

Dear AGCC Family,

In 2022, we prayerfully sought God's guidance as we considered the next decade of ministry (our eighth decade, praise God). God answered our prayers & gave us a vision to be *"A church striving to embody GRACE and TRUTH as we GROW FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST."*



Last year (2023), as we considered this vision and how to accomplish it, four action steps rose to the surface. We knew if we were to live 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 last year, as a church family, we entered into a capital campaign to help fund the goals and fuel the vision. It was a campaign built around the idea that our faith, our ministry and our church have *"Room to Grow."*

As He so often does, 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. To date, for the express purpose of fueling our vision and accomplishing the goals listed above, more than \$400,000 dollars have been pledged! I am excited to report more than \$100,000 of what was pledged has already been given.

It has been an incredible response, 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 last year, behind the scenes so much has been happening. Here are some highlights:

### **2023 Misc. Updates:**

- We added 16 new families (10 member, 6 regular attender).
- Ministry Team
  - Added Tess our worship leader
  - Added Gabria our nursery worker
  - We are actively looking to fill our part-time student ministry position ASAP
- Building
  - We had a flood in our building (roughly \$30K repair)
  - We replaced 4 HVAC units (roughly \$15k a piece)
  - Meeting space for school groups, non-profits, business & general community use is a huge need in our area and we want to meet it. We've seen a huge increase in our building usage, almost doubling our building reimbursement income from previous years.

### **Room To Grow Goal Updates:**

- Facility Improvements
  - We have been actively interviewing Sprinkler System companies and hope to land on one soon. We could see installation as early as this summer.
  - Facility Safety, Maintenance & Improvements are all increasing. Have you noticed any changes?
- Ministry Team / Staffing
  - Creation of full-time Admin/Associate position to "mind the shop." We couldn't be more excited about this position & how it will create more opportunity for the ministry team to minister & shepherd/elder team to shepherd.
- 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).
  - In Feb. AGCC, in partnership with Tennessee Kids Belong & Tupelo Honey, hosted more than a dozen foster families, providing childcare & much needed night out.
  - In May (Foster/Adoption month) we have plans to go all out in support of foster/adoptive families; Special Speakers, Community/State leaders, Special Service Projects, etc...
- Financial Foundation
  - Secured a Line of Credit anticipating a future draw for big expenses like Sprinkler System
  - Secured a new Brokerage Account

- Room To Grow giving, as mentioned, has been incredible. More than \$100K given to date.
- Regular giving for Jan. & Feb. has also been very good

It's happening! Real, powerful, transformational life change is happening! The grace and truth of Jesus Christ, poured through His people is making a difference in our community and world. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in and through His church, we've only just begun, we have "Room to Grow".

Blessings in Jesus name

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\*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](mailto:office@aspengrovecc.com)



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