

ART *for the* NOT YET

A Call for Poetry, Music,
Stories, Spoken Word,
Visual Art, Sculpture,
and Digital Media



Art Concepts due
August 31, 2026

Final Works due
October 1, 2026



Lend your creativity to Art for the Not Yet—a collaborative arts project celebrating the creative heartbeat of the Church!

Submitted works will be displayed during BGAV's 2026 Annual Meeting: November 9-11 in Virginia Beach, VA!

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CREATIVE PROMPTS

REFLECT, PRAY, SING, SCULPT, OR CREATE AROUND ONE OR MORE OF THESE IDEAS:

The Waiting Heart

- A prayer for the one who hasn't yet come home.
- The heartbeat of God that waits, listens, and loves long before one responds.
- What it feels like to hold faith for someone still searching.

The Edge of Belief

- The sound of faith before belief—the murmur, the longing, the almost.
- The space between doubt and trust, where God still meets us.
- When someone else's faith carried you until you could believe.

The Church Becoming

- A congregation learning to see its neighbors again.
- The "not yet" of revival, rebirth, or reconciliation.
- How your church is still being formed—like clay in the potter's hands.

The Work Before the Harvest

- The plow before the planting. The planting before the praise.
- A reflection on small, faithful beginnings that are yet unseen.
- The quiet labor of love that prepares the soil for the fruit of future generations.

The Mission Still Unfolding

- The person, community, or calling you can't stop thinking about—what is your "not yet?"
- The gospel's unfinished story in your town, state, country, or world.
- What it means or how it feels to have a heart big enough for the world God still loves into being.

The Creative Heart of God

- How art, music, or written words can open doors where sermons can't.
- The rhythm of creation—"Let there be..."—echoing through your own craft.
- A reimagining of God's heart for the next generation of dreamers, artists, and builders.

Childlike Vision: Seeing with Acceptance

- Jesus invites us to see, experience, and accept the vision of the Kingdom of God and those around us as children do. What beauty do children see that we miss?
- Examples of the simplicity, innocence, and the accepting gaze of a child looking at the world with wonder.
- Simple crafts, art, and childlike doodles around faith, Bible stories, and Jesus.