



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

REDEEMING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree
planted by water, that sends out its roots
by the stream, and does not fear when heat
comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not
anxious in the year of drought, for it does not
cease to bear fruit.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

It has been humbling to watch God's faithfulness in our journey together thus far. In God's kindness we have seen a lot happen in our brief history. Lives have been changed, disciples have been equipped, we've invested in the next generation, and many have been mobilized for the sake of the gospel. The people of Redeeming Grace are faithfully demonstrating the fruit of the gospel by continuing to live beyond themselves. This fruit is evident as people are seeking to grow in God's word, seek biblical community, and live intentionally for Jesus. In short, we are faithfully striving to live out our mission to Exalt the Lord, Equip the Saints, and Engage the World.

I am especially excited about the next chapter in our journey as a church. As we look to the future we are excited to launch a three-year initiative called Putting Down Roots. The Lord is calling us to put down roots for the future as we continue to live out the calling God has given us as a church. A significant part of this initiative will include constructing our own facility so that we can more effectively and strategically live out our mission. This will be no small undertaking and it will require us all to be invested.

Let's continue seeking the Lord together as we begin this historic next chapter for Redeeming Grace.

It is a great joy and privilege to serve as your pastor at this exciting time in the life of our church. Let's put down roots together!

Adam Polk



DEFINING MOMENTS

2009 Second campus of Leonardtown Baptist Church is launched with 100 members.

2010 LBC Callaway Campus begins meeting at the King's Christian Academy

2011 Pastor Adam Polk called to be Campus Pastor

2014 LBC votes unanimously to launch Callaway Campus as Redeeming Grace Baptist Church

2015 January 1st - Redeeming Grace Baptist Church (RGBC) officially launched and Pastor Adam becomes lead Pastor of RGBC.

2016 Pastor Jeremy Rhoton called to be Associate Pastor

2018 RGBC votes to purchase 10 acres from KCA to build a future facility



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RGBC FIRST SUNDAY

Putting Down Roots is a three-year initiative to better position us as a church to more effectively live out our mission to exalt, equip, and engage.

The Lord is presenting us with one of the most life-defining moments we have encountered as a church thus far. We believe God has a vision for Redeeming Grace to be an impact church, a church that transforms the landscape of St. Mary's County, Southern Maryland, and the nations for God's glory. God has done amazing things through Redeeming Grace over the past 4 years and we are excited to put down roots for the future.

We have been blessed with leased space from the King's Christian Academy since the beginning and it has served us well. But as we continue to grow, the temporary space we lease creates limits and unique challenges to execute, maintain, and grow our ministries. We are nearly at 80% capacity regularly for Sunday worship, we continue to outgrow space for children's ministry, and find it more challenging to maintain equipment and adequate space for all other ministries.

We are limited by time with access to a building one day a week. Having our own building will allow us to grow and maximize our ministry potential beyond just one day a week. We believe the time has come for us to take a giant and crucial step towards establishing a presence in the our community having regular space for ministry.

The mission-critical step we need to take now is to put down roots by constructing a facility that will position us to more effectively live out the three elements of our mission.

- 1. Exalt the Lord**
- 2. Equip the Saints**
- 3. Engage the World**



EXALT THE LORD

We believe our greatest calling is to be a people radically committed to the glory and praise of God. Because we believe corporate worship is one of the most important expressions of treasuring God, we plan to build a new facility that will accommodate over 400 in worship in our Sunday worship gathering.

This facility will serve our present congregation and provide space for future growth. The sanctuary will be constructed as a multiuse room allowing us to convert for fellowship dinners and other special events.



