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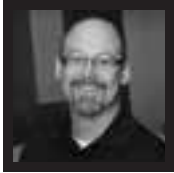
It's time to go **Beyond** where we've been
...to become more.

“...to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or
think according to the power that works in us—to Him be glory...”

// **EPHESIANS 3:20-21**

OUR **MISSION** || TO LEAD PEOPLE INTO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS

OUR **VISION** || TO BE AN INVITING CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO ARE TURNING TO GOD



Letter from Tim

Dear Friends,

God has done amazing things through Chestnut Ridge Church over the past 30 years. It began with a handful of people from Columbus, Ohio, who moved to Morgantown to start a church near the campus of West Virginia University. From the humble beginnings of a few friends gathered in a living room to the current facility we now enjoy, God has been with us every step of the way! With continued growth, vision and sacrifice, we've also helped plant churches across West Virginia in Charleston, Fairmont and Teays Valley. Today, more than 5000 people gather each week to worship and celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ at one of the "Ridge churches."

Although God has done amazing things through Chestnut Ridge Church, we believe He is inviting us to do even more!

I believe Chestnut Ridge Church is uniquely positioned to make an impact beyond the present and into the future. Very few churches have the size or means that we do to make the kind of impact we are capable of making, we are willing to listen to how God might be calling us to move beyond where we are today. I'm ready for His challenge, and I trust that you are, too.

That's why we're launching *Beyond*.

Beyond is the next chapter of Chestnut Ridge Church, and it reflects the church's commitment to the opportunities ahead of us.

Beyond is an eternal investment for more people to come to know Jesus.

Beyond is a generational investment as we focus on the next generation.

Beyond is a strategic investment, allowing us to serve our community.

Beyond is a financial investment as we learn to be generous and grow in faith.

Beyond is a spiritual investment in which our relationship with God and others will grow.

Together, we can go beyond what we thought was possible and accomplish things that only God could do in and through us. This is all a part of *Beyond*.

We need your support if we are to see the dreams and goals behind *Beyond* realized. I am convinced that if you join me on this spiritual journey as we launch *Beyond*, you, your family, our church and our community will experience transformation. I am confident in "...Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think..."

To Him be the glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Haring". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Haring
Founding & Teaching Pastor

WHAT IS BEYOND?

CRC'S COMMITMENT TO THE **GREAT COMMISSION** AND THE **GREAT** COMMANDMENTS GUIDES OUR MISSION, VISION, AND THE STEWARDSHIP AND CARE OF OUR RESOURCES—FINANCIALLY AND BY WAY OF THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE SO GENEROUSLY.

THE GREAT COMMISSION —

Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

// **Matthew** 28:18-20 (HCSB)

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS —

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

// **Matthew** 22:37-39 (HCSB)

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BEYOND

**WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PRAY, INVITE AND GIVE.**

Beyond is a stewardship and generosity initiative to raise \$3 million dollars over the next three years. Having an expanded space for youth and students, improving the current facility, paying down debt, planting new churches who reach the unchurched, and caring for others through local and international missions will all be a part of how *Beyond* invests in the hearts, lives and future of those God is calling us to reach.

Beyond is a stewardship and generosity initiative focused on four specific areas:



IMPACTING THE NEXT GENERATION — continuing to build a generational investment by providing opportunities for the church to purposefully engage with the children and students who are growing up here, inviting their friends, and seeking to make a difference in their community and culture



CREATING IRRESISTIBLE ENVIRONMENTS — creating welcoming, attractive environments which build bridges and connect to our culture and our community



ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES — retiring a portion of the church's debt, in order to provide for a sound and stable financial future for the church, allowing more of the monthly giving to go toward ministry



OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY — emboldening the mandate to “go” and “make disciples” by expanding our current ministry partnerships, developing new relationships, and recognizing the spiritual and physical needs of those in our community, state, region and world

GIVING GUIDE

Chestnut Ridge Church believes God is calling us to go *Beyond*. Within this belief, the members of the Board of Trustees and the pastoral leadership of CRC are asking each person who calls The Ridge their home church to pray and then commit to a sacrificial gift beyond their regular tithe or offering.

To help you and your family discern what this financial commitment could look like, here is a chart showing some examples and the outcome of your gift.

Take some time to pray and ask God to help you decide how to develop your giving plan, keeping in mind that all we have comes from Him. In a few weeks, you'll have the opportunity to share your prayerful commitment.

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	TOTAL
\$2,500	\$10,833	\$130,000	\$390,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$350	\$1,516	\$18,200	\$54,600
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$31,200
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$35	\$152	\$1,820	\$5,460
\$25	\$109	\$1,300	\$3,900

**There will always be opportunities to change the amount of your commitment, increasing or decreasing it, throughout Beyond.*

KEY DATES

BEYOND LEADER EVENT Thursday, October 5

BEYOND LAUNCH Sunday, October 8

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY October 8 – November 12

BEYOND MESSAGE SERIES October 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12

BEYOND LEADER COMMITMENT Thursday, November 9

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Sunday, November 12

REVEAL SUNDAY Sunday, December 3



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HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

That's between you and God. The amount you give will be different than the amount someone else gives, but the collective and sacrificial giving of those who attend Chestnut Ridge Church is all a part of sharing in the vision of *Beyond*.

HOW AND WHERE WILL THE MONEY BE USED?

As mentioned, there will be four key components to impacting the future of Chestnut Ridge Church through *Beyond*:

Impacting the next generation through enhancements and expansion of the current children's and youth areas; creating a larger group meeting space for middle school, high school and college-aged students; and being able to reach into the community to host meetings and events: ~\$1,400,000

Creating irresistible environments that build bridges into our culture and community through technology improvements, infrastructure changes, and repairs for an aging building and systems: ~\$650,000

Debt retirement and reduction to allow for monthly giving to go more toward ministry: ~\$800,000+

Outreach into the community, state and world through strategic and life-changing partnerships: ~\$150,000

SHOULD MY REGULAR GIVING GO TOWARD BEYOND?

No. Your *Beyond* gift and giving should be above and beyond your regular giving, tithing or serving. Take time to prayerfully consider what God is asking you to eternally, generationally, strategically, financially, spiritually and sacrificially give when it comes to your time, talents and resources.

WHAT IS SACRIFICIAL GIVING?

It is giving beyond what we think or know to be comfortable. The starting point to sacrificial giving is understanding that everything we have is a gift to us from God. From there, we give thanks to Him for what He has given by giving back in our time, talent and resources to further the work He is doing in our lives, in the lives of others, in the church, and in this world. Sacrificial giving involves prayer, obedience, and trusting that God will take care of us when we take care of one another.

WHAT IF I'M NOT QUITE READY TO GIVE IN THIS WAY?

Prayerfully consider stepping up to a new level of commitment in your giving.

Sacrificial—I will give in a way which requires a lifestyle change and where generosity marks my life.

Proportionate—I give proportionately to how God has blessed me.

Consistent—I give regularly, and I can be counted on to give.

Occasional—I give, but I should go beyond what I've been doing to establish a giving plan.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Over the next three years, there will be more information, ideas, resources, steps, plans, and stories for *Beyond* at theridge.church/Beyond.



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