

A vision to love a city.



For Boulder
WITH LOVE

WE WILL BE A CHURCH AND PEOPLE WHO ARE FOR BOULDER, WITH LOVE. WE WILL BE A CHURCH AND PEOPLE WHO ARE FOR BOULDER



We are a church marked by God's gift of great love.

In 1872 our church was planted in the heart of Boulder with a vision. The town was only one year old, but this would be a church for its fiercely independent pioneers to learn of God's great love. As Boulder has grown and changed around us, God has continued to show His unwavering love to our church—sustaining us through times of growth, decline, denominational changes, and cultural shifts.

Pioneers have continued to settle here in Boulder—now as entrepreneurs, students, athletes, and tech innovators. We continue to pursue the vision to see Boulder experience God's great love, but it's not enough to rest on our legacy. God's love is made known through the gospel—a gospel that surprises, a gospel that offers the free gift of grace. This gospel is moving in our city and we want to join in, being marked by that same grace of God.

Just as we have been loved, we want Boulder to increasingly know that they are loved—by God and by us.



Our location in the heart of Boulder is a gift and it is also a great opportunity.

We believe our location is a gift from God. At times, it would have been easier to move out of downtown, but we are committed, more than ever, to stay planted in the heart of Boulder. We see countless opportunities to love Boulder in the intersections of culture, business, education, and spirituality at the heart of this community.

But as we look to our future, we face challenges. Our facilities have become outdated and confusing to navigate. They do not reflect the invitation of love we hope to share with our neighbors. And in a post-Christian culture, our name is a barrier to newcomers and does not tell the story of grace central to who we are.

As we look forward to another generation of ministry, how can we take our love for Boulder even further?



Now is the time to build a church that will be a gift to our city for generations to come.

ONE GUIDING VISION

We will be a church
and people who are
for Boulder, with love.

TWO TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES

1 A New Name + Public Identity

We will change our name and public identity to better extend the invitation of grace that God freely offers to all of us.

Grace Commons Church

Our new name, Grace Commons Church, will let Boulder know who we are—a church where all people can experience God’s gift of grace on common ground. On April 12, Easter Sunday, we will worship together for the first time as Grace Commons Church and reintroduce ourselves to the city with a new logo and public identity.

2 A Capital Campaign

We will join together in a capital campaign to invest in transforming our spaces and orienting our lives as a gift to our city.



Our buildings will be radically updated and improved with the needs of our neighbors front-of-mind. Open common spaces to gather, dedicated spaces for kids to play, and affordable housing are just a few of the many changes to our facilities that will allow us to more fully live out our vision of love for Boulder.

For Boulder With Love
is an opportunity to
invest in a future of loving
Boulder in greater ways.



A three-year capital campaign to
radically love our city by being a church
that is uniquely *for* our city.

TOGETHER WE WILL PURSUE TWO STRATEGIES:

A Place For Boulder •

We will transform our Main Campus
and The Annex to create spaces for
our church and our city to meet on
common ground.

A People For Boulder •

We will become people who are
known by God's great love, orienting
our collective and personal lives as a
gift to others.

TOTAL CAMPAIGN NEED = \$8 MILLION

*"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."*

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

WE WILL BE:

A Place For Boulder

We will transform our Main Campus and The Annex to create spaces for our church and our city to meet on common ground.

- ▶ Create prominent and welcoming entrances and indoor and outdoor meeting areas that promote relational connection.
- ▶ Improve education and discipleship spaces for children, students, and adults, including a gym and preschool for church and community use.
- ▶ Update our worship spaces and create an intimate prayer chapel to accommodate smaller services.
- ▶ Embolden our partnership with the city through new facilities for mercy ministries that serve those facing employment or housing challenges.



