HERE, NEAR, & FAR
A BUILDING SEASON



IMPACT REPORT
2026

HERE NEAR & FAR

A few years ago, our Elder Board entered a season of discernment to refine New City Church's mission and vision. Out of that process came a clear direction rooted in Jesus' own words in Matthew 28:18–20 and Acts 1:8.

New City Church is a family of congregations helping people find and follow Jesus here, near, and far.

We define **Here** as the South Charlotte area near our current locations, **Near** as the greater Charlotte Metro area, and **Far** as East Africa and other global outposts around the world. Over the last two years, we initiated a variety of projects and partnerships in each of these geographic locations, all with the goal of seeing more people around the world find and follow Jesus.

In the fall of 2024, we launched Here, Near, & Far—a three-year initiative to fund operational expenses as well as our expanded vision for our church, our city, and the world.



This expanded vision includes:

- Re-imagining ministry space at our SouthPark location
- Creating shared working space for New City's staff as well as local ministry partners at City Cooperative.



- Constructing a coffee shop open to the public in the lobby of our Matthews location.
- Collaborating with local partners to share Jesus and address pain points in the Charlotte Metro area, particularly in the areas of mental health and foster care.
- Partnering with organizations like The Timothy Imitative among others to plant churches in East Africa.

New City Church was built by people who trusted God and made space for the next person to find and follow Jesus. Now those of us who call New City home have the opportunity to carry that work forward. Accomplishing this vision will take each one of us continuing to join together in faith and sacrifice to help people find and follow Jesus here, near, and far.

In the two years since the launch of Here, Near, & Far, God has worked in amazing ways in and through our congregations. As we now enter the final year of the initial campaign, we can look back to celebrate and look forward to plan.

We are in a building season, preparing for what's next. We are building people through the Discipleship Journey. We are building spaces where they can worship and learn. We are building stronger partnerships near and far.

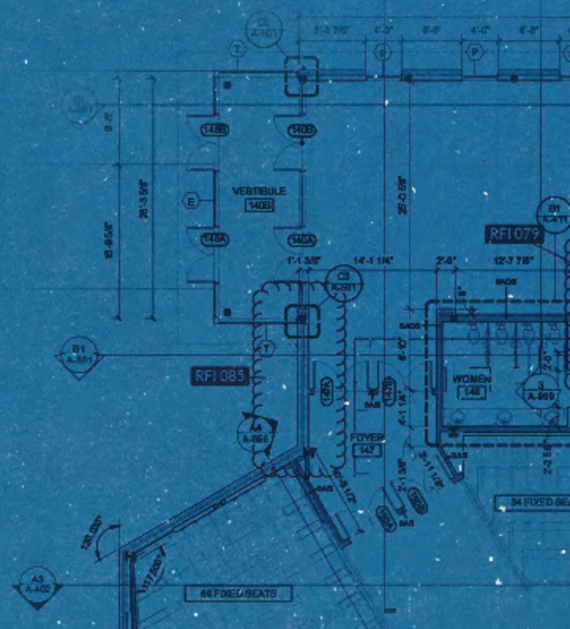
And we are building toward a future where more people can find and follow Jesus.



Building isn't a destination. Building prepares us for what's next.



As we look back to celebrate how far we've come, we also recognize that God has more for New City's congregations to do in order to help people find and follow Jesus here, near, and far.



BUILDING PEOPLE

Discipling kids, students, & adults to find & follow Jesus

The Discipleship Journey

With the rollout of the **Discipleship Journey** this year, we now have language to think through how we are each engaging with our own growth in **Belonging**, **Truth**, **Identity**, and **Purpose**. These **Discipleship Essentials** give us a grid for intentionally planning the ministries and initiatives of New City to ensure all of us can identify a clear next step in our journey.



From **Community Groups** to **Community Dinners**, our congregations at Matthews and SouthPark have been intentionally creating spaces for **Belonging**. This intentionality has become a part of our culture, too, and people like Aaron feel it when they walk in the door.



Our learning environments of **Academy** and **Flourish Bible Study for Women**, as well as each Sunday in our **worship services** and **NextGen** Groups, provide spaces for us to be transformed by the good news of Jesus. People like Andrea are studying and teaching the **Truth** of God's word.

"It feels like home. Having a place where you fit in and you know the people and they know you is just a huge boost to our spiritual journey."

Watch Aaron's story of Belonging

"Knowing truth about God and understanding who he is has helped me really feel a deep contentment and satisfaction in life because I can trust him."

