



CHANGE
YOUR
WORLD

2022 - 2024

Westside Friends & Family -

I believe this is one of the most important moments of our lives. Having come through a global pandemic together, we know more people than ever who are seeking hope, help, meaning and real connection. The question is, *will they find those things?*

I hope that question bothers you as much as it does me. To be honest, it keeps me up at night. It seems like our world is pointing to everything except Jesus, and it's leaving people's hearts and lives empty. **What if we could change that?** What if we could help the people we love find their way back to a thriving relationship with God? What if we could see God radically transform our families, our city and our region? What if we all discovered our God-given passion and calling in the days and months ahead? What if we became an unstoppable force of beauty and good like never before?

That hope is what's driving us to pursue our next season at Westside, and we're calling it **Change Your World**. We're convinced that we can make a difference, and we're convinced that we must. Will you make room in your life to pursue what matters most?

I hope you'll wholeheartedly commit to 2 things on this journey: (1) To find **your individual role** in changing your world, and (2) To help Westside fulfill **our collective role** in changing our world, and to help support the vision moving forward.

I'm cheering for you!



-Pastor Gabe Kolstad



THE WESTSIDE STORY

"Despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us." -Romans 8:37

Westside is a story of overcoming. When COVID hit, churches across the world went into lockdown, pivoting to online ministry in an effort to stay connected as followers of Jesus. This has been a season of depending on one another, deepening our faith, reaching out with love, learning, and trusting in God to work in us and through us. Here's a quick look at the past few years...

February 2019 We began our 2-year ALL IN initiative to grow our faith, increase our impact and update our facilities.

January 2020 We sensed God's leading to launch our campuses as unique churches.

March 2020 COVID hit, and we began our online ministry, which has continued to grow and reach people here, near and far.

April-May 2020 We launched 3 churches and formed the Together Network - our new & growing family of churches.

December 2020 We began regathering in-person on Sundays.

Summer 2021 We finished phase 1 of our facility updates, minus our outdoor gathering spaces.

September 2021 Westside was included on the Outreach 100 list of top reproducing churches in America.

Summer 2022 We recognized ministry momentum in several areas, including new believers, Celebrate Recovery, and outreach.

Fall 2022 We are coming together stronger than ever, each of us committing to "change our world" individually & collectively.

Looking back, we can see God's hand in preparing us for an even more significant era of expanded ministry in the days to come...

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO



Carlee Mercado

You've probably seen Carlee saying hello in the lobby or welcoming people on stage, but did you know she is a cancer survivor, a single mom, and an incredible leader with a heart for Jesus. She came to Jesus in a hospital bed, begging for healing, came to Westside, and jumped in with both feet. We're so grateful for you Carlee!



Connor Rawlins

Connor is an inspiration to his peers. As one of our "Westside Students," he is battling cancer with courage and optimism. He got to attend camp at Black Lake Bible Camp this summer with our students, and his joy was contagious. Connor, we are praying for you! Thank you for your faith in Jesus, and your commitment to live your life for Him.



Lorraine Timmen

Lorraine was baptized by her son Bryce Timmen recently at Westside. She had been seeking spiritual answers through our Alpha group and in God's time she was ready to follow Jesus as her Savior. She is a great example of what God says in Jeremiah 29:13: *"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* We love you Lorraine!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

It's exciting to see what God is currently doing through Westside. As He has brought us through the past few years, we've seen His faithfulness and our church's resilience. Here are a few highlights we're celebrating together:

New Believers

God is breaking records for helping people find Jesus through our Sunday services. In fact, we've seen **117 people** say YES to Jesus in the first 8 months of 2022! Many of them have been baptized as well, and are growing in their faith.

Food Brigade Growth

Thank God for Kevin & June Osborne and the entire Food Brigade Team. Since launching as a non-profit in 2018, this ministry has consistently reached more and more families together. Recently we hit an all-time record of **302 families** served in a single (non-holiday) weekend.

Leadership Development

We are so blessed with a steady stream of new leaders rising up and taking their place. Our **HCLI** (High Capacity Leader Intensive) has taken off, with **12 grads and 11 currently enrolled**. Thank you to all those who are getting out of their comfort zone to serve and lead at a new level. Our next cohort begins in Nov 2022.

Online Reach

With the shock of lockdown in 2020, we scrambled to stay connected online. Thankfully, our team was willing to learn and experiment, and as a result we've seen a significant and sustained online reach. Our content recently surpassed **100k views** on Youtube, and we reach hundreds & hundreds of people each week through our services and podcasts. Best of all, God is using these digital tools to help people find & follow Jesus!

Helping People Take Next Steps

Our "Relational Discipleship Team" formed in 2020 in an effort to make individual connections on a more personal basis to answer questions and offer support, guidance and coaching for Westsiders and those in the community. Over the course of the last couple years we've walked **hundreds of people** toward their next steps, from saying YES to Jesus, to finding financial freedom, to plugging into ministry, to connecting to a counselor, to developing spiritual habits and more. We are so proud of this team!