Main Campus

Existing Sq. Footage: 89,598 sf	Total Demolition: 21,908 sf	New Construction: 34,476 sf (building) + 6,155 sf (rooftop)	Finished Sq. Footage: 102,166 sf
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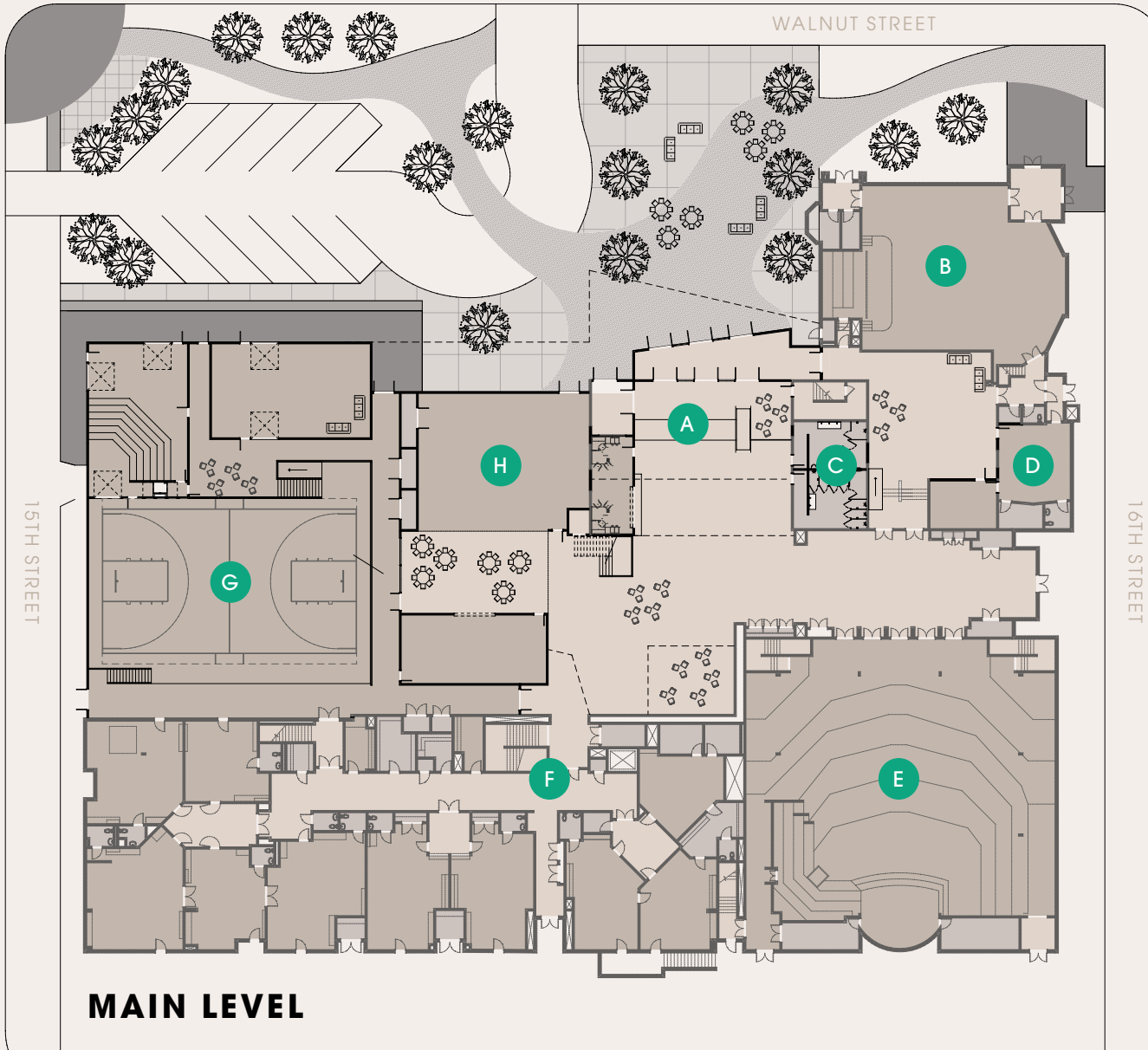
The Annex

Existing Sq. Footage: Approx. 7,000 sf	Total Demolition: 7,000 sf	New Construction: 29,675 sf (building) + 10,000 sf (rooftop)	Finished Sq. Footage: 39,675 sf
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Main Campus

On our Main Campus, we will create a more prominent and light-filled entrance so that our building is more inviting and welcoming to guests and more supportive of vibrant ministry and community life.

A prominent, enlarged entrance facing Walnut Street will create a centralized point of entry throughout the week with a more welcoming experience.