Watch Andrea's story of Truth



Story Groups and Iron Collective, along with engaging in biblically integrated counseling, are places where we can grow in understanding the intersection of our story and God's story. Eric and Taylor have both walked through this journey in an **Identity** group.



Volunteering at New City or serving in our city and world are both places where we live out our unique contribution to God's Kingdom and guide others to do the same. Mara has grown in her faith by living out **Purpose** through volunteering with Student Ministry.

"There are certain things we project to hide certain inadequacies, and the good thing is I have a community of others who know me and know when I'm healthy, or when I'm not living out the truth God has for me."

Watch Eric & Taylor's story of Identity

"It's been amazing to see that how that when you are helping others, in a lot of ways you are helping yourself, because we're built to contribute in our own unique way to a bigger purpose that's bigger than ourselves."

Watch Mara's story of Purpose

The High School Student Culture Team—students pursuing Purpose and creating Belonging—grew from **17** last year to **29** this school year.





163 kids participated in Belonging and about **75** volunteers lived out Purpose at Camp KidJam this summer.

302 individuals grew in Truth through Academy and **343** through Flourish in 2025–2026.



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Volunteers

New City runs on teams of volunteers. From Hospitality volunteers welcoming people into Belonging as they come for our services, to Parking Teams making sure everyone can navigate in and out of church, to teachers in Academy and Flourish leading people in Truth, to Safety Teams making sure our spaces are secure, to Group leaders walking with people through their discipleship journeys, to Worship leaders and band members who lead our music, to Production teams who make our sound and lights work, to Prayer teams who lift up our congregations' needs, to our NextGen teams who are pouring into the kids and students growing up in our church, the ministry of New City wouldn't be the same without volunteers stepping into Purpose.























916 people volunteered at New City in 2025–2026.









Why do our NextGen Volunteers serve?

BUILDING SPACES

Creating environments that make ministry possible

City Cooperative

In 2025, renovations to City Cooperative were completed, providing space for all New City staff to have offices in the same building, for **Church x City Counseling** to open their own office space for the first time, and for several local ministry partners to use office and conference room space.

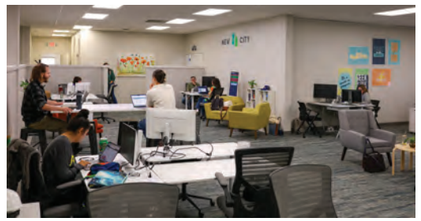
In 2026, our Here, Near, & Far partner **Congregations for Kids** moved into City Co-Op while preparations began for the construction of their new office space, planned for the back of our New City Matthews building in 2027. This new space will more than double their functional workspace while allowing them to remain flexible and strategically positioned to meet the needs of the kids and families they serve as they empower the Church and community to champion lasting resilience for kids experiencing foster care.

New City referred **217** individuals to **Church x City Counseling** in 2025–2026.

150+ social workers were celebrated by **65** volunteers at **Congregation for Kids'** Socialight Drive-Thru in July 2026.



Learn more about our partnership with Church x City









New City Matthews

When **Platform Coffee** opened at Matthews in fall 2025, we hoped it would be a place where the community would feel comfortable. At first, when you entered, you saw a lot of New City people. Now, walk in on any weekday morning and you can see a busy coffee shop full of people who might never have set foot in a church before.

The lobby enhancements and added bathroom spaces make the building more welcoming on Sundays. In addition to regular **Sunday services** and **New City Students** on Sunday evenings, the Matthews Worship Center is regularly used by our partners for events.

Isaiah 117 House held a fundraiser for the new Mecklenburg County House in September 2026. Supporters heard the story of this ministry and gave over $300K, enough to build the house on donated land.

Platform Coffee averages about **2,400** total guests each month







Read more about Isaiah 117 House's Mecklenburg County fundraiser



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New City SouthPark

Phase 1 at SouthPark was the renovation of the Worship Center wings into NextGen classrooms. These opened in February 2026 and are full of kids and students on Sundays and Thursdays. Throughout the week, the space is used by Flourish and Academy as well.

We celebrated the **Groundbreaking** and launch of **Phase 2** in May 2026, taking a moment to look back at what God has done in the space he gave us and look forward to what he will do as we create more space for people to find and follow Jesus.

In August 2026, the first steel beams went vertical for the new **Worship Center** at SouthPark. The building is taking shape, and construction is on schedule for completion in summer 2027.

Meanwhile, our Thursday evening **Early Weekend Service** has made space for everyone using the parking lot and shuttle buses on Sundays, and we continue to find creative ways to build community even when our space is tight.







