

DEAR FEARLESS FOLLOWER,

I like to dance! This would probably surprise you because I'm not very good. However, when I'm dancing with my wife, I enjoy the moving and sliding, the jumping around and the embracing that comes when we move in sync with each other. Several places in Scripture, God invites us to dance with him. We looked at one instance last year during our **ALL IN** teaching series, where God invites the people of God to cross the Jordan River during flood season—most of them couldn't even swim—and said that he would make sure they crossed safely. They stepped forward, got their feet wet and God stopped the Jordan. Now that's a dance move!

In the New Testament, Paul tells us that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us." Again, God supplies all the power, but his delight is in doing it with us, doing it through us. Another dance move!

When we started our **ALL IN** generosity initiative last fall, we committed to work and give toward our Mission, our Vibrancy and our Expansion. At the time we made our commitments and pledges we had no way to know that our world would be rocked with a Pandemic in March. For months our churches did not meet in person, then for weeks our churches only met outside, weather permitting. We are still in a place where many of our church family members still can't attend in person. In all of this, God has been faithfully working through you to continue praying, to continue serving and to continue giving.

"NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN."

Ephesians 3:20-21

ALL IN FOR MISSION

As we come up on a year of **ALL IN**, our ministries are strong, and our giving is ahead of budget. Weekly our churches minister to over 3,000 people and it was so encouraging to welcome back about 300 middle and high school students. Just last month we had 25 people get baptized. God invites and we respond. We are dancing.

ALL IN FOR VIBRANCY

We have also been able to move ahead with our "Vibrancy" building projects that creates environments for us to grow and to invite more of our neighbors to join our Fearless Family.

CULTIVATE: Our church/community center is well underway. The foundations are poured, the parking lot is paved, and the frame of the building is going up. The hope is that by December the facility will be enclosed and by the Spring it will be open! Already ministry is beginning on our property with the neighborhood being invited to Trucks or Treats at the end of October.

RIDGE POINT: The outdoors of Ridge Point is being transformed. Kids from our new preschool, Creation Ridge, and from our weekend services are already playing on the new playground. The courts, firepit and student areas are almost complete, and the amphitheater is looking good. We are putting plans together to invite our neighbors for next summer's concert series.

THIRD COAST: God surprised us over the summer with making the Laketown Conference Center in Saugatuck available for us to purchase and become the new home of Third Coast. The investment from **ALL IN** allowed us secure and update the facility and get our body into this amazing space just before the cold weather started. This facility will serve as a perfect place for Third Coast to grow and to invite their community to find hope and belonging.

ALL IN FOR EXPANSION

Finally, we are using the money you gave to **ALL IN** to help us expand the Kingdom of God through the planting of churches. We are currently working to plant a Fearless Family church in Grand Rapids in 2021. We also have a goal of helping to plant five partner (independent) churches over the course of the next 12 months.

Together, we are making a significant difference for the Kingdom. Participating together matters, below is your personalized generosity update as we approach the midway point.

OUR GOAL:

100% Engagement

\$15 million raised by Dec. 2021

\$4,415,153 projected to date as of Sept 27, 2020

CURRENTLY:

966 Households have given towards **ALL IN**

\$14,561,639 is our current **ALL IN** anticipated total

\$4,547,050 received, Dec. 2019 through Sept 27, 2020

PRAISE GOD!

I want to personally thank you for your partnership in **ALL IN**. Last year we could only dream of what God would do through your generous giving. Now we are starting to see the fruit of your giving and it is better than we could have imagined. As we head into year two, let's keep dancing!

Peace,



Kevin Pike, Senior Pastor

The Fearless Family of Churches

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