MAIN LEVEL

- A** Prominent, spacious entrance
 - Exterior patio area and green space
 - Secure weekday entrance
 - Two-story atrium
- B** Updates to chapel
 - Audio, video, + HVAC upgrades
 - New accessible stage
 - Relocation of sound booth
 - Relocation of organ pipes currently obstructing windows
- C** Expanded, accessible bathrooms
- D** Intimate prayer chapel for smaller services
- E** Updates to sanctuary
 - Redesigned stage and choir area
 - Relocation of the organ to provide additional seating
 - Projector, lighting, + sound upgrades
- F** Secure children's ministry wing
- G** New multi-use gymnasium + youth space
- H** Multi-use meeting space

Main Campus

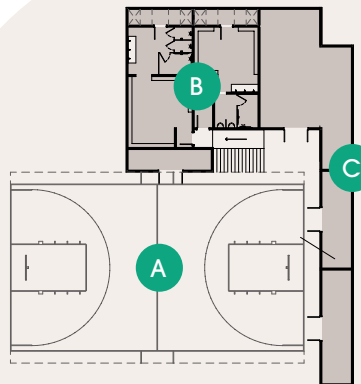


Our new design will have a greater sense of openness and flow. Linger-worthy spaces will promote relational connection.

A new gym will serve as a hub for ministry to the next generation. Gathering spaces for youth ministry will open directly to the gym and elevated walkways will connect to the rest of the church.

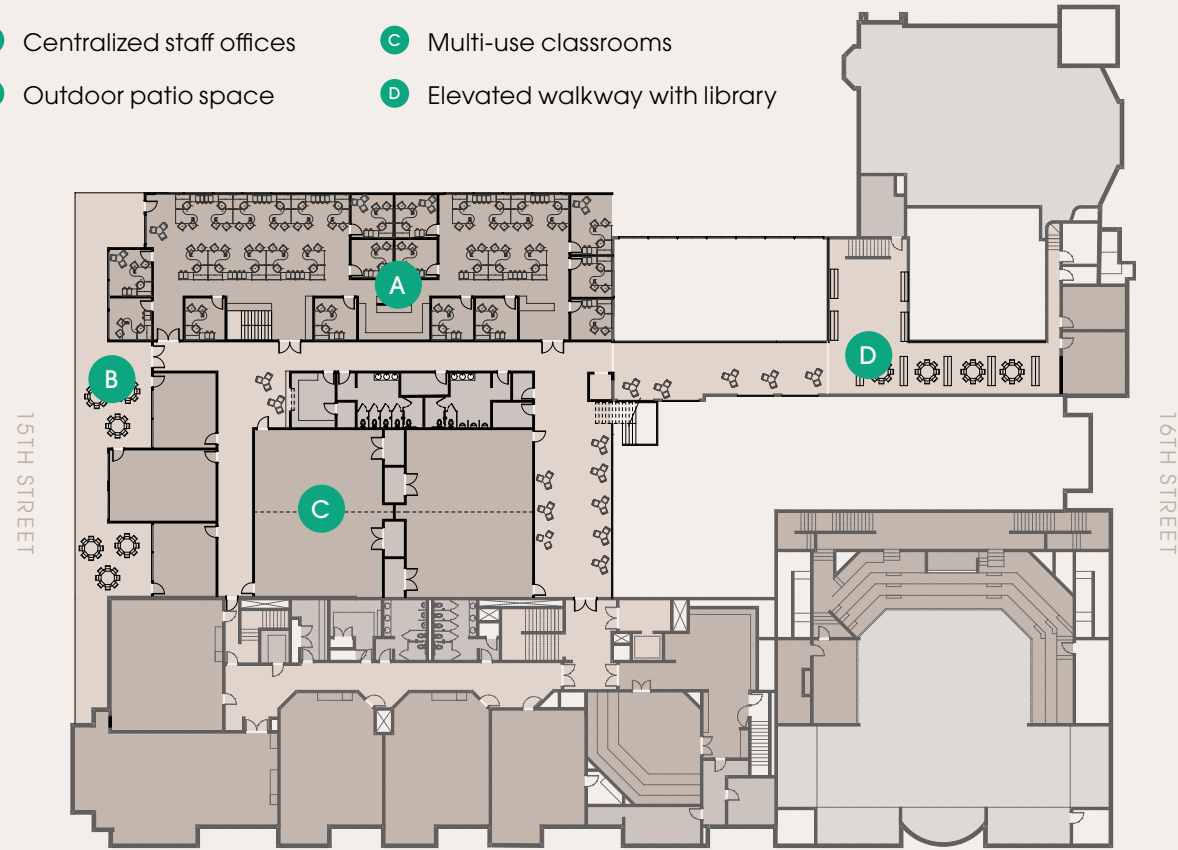
BASEMENT LEVEL

- A Gym floor will be approximately 7' below main level
- B Locker rooms, bathrooms, + showers
- C Storage space