Celebrate Recovery is Booming!

You may have heard recently that our Celebrate Recovery Ministry ran into a snag. They had **standing room only** for 4 weeks in a row! We responded by moving the ministry into our auditorium this summer, which has been a huge blessing. As a result, the team is growing and we recently hit an all-time record attendance for CR. Way to go team!

The Together Network - Our Family of Churches

In the Spring of 2020 we followed God's leading to launch our former campuses as unique churches, with complete freedom and autonomy. We banded together as churches to form a new family where we can connect and encourage one another. God has grown us **from one church in multiple locations to many churches in one family**. We're so grateful!

Church Planting Wins

Did you know we're on our 10th church plant as a church? We are grateful to be involved in multiplying more healthy churches in our city, region and world. In 2021 we were selected by Outreach Magazine as **one of the Top 100 Reproducing Churches in America**. Nice job Westside!

OUR 3 URGENT GOALS:

We are trusting God for a significant increase in generosity to fund the vision He has given us as a church. Over the next 2 years, as He provides through you we will...

✓ Fully Resource Our Church

Like most churches post-COVID, we are continuing to rebuild our ministries and our support base at Westside. With your help we can provide **abundant support for our existing ministries** like Celebrate Recovery, Sunday Services, Groups, Discipleship, Food Brigade, and Outreach. We will be fully prepared to continue helping people find & follow Jesus.

✓ Respond to Our Space Needs

We have three primary space needs to solve:

(1) **Give our Student Ministry more room to grow** - Thank God we need more room for this thriving ministry!

(2) **Give Food Brigade more room to grow** - Our whole community is blessed by this incredible team and we need more room to keep feeding those in need.

(3) Finish what we started with our Phase 1 campus upgrades by creating **more space for connecting, including covered & heated outdoor spaces to connect.**

✓ Invest in the Next Generation

We recognize our responsibility to families, and we will increase our investment in our ministry to kids, students, young adults and parents. Now more than ever, our world needs to see a new generation of Jesus followers who passionately rise up to make their difference. We envision **refreshing our playground**, strengthening our ongoing **programs**, and providing **additional staffing and financial resources**, all so that we can more effectively engage each age and stage along journey.

OUR 3 PROJECTS

Current Giving (Previous 2 years)	Anticipated Giving (Next 2 years)	The Difference
\$1,500,000	\$2,400,000	\$900,000

Project #1: SPACE (\$350k/year over 2 years)

We will solve our space needs by providing initial funding for Food Brigade space, adding Student and Adult Ministry space, and providing covered & heated outdoor spaces to connect.

Project #2: STAFFING (\$275k over 2 years)

We will increase our staffing support for Kids, Students, Young Adult Ministry and Operations.

Project #3: PROGRAMMING (\$275k over 2 years)

We will boost our impact by increasing our investment in our key ministries like Celebrate Recovery, Family Ministry (kids, students and young adults), Sunday Services, Discipleship, and Outreach.

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TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN GENEROSITY

Step 4: Sacrificial Generosity

Step 3: Tithe 10%

Step 2: Make it Consistent


Step 1: Get Started



WHAT'S NEEDED

Giving Goal: \$2,400,000 (2 years)

# of Gifts Needed	1	1	2	4	6	10	12	15	20	20	Many	
Amount	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	GOAL: 100% Participation

\$ _____	My/our CURRENT YEARLY GIVING	 <p>CHANGE your WORLD</p>	NAME: _____
\$ _____	My/our EXPANDED GIVING FOR C.Y.W.		PHONE: _____
= \$ _____	1-YEAR SUBTOTAL		EMAIL: _____
x 2 YEARS = \$ _____			My/our 2-YEAR COMMITMENT : \$ _____
+ \$ _____	ONE-TIME GIFTS (STOCKS, SAVINGS, ASSETS)		

WHY US? WHY NOW?

In the course of history there are a few times that are *special*. We believe this is one of those times; and we believe we are poised to step in and stand in the gap.

Why?

- Because **the world is hungry for hope**. All the uncertainty, chaos and trials of the past couple years have created a desire to find real hope, significance and answers. We know that Jesus is the answer.
- Because **we are ready to bring it**. God has been preparing us for such a time as this. We have the passion, we have the potential - now we need to make the commitment and say yes to God's call on our lives and on our church.
- Because **opportunities expire**. We recognize that a door has opened and God is inviting us to step out to make our difference. Jesus said, *"We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work"* (John 9:4).

As you seek God's will for your participation, know that we are praying with you and trusting God to do greater things. Ask Him to clearly reveal **your individual role** in changing your world, and your part in helping Westside fulfill **our collective role**.

Thank you for being part of the Westside family. We can't wait for what's next!

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