EQUIP THE SAINTS

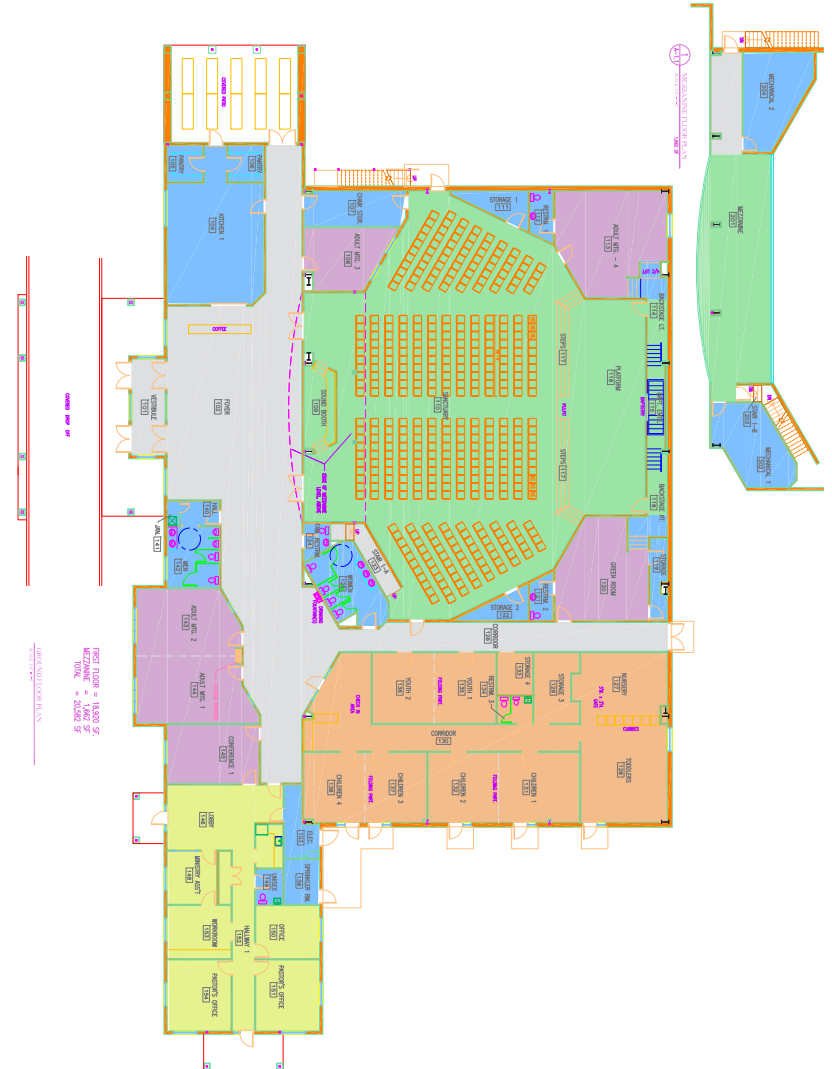
We are firmly committed to obey our calling to make disciples. As we prioritize making disciples we plan to:

1. Provide a spacious education wing to accommodate a growing children's ministry
2. Create dedicated space for youth and adult discipleship ministries
3. Establish a spacious commons area that will encourage a positive guest experience and foster opportunities for meaningful fellowship

ENGAGE THE WORLD

We believe a facility of our own will be a visible statement to the community that we are here to stay and serve. It is our desire to relocate our staff offices and reception area to the new facility so we can maintain a regular and visible connection in our community. A new facility will allow us to expand our presence by providing a home base from which we can better spread our roots to connect with local ministry partners, provide space to serve our community, and mobilize disciples to impact Southern Maryland and the nations.

The scope and size of the new facility will be driven with a vision to multiply. We will not build with an eye towards multiple expansion projects in the future but with a vision to multiplication through church planting. This facility will be our home base as we seek to plant new churches throughout Southern Maryland.



We hope to construct a building up to 20,000 sq ft that accommodates all our present ministry needs yet allows room for future growth.



LIFESTYLE GIVING

Since Putting Down Roots is an extension of our focus to Exalt, Equip, and Engage we are asking you to commit to helping us more effectively fulfill our mission. We are seeking to raise \$1.5 million over the next three years to go towards the total project cost. The closer we get to or even exceed this goal will help us minimize the debt we would incur to complete the project. This goal is ambitious and we know that we need the Lord to work through us all to reach it. We are asking you to prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you invest in this historic and exciting opportunity.

It's been said that "the way we live is the way we give." Campaigns and initiatives rely on church members making gifts over and above their current level of giving. It's important to keep this in mind as you pray and commit.

One way of considering this approach is "Lifestyle Giving," a term that's used to describe a level of giving that affects one's living. Always with us there is the temptation to give in such a way that it makes little impact on how we live. In 2 Samuel 24:24 King David declared, "I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." David understood that the value of the gift presented to God is determined by its value to the giver.

Lifestyle Giving is a level of giving that affects me: my plans, my activities, my attitude and approach to life. It means giving up something in one area so I can give more of myself in another. Three keys to effectiveness in Lifestyle Giving are:

1. Reassess my Lifestyle
2. Rearrange my Priorities
3. Reallocate my Resources

As you prayerfully apply these three keys to your own life you will be amazed how the Lord will prepare and enable you to do more than previously thought.

THE FOUR P'S TO A GOOD PLEDGE GIFT DECISION

PRAYER

This process and decision must be governed by prayer. Nothing prepares our heart more than seeking the Lord. There's no need to rush - the longer you pray "God, show me how to give," the more ways He can show you.

PROPORTIONAL

Investing in this initiative is about faith and sacrifice, not just quantity. One of the guiding principles behind this opportunity is "equal sacrifice, not equal gifts." We see the pattern of proportional giving in Scripture because God has given us different amounts of resources. The Lord is concerned about our hearts - not just amounts.

PEACE

Although it is challenging, God will grant us peace as we strive to be prayerful and proportional in our commitment to Him. People will experience this in different ways. Often, it comes by a confirming word or situation after you've made your decision. Other times, it is a general sense of calm, knowing that you are being obedient to God's direction.