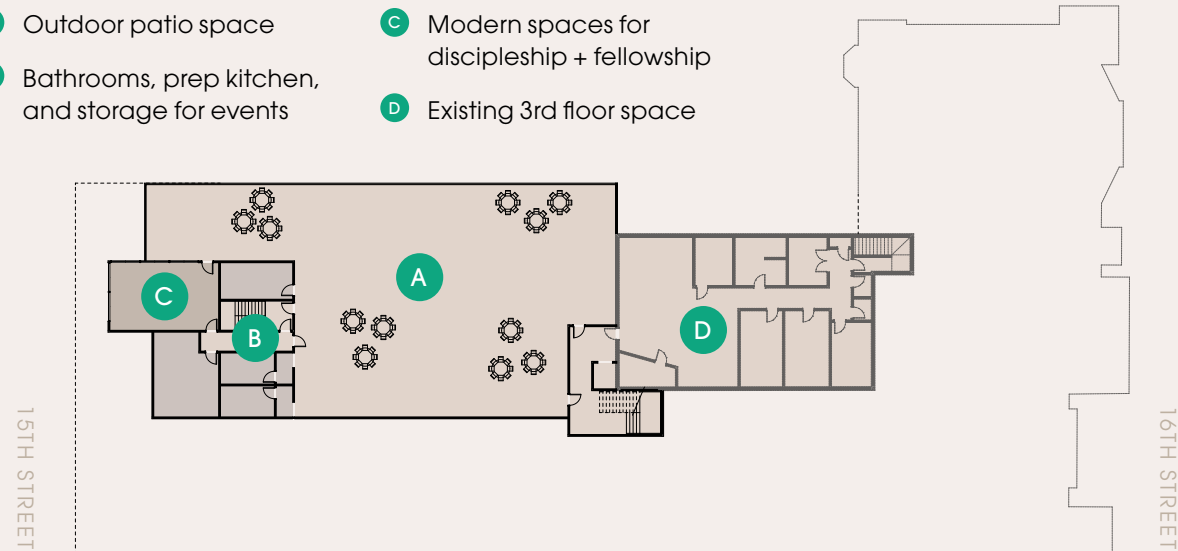
SECOND LEVEL

- A Centralized staff offices
- B Outdoor patio space
- C Multi-use classrooms
- D Elevated walkway with library



ROOFTOP LEVEL

- A Outdoor patio space
- B Bathrooms, prep kitchen, and storage for events
- C Modern spaces for discipleship + fellowship
- D Existing 3rd floor space



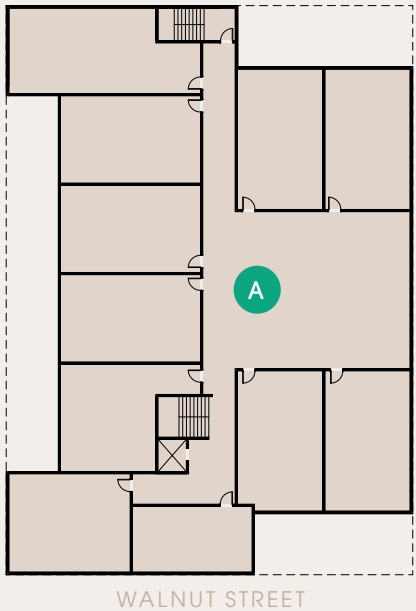
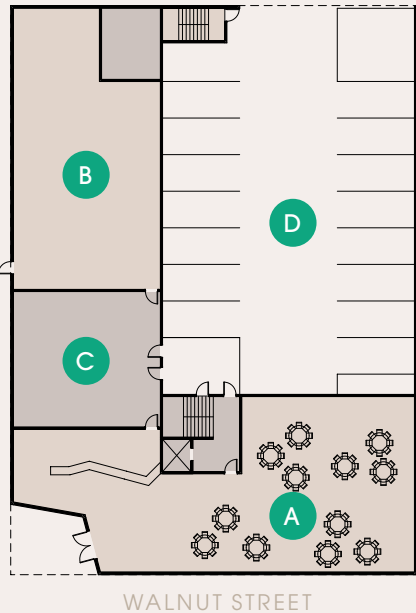
We will rebuild The Annex to better serve the needs of our community. A new four-story building (plus rooftop patio) will provide affordable housing, job training, and rooftop event rental opportunities.