Average SouthPark NextGen attendance since completing Phase 1 is **347 kids and students per week.**





Watch a recap of the Groundbreaking Service

See a time lapse of Phase 2 construction so far















BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Serving our neighbors and strengthening global relationships

The Partnership Bullseye

Our Serve Partners are organized in a bullseye model that reflects both proximity and depth of partnership. Each ring represents how we invest, mobilize our congregation, and advocate for the work God is doing here, near, and far.

At the center of the bullseye are our **Here, Near, & Far** partners. These are the partners we are most deeply invested in. We financially support them, regularly mobilize our congregation to serve alongside them, and advocate for them from stage by sharing their stories, needs, and impact.

The middle ring of the bullseye holds our **Mobilization** partners. Mobilization Partners are primarily local organizations that we invest in and actively mobilize our congregation to serve with. These partnerships create hands-on, accessible opportunities for people to live out their faith through regular service.

The outer ring of the bullseye shows our **Support** partners, including local organizations and missionaries we commit to investing in for a defined season of time. These partnerships allow us to come alongside faithful work already happening through prayer, encouragement, and financial support.

Finally, we have an application process for ministry grant partners, allowing us to respond to emerging needs and opportunities that align with our mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.



Mobilizing New City Near

Through our Near partners, New City is actively making an impact in the Charlotte Metro area. In addition to our focus on foster care with Congregations for Kids, Isaiah 117 House, and FARM127, and mental health with Church x City Counseling, we mobilize our congregations to serve with other local partners.

New City volunteers served **2,427 hours** outside our church in 2025–2026

Volunteers pivoted from running a Learning Center with **Places of Peace** as families found themselves in need during challenges related to ICE in the fall. Teams coordinated a food bank and delivered groceries and home-cooked meals to families. Once again, the **Christmas Promise Shop**, coordinated and stocked with gifts by New City volunteers, served over 60 families connected to Places of Peace and UrbanPromise Charlotte. This summer, a consistent group of volunteers hosted **Summer Nights** for six consecutive weeks at Ashley Place Apartments and Places of Peace was the **featured community partner at a Charlotte FC match**. Volunteers shared materials about Places of Peace and attended the match, with a portion of ticket sales supporting Places of Peace.



Lydia Humphries, a 5th grader, took the initiative to raise awareness for **Common Heart** at her school by writing an article for the school newspaper, creating promotional posters, and helping generate social media content for a food drive. Through her efforts, the school collected an incredible **661 pounds of food donations.** The Humphries family also invited New City families to participate in a neighborhood bake sale benefiting Common Heart. Together, they raised $710, which was then matched dollar-for-dollar, resulting in a **total contribution of $1,420 to support families in need**.







Our long-term partnerships with **Greenway Park Elementary** and **Idlewild Elementary** Schools continue as volunteers hosted an annual **Spirit Day** with Idlewild in the fall, giving out **955 t-shirts to the entire school.** We've supported teachers at Greenway Park with **classroom resources and celebration breakfasts**. At both schools, teams have helped with book fairs, special events, and more. Local artist and New City staff member Michael Haun has worked closely with the Greenway Park art teacher to work with 5th grade students on a **hallway mural project** and the creation of art related to the school's values that students will paint.

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Hiinga

Hiinga reaches approximately 6,000 people monthly through healthcare initiatives and nursing chaplains are able to share the gospel with the people being served, in addition to providing patients and families with free gospel-centered literature. **Andy Agaba**, Hiinga's founder, is able to join us at New City from time to time and share updates about the ways that the organization impacts East African communities through education, agriculture, and healthcare.

A New City team will visit Uganda in summer 2027 to celebrate the grand opening of Hiinga's new hospital and encourage our other East Africa partners.

edify

Edify's mission is to improve and expand sustainable Christ-centered education globally. After New City's summer **2025 Family Experience Trip** to Edify's ministry in the Dominican Republic, a participating family **hosted about 25 attendees to learn more about Edify's mission**. Guests heard from Edify's Africa Country Director, who shared inspiring stories and a vivid look at the transformative work happening on the ground.

In addition, our **NextGen team featured Edify during Purpose Sunday**, further highlighting their impact and giving kids and families an opportunity to engage with their mission.



Find & Follow Jesus Far

New City's Far partnerships give our congregations the opportunity to be involved in church planting and growth in East Africa and beyond. Through giving and global trips, individuals and families engage with the spread of the gospel around the world.