PLEASING

This is about seeking a commitment decision that is pleasing to God. For most of us, it is easy to find what is pleasing to us. But to find what is pleasing to God, we will have to stretch our faith through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Here are a few good questions to help you determine if your pledge amount is pleasing to God:

- Does this amount require me to trust God? (2 Cor. 9:6-8)
- Does this amount show I value my hope of eternal reward more than material things? (1 Tim. 6:19)
- Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice? (2 Sam. 24:24)
- Does this amount express the level of thanksgiving I have for the ways Christ and His church have blessed my life and family? (Psalm 54:6)

PRACTICAL STEPS

FOR PREPARING TO GIVE

Practice Priority Budgeting

Many individuals or families may choose to arrange their financial priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give to Putting Down Roots. Priority budgeting may include postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, home remodel or other major purchase.

Redirect Present Expenditures

Often we have short-term expenditures or loans for special needs such as a car loan or college expenses. Once these loans are paid or expenses end, cash flow is freed up that could be redirected to Putting Down Roots.

Extra Work / Second Income

Some family members have extra time they would be willing to use in a part-time job to be able to give more to the ministries of the church. This is particularly true for families whose children are grown and away from home. It might be that your life situation allows you to live mostly on one income while freeing up resources from the second income to be directed to this initiative.

Increase Giving with Increased Income

Sometimes we know of bonuses, raises, or tax refunds that we will receive over the next few years. Individuals or families can decide to delay increasing their lifestyle in order to commit the increased income to Putting Down Roots.

Donate Assets

There are some incredible tax advantages to giving appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, savings, real estate, etc. Gifts of appreciated assets – typically investment securities or real estate – can be very advantageous to both the donor and the church. By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids income tax on the sale of the asset. Unlike cash gifts that have already incurred an income tax, gifts of appreciated assets avoid the incurrence of capital gain tax. In addition, the donor receives a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the asset. Before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA or other financial advisor.

GIVING EXAMPLE #1

John and Mary have decided to do the following.

They can give \$3,000 from their savings account.

They were planning to purchase a car and the monthly payment was expected to be \$350. They decide to delay this purchase for three years and give this to Putting Down Roots. ($\$350 \times 36 \text{ months} = \$12,600$).

They believe through faith that God will enable them to give another \$3,600 over the next three years to Putting Down Roots.

Three Year Pledge Total

Stored Assets	\$3,000
+	
Sacrificial Giving	\$12,600
+	
Faith Giving	\$3,600
=	
Total Commitment	\$19,200

GIVING EXAMPLE #2

Mary is living paycheck to paycheck with no savings and college loans to pay.

After looking into her spending realizes that she eats out three times a week. She decides to eat out only twice a month and to only order water when she does. This will save her \$100 /month. ($\$100 \times 36 \text{ months} = \$3,600$).

She believes through faith God will enable her to give another \$150 a month over the next three years to Putting Down Roots. ($\$150 \times 36 = \$5,400$).

Three Year Pledge Total

Stored Assets	\$0
+	
Sacrificial Giving	\$3,600
+	
Faith Giving	\$5,400
=	
Total Commitment	\$9,000

COMMITMENT SUNDAY | APR 7

Let's trust the Lord and give generously so we can put down roots and further the work of the gospel in Southern Maryland to the ends of the earth.

3-YEAR GIFT GUIDE

# GIFTS	AMOUNT OF EACH	ANNUAL AMOUNT	MONTHLY AMOUNT	WEEKLY AMOUNT
1	\$200,000	\$66,667	\$5,556	\$1,282
1	\$100,000	\$33,333	\$2,778	\$641
1	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$481
4	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$1,389	\$321
6	\$35,000	\$11,667	\$972	\$224
12	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$694	\$160
12	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$96
15	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$208	\$48
14	\$5,000	\$1,667	\$139	\$32
15	\$2,500	\$833	\$69	\$16
18	\$1,200	\$400	\$33	\$8

TOTAL GOAL \$1,500,000

THREE WAYS TO GIVE

1. one-time cash gift
2. a 36-month commitment
3. stored resources (stocks, bonds, savings, real estate, etc.)

*description of stored resources gift: _____

- ☐ I would like someone to contact me concerning a gift of financial securities or real property

GIVING COMMITMENT (APR 2019-APR 2022)

My/Our Three-Year Commitment to Putting Down Roots:
\$ _____

My/Our One-Time Gift from Stored Resources:
\$ _____

MY/Our TOTAL commitment to Putting Down Roots:
\$ _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE

- ☐ weekly for 156 weeks ☐ annually for 3 years
☐ monthly for 36 months ☐ a one-time gift

The Lord is calling Redeeming Grace to action now as we prepare for the next step of our journey together. Let's commit to pray and give sacrificially so we can put down roots for the glory of God!

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20





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