The Annex will provide space for us to further love Boulder through new mercy ministries and will also provide future revenue possibilities to support the ministries of the church.



ENTRY LEVEL

- A Back-to-work training + retail space
- B Improved facilities for Deacons’ Closet, Lambs’ Ministry, and other ministries of mercy and care
- C A new kitchen for outreach + community events
- D Parking for housing residents

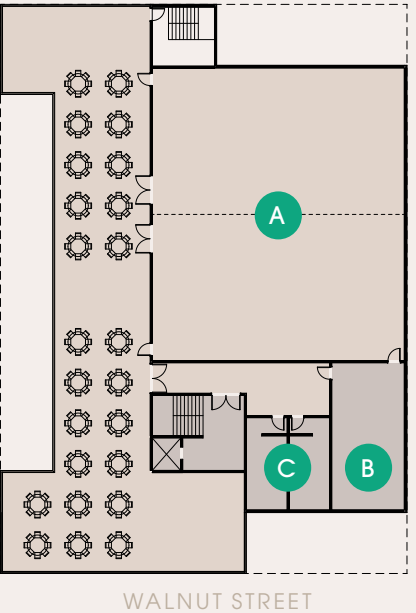


RESIDENTIAL LEVELS (2ND-3RD)

- A Two floors of affordable housing units (estimated 30 units total)

ROOFTOP LEVEL

- A Premiere indoor/outdoor community event space
- B Event catering facilities
- C Restrooms



WE WILL BE:

A People For Boulder

**Not only will we transform our facilities,
but we will seek to live as people who are
being transformed by God's great love.**

- ▶ Deepening our understanding of God's great love for people through our commitment to Scripture, being continually shaped into whole-life disciples of Jesus.
- ▶ Committing to regular, Spirit-filled prayer for the people in our lives and city, seeking God's will and the good of Boulder.
- ▶ Inviting our community into our homes and church, becoming marked by vibrant hospitality so that our Christian witness spills out into the city.
- ▶ Serving in our neighborhoods, schools, and community organizations, creating opportunities to love local in tangible ways.



We will orient our individual and collective **lives as a gift to others.**

In order for God's great love to be seen through our church as a whole, it first must overflow in our own individual lives. Stories of transformation in our church family are abundant. We are grateful, and long for more.

Here are just a few examples of the people of our church who God is using to love Boulder:



I am for Boulder with love.

Out of God's great love for me,
I will be a gift for Boulder:



Libby Russell

NAME

“ I quit my job in Singapore to move back to Boulder so that I could live in a place again where I could bike, run, be outside, and be healthy. God meets me in the beauty of His creation and I know that is a gift He offers everyone in Boulder. What I didn't expect were all the opportunities God would give me to be a gift to others. Even in simple gestures, like when my small group handed out protein bars on the hiking trail, I am For Boulder With Love.”

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Sam Fredickson

NAME



“ My time as a student at CU has been filled with defining moments. From graduating with a major in Engineering to meeting life-long friends, the last four years have been an incredible blessing to me. But being a student in college can also be challenging, confusing, and lonely. Through God’s leading, I’ve been able to serve college students through our University Ministry. In this way, I am For Boulder With Love.”



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ANDREW SPIDLE

NAME



“ As someone who has struggled with addiction and homelessness in the past, I understand the needs here as well as the possibilities. God’s grace has allowed me to overcome many obstacles in my life, and now all I want to do is give back to this city that I love. Through my work at Mental Health Partners, serving in the community, and praying for people as I walk Pearl Street, I am For Boulder With Love.”

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Tracie & Alan Watkins

NAME



“ After living in Boulder for 35 years, we absolutely love the people of our city—especially our neighbors in North Boulder. A few years back we decided together that we wanted our home to be a gift to our neighborhood. In the summer we host a happy hour on our driveway, called ‘Drinks on the Drive’—an open invite for our neighbors to come gather, meet each other, and catch up on life. Through this simple act, God has opened up countless ways for us to be For Boulder With Love.”





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I will be a gift for Boulder:

Jueiling Pan Huang

NAME



“ When I moved to the U.S. from Taiwan as a student many years ago, I struggled with communicating in English for even simple tasks. Life was exciting, but also challenging. Over the years, God has given me many opportunities to use my past experiences to help those going through similar challenges. Through CU and other organizations, God continues to bring the nations to us here in Boulder. By helping international women and others new to the community feel more at home, I am for Boulder with love.”