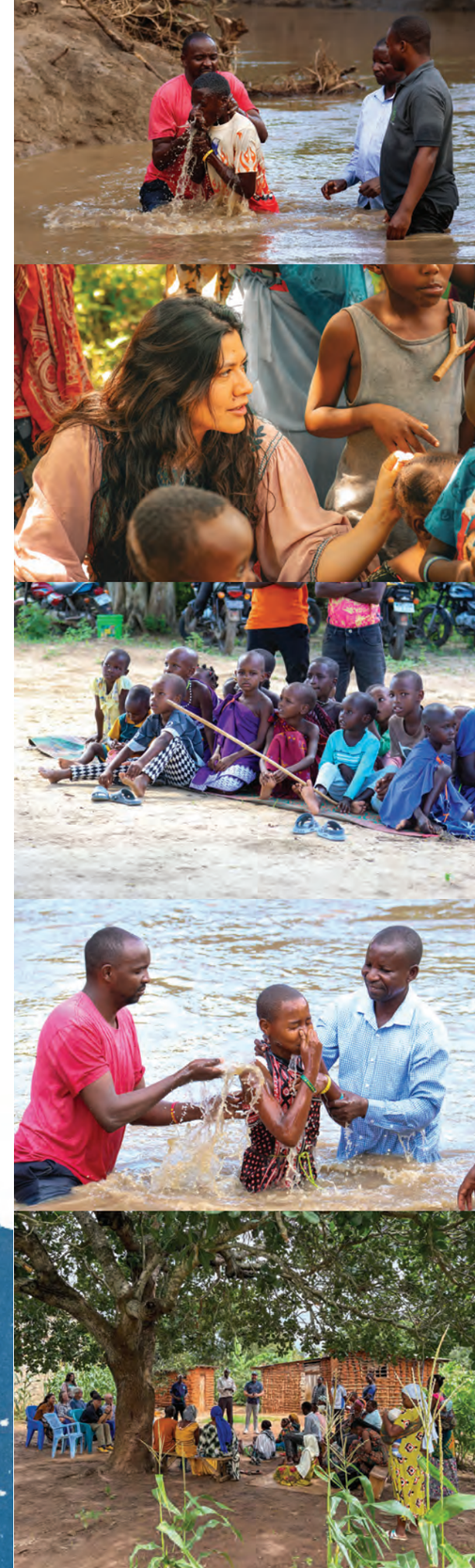
THE TIMOTHY INITIATIVE

The Timothy Initiative exists to advance Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and disciple making churches around the world. TTI remains our key partner for **global church planting, with a focus in East Africa**. Last fall, our Serve Team joined TTI's Global Partners weekend and gained firsthand insight on how TTI equips leaders and reaches unreached communities around the world.

In May 2026, a **New City team visited TTI in Tanzania**. On this trip, the team was blown away by the simple power of the gospel. Serve Director CC Schott shared, "The Lord is using TTI and their discipleship model to grow the church in every village everywhere like wildfire. It was the clearest picture of the early church in Acts that we have ever witnessed. We traveled out to remote villages where bold new believers have shared their faith and lives have been transformed. We came back inspired to share our story and God's story more boldly."

Through your generosity,
New City is helping people find
and follow Jesus here, near, and far.

Since the beginning of our partnership with The Timothy Initiative, **your generosity has allowed New City to donate $530,000,** helping plant **1,300 churches** in East Africa.



BUILDING CAPACITY

Growing our ability to welcome, disciple, serve, & send

Here, Near, & Far

Since the launch of the Here, Near, & Far vision in 2024, we have seen God do amazing things in and through New City.

We have visible progress in our ongoing partnerships here in Charlotte and around the world.

Our vision to support foster care in the Charlotte metro area has given us the opportunity to be part of what God is doing through Congregations for Kids, FARM127, and Isaiah 117 House.

Our vision to make our spaces available for missional purposes led to the launch of Platform Coffee in the lobby of New City Matthews, providing an active community gathering hub welcoming members of the community throughout the week.

It also allowed us to provide space for Church x City Counseling at City Co-Op, where they continue their mission to bring affordable, biblically based mental health counseling to Charlotte.

Our vision to create space for people to find and follow Jesus on our properties led us through Phase 1 of construction at New City SouthPark, completing the renovation of the classroom wings and started us on Phase 2, the building of the new Worship Center, where steel is up, a roof is on, and construction is on schedule and on budget.

And your generosity has opened unexpected doors, too—as we celebrate what God has done, we're looking ahead to what is to come.











THE CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION

Helping people find & follow Jesus

HERE, NEAR, & FAR

This mission and vision statement was rooted in Acts 1:8 & Matthew 28:18–20, following a period of prayer and discernment by our elders and leadership.

