended Foster Care).
- AGCC is becoming a known and trusted supporter of foster families in this area. As a result, not only are more requests coming in, but our ability to say "yes" and meet those needs is increasing.

Financial Foundation

- Secured a line of credit anticipating a future draw for big expenses like the sprinkler system
- Secured a new brokerage account
- Room To Grow giving, as mentioned, has been incredible. More than \$300K of the \$400K pledged has already been received.
- Regular giving has also been good, and showing some increase over previous years.
- Reimbursement income from outside groups using the building will likely see the highest increase we have ever seen this year.

It's happening! Real, powerful, transformational life change is happening! In so many ways, AGCC is better positioned to have a significant impact for Jesus Christ than ever before. But... we aren't done. This November 2025 begins the third year of our "Room to Grow" campaign. To help us finish strong, we are planning another vision-driven, purpose-filled, God-powered month at AGCC, but we can't do it without you.

Here's how you can help:

Share your story - On our website (under Room To Grow) or via this QR code, you'll find a link to a series of prompts/questions inviting you share your stories of how God has made a difference in your life throughout this season. Your "Grow Story" matters, so share yours today!



Pray - Pray. Whether you've already made a commitment and you're looking to complete it, or maybe you want to join this effort for the first time, please pray, asking God to guide and direct you in a way that is clear and honors Him.

Invite - We believe God always provides for his purpose, but at the same time, while

the response has been epic, it's unlikely we can accomplish these audacious goals alone. Who might God be putting in your circle that would benefit from a real encounter with the grace and truth of Jesus Christ? Who in your circle's life would benefit from being invited to contribute to something significant—something that truly matters?

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in and through His church, we've only just begun, and we still have "Room to Grow".

We believe greater things are "STILL TO BE DONE" in this church and in this city.

Blessings in Jesus name,
Adam Kaufhold



*If you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of our "Room to Grow" campaign contact us at office@aspengrovecc.com.