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Out of God's great love for me,
I will be a gift for Boulder:

Nancy Bachus

NAME



“ I've always loved hiking and walking around my neighborhood, enjoying God's beautiful creation and saying hello to the many people that walk this part of town. As I got older, I started getting tired more quickly on my walks and I would often look for a big rock or a bench to rest on. It was on one of these walks many years ago that God gave me the idea to put a bench in my front yard for people like myself to rest and linger a while. It may just be a bench and a cardboard sign, but it's in this way that I am For Boulder With Love.”



Our vision to love Boulder will take all of us.



God’s gift of love is meant to be shared. For Boulder to know that love, each of us must share our lives as a gift for others.

For Boulder With Love is not solely about a new name or a new building. It is about the people that God loves. God has placed you where you are—in your family, your neighborhood, your stage of life, your career—to be an echo of God’s great love. God has equipped each of us with gifts to bless those around us. Together, we can show Boulder God’s love in greater ways.

How can you be an echo of God’s love for Boulder?

1 JOIN

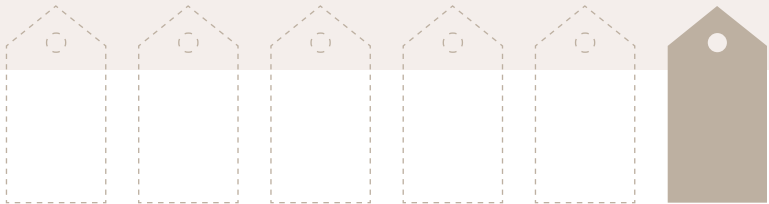
Write your name on a gift tag (distributed on February 2 and available in the atrium) and add it to the display in the atrium to help us all see the larger work God is doing.

2 PRAY

Keep the gift tag from the page to the right as a reminder to pray that God would show you how you can be a gift for Boulder.

3 GO + GIVE

Filled with God’s love, go and radically love Boulder by giving of yourself with boldness and generosity.



I am for Boulder with love.

Out of God’s great love for me,
I will be a gift for Boulder:

NAME

The logo for 'For Boulder With Love' features a stylized house icon with a green roof and a yellow sun, surrounded by the text 'FOR BOULDER WITH LOVE' in a circular arrangement.

WE WILL BE A CHURCH AND PEOPLE WHO ARE FOR BOULDER, WITH LOVE



We are for Boulder with love.

Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:2



For Boulder With Love will take an \$8 million investment.

This is a big goal that will require each one of us to give generously. Everything we have, we have received. As stewards of the resources God has given us, we are asking each person who calls our church home to prayerfully consider what financial role they can play in For Boulder With Love.

How will you financially support this vision to be a gift to Boulder?

NEXT STEPS:

1 PRAY + PLAN

Commitment Guides will be distributed in worship on Sunday, February 23. Use this guide to help you pray, discuss, and discover how God is leading you to give to the campaign.

2 PLEDGE

Pledge Cards will be distributed in early March. Fill out the card with the amount God is calling you to give and bring with you to church on Commitment Sunday, March 15.

3 WORSHIP

Commitment Sunday is March 15. Join us for a time of prayer and worship as we step out in faith, trusting God to lead us as we seek to be a church that is For Boulder With Love.



FUNDING THE VISION

We have a vision to radically love our city by transforming our spaces to be uniquely *for* our city. To fund this vision, we have a unique opportunity to take advantage of external financing partnerships paired with congregational investment to maximize our development potential.

ONE VISION, TWO BUILDINGS

Main Campus

DEVELOPMENT COSTS:

\$13 million

FUNDING SOURCES:

- ▶ Investment from the congregation through the *For Boulder With Love* campaign (\$8 million)
- ▶ Bank loan serviced by new revenue streams

The Annex

DEVELOPMENT COSTS:

\$15 million

FUNDING SOURCES:

- ▶ \$3M property value
- ▶ Grants from city, county, and/or state developers
- ▶ Tax credit financing
- ▶ Asset-based bank loan
- ▶ Event space revenue

In addition to external funding, it will take an **\$8 million investment** from our congregation to realize this incredible **\$28 million opportunity**.

TOTAL GIVING GOAL = \$8 MILLION



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