HERE

We're reshaping SouthPark's facilities to double NextGen capacity and expand worship seating to over 1,000. We're re-purposing the Matthews building for missional partnerships and expanding the community footprint.

NEAR

We're partnering with Church x City Counseling to address the mental health crisis and working in the foster care space with partners Congregations for Kids, Isaiah 117 House, and FARM127.

FAR

We're planting 2,000+ churches through The Timothy Initiative, with a focus in East Africa, and providing wraparound care for people through Hiinga, Edify, and All Nations.

THE ONE FUND MODEL

Our financial goals for the campaign were set using the One Fund Model, a single unified discipleship journey uniting all church generosity. Giving to New City supports:

- Ongoing **discipleship opportunities** and Bible teaching across our congregations
- Local **foster care** and **mental health** partners across Charlotte
- **Global church planting** in East Africa through The Timothy Initiative
- Facility **renovations and construction** and Matthews and SouthPark

WHERE WE STAND

Your extraordinary faithfulness in giving over two years means that a total of approximately $38M* has been given of our original $48M three-year goal. We are ahead of actual spending requirements as we enter the final year of the campaign.

This position has opened an unexpected door. We thought Phase 3 was out of reach for this season. Your steady faithfulness put it on the table—adding roughly $8M to our original goal will allow us to complete our NextGen renovation and Multipurpose Discipleship space and continue to be generous with our partners near and far.

**Projected giving by end of Year 2 (November 30, 2026)*

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An Open Door

Your generosity has unlocked the door to begin Phase 3, renovating the old SouthPark worship center into 35–38 classrooms and three large group spaces, along with multipurpose discipleship space and offices. Our target to complete this additional renovation is Spring 2028. This will also allow us additional margin for our local and global partners now.

ORIGINAL 3-YEAR PLAN

- Construct new Worship Center (Phase 2)
- Reshape classroom wings (Phase 1)
- Fund three years of ongoing ministry and missions
- Phase 3 NextGen renovations in the old Worship Center building deferred to a future campaign

UPDATED PLAN

- Move into new Worship Center in late summer 2027
- Immediately renovate old Worship Center (Phase 3)
- Finish 35–38 modern classrooms and three large group spaces for kids and youth and create new multipurpose discipleship space
- Effectively double NextGen capacity for kids and students

We are grateful for your steady faithfulness over the past two years as New City has followed God's direction with this vision to help people find and follow Jesus here, near, and far. Your faithful generosity means that **we are at $38M* of our original $48M goal, two years into a three-year plan**.

We can already see the evidence of God's work through Here, Near, & Far. **Platform Coffee** is serving coffee and food to our neighbors each week. **Church x City Counseling** is walking with people through their mental health crises. **Congregations for Kids** is preparing space in our Matthews building to serve foster kids, families, and social workers. **Isaiah 117 House** is opening a new house in Mecklenburg County. **The Timothy Initiative** is planting churches in East Africa.

Your generosity has opened the work of Phase 3 at New City SouthPark, which will add roughly an additional $8M to the $48M base. This goal is conservative, and reaching it will allow us to complete the project with no long-term debt.

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Make a Commitment

At the start of our Here, Near, & Far campaign, we asked for commitments toward our goal. Today, we invite you to join in to help us cross the new finish line. When you tell us your intent, you help us plan for the future. To update or set up your commitment, scan the QR code or visit **herenearfar.us**.

If you have already committed to give...

Thank you for your steady faithfulness over the first two years of Here, Near, & Far. Please continue to fulfill your commitment faithfully through November of 2027. If you have more financial margin than expected, **pray about whether God is asking you to increase your giving in Year 3 to finish strong.**

If you are new to New City...

We are so glad God has brought you to be part of our church. We hope that you've been able to catch some of the vision for Here, Near, & Far. If you would like to talk to a leader about the vision, please reach out. We invite you to join this vision with us—**would you consider making a one-year commitment to Here, Near, & Far** (December 2026–November 2027) to help our leaders plan the next phase with confidence? Scan the QR code to make your commitment.

If you are giving but haven't made a commitment...

We know some of you give faithfully each week or month, but have never officially made a commitment. Thank you for your generosity. Every story in this book has your fingerprints on it. As we enter the third year of Here, Near, & Far, **would you consider formalizing what you intend to give?** Your commitment will help us turn estimates into solid plans as we move into construction for Phase 3. Scan the QR code above to make your commitment.












THANK YOU FOR BUILDING

You helped build this.

But we're not finished. God has called us to more.

**There are more people to reach. More lives to disciple.
More doors to open. More places to go.**

The story isn't finished.

KEEP BUILDING WITH US.

Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10–11

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