



## “God Answering Our Prayers - Resting in the hands of God”

- We never know - we never see God's full plan - his full love for his creation - we pray - we think- we reason but we don't understand his ways or his plan - All glory, All praise, All power belongs to him - We are the clay he is the potter. The process begins...
- Many years of Elder's praying when and what to do - God made it clear.
- Breakfast with Chuck - many things had to be perfect for this to happen- What's the Possibility? I moved back from Colorado / retired and was not looking for anything - God had a different plan. There is no way I planned this or orchestrated any of this. His plan - his way. This could only have been planned by God - His timing is perfect.
- We were planning - preparing for the 80,000-Reasons campaign. We estimated and prayed for at least a commitment of \$2.4m, we committed \$3m.
- Many personal testimonies where God was preparing church members to help - many came forward to be a part of the “Large Building Team Meeting”.
- Chris Colette's expertise in steel fabrication - he met with me several times to make sure we were thinking through the steel work required. God's Person at the proper time.
- Mark Hoffman, Charley Good, Martha, all stepped up and did financial modeling for the project - God providing all the needed resources.
- Multiple individuals coming forward to help in many areas - Flooring, kitchen, low voltage wiring etc.
- Church vote to move forward with Christian Financial Resources - mortgage - 204 out of 207 - ballots.
- Giving pace above the norms - in 5 months Over 750,000 given toward the 3m commitment.
- No negative issues with building plans, colors, etc - everyone has been at peace with the process - we have been praying for unity and God's peace - We have it.
- Many Family lives being changed - through giving “The Pages” and others - Praise God.
- Permitting process going well - no issues - our prayers are being answered.
- Before bidding - BGW states we have a \$190K bust - Building team was able to get it to \$47k - many original requested items were removed from the plans - God's Peace is on the building team.
- DRC - meeting no issues - received approval - no additional requirements - answered our prayers.
- No impact fees required - this was a \$100,000 savings - praise God - we needed this.
- Must save 48' specimen tree in the middle of the building slab - Environmentalist signs off on plans to move forward - Originally they were going to make us redesign the entire project to “work around this tree” - we prayed and county signed off of this requirement. When the environmentalist walked the property, they could not find the tree.
- Water pressure and site design - signed off by the fire marshal - Answered Prayer.
- Shalene Estes - county person that has visited our church and the nativity activities - she personally helps walk our plans through the county process.
- In the middle of our clod season we needed 5 days of consecutive days above 50 degrees in order for the turtles to be relocated - we prayed and next week we got just that. Turtles were relocated the project kept moving forward - no delays.
- On March 8, 2019, the job officially started - David Trindade (Collage Super) started work on the site.
- Praying that our overall budget will final out no more than \$6M - final overall expenses right at \$6M.
- Cleared by county building inspection with no comments - This is unheard of.
- Cleared with no issues Site Meeting with JEA - their rep - was the same person who did the original layout for the current church - This is also unheard of.
- Smith trucking is doing all the clearing and earth work - they did the work on our original building - Great Christian partners.
- Engineer - Keys lost on job site - we prayed - he goes back and finds them - There was no way he would find them unless God answered our prayers.
- Loan, budget and giving has all lined up to be able to accomplish this new project / over and above.
- Building Permit received / approved 4-30-19 - No issues with this exceedingly difficult process.
- Ministry of Construction - 1st meeting was successful - 25 for lunch - many testimonies given.
- Bids for the storage building came in extremely high and over budget - because of God providing we have room in the budget to provide the storage building.
- 10-27-19 - Midterm budget review reveals that Collage will not need to touch the contingency in the contract \$200,000 / we have been praying about this - because we needed these funds to build the storage facility - “First time in Collage's history.”
- Plus, God is providing additional funds through the budget - we are receiving better numbers than projected.
- In October 2019 - we started requesting that individuals pull forward their commitment - in Oct. we still needed \$1.5 M of our commitment to come in - with less than 11 months to go. Many individuals have come forward and stated they will be able to pull all of their commitment forward.
- We had an extreme prayer request - to double the number of baptisms - God granted this prayer we had 34 baptisms.
- Large gifts in December - timing was perfect and needed.
- Conference table donated - along with many items needed for the children's area - we were able to lower our budgets for outfitting the church.
- On schedule - on budget - 3M in contributions is coming in.
- Must celebrate - remember the process - tell your children - help them understand why this is important and why you have help make this happen.
- Member not sure we could raise this kind of money to build this type of building - God has helped us all see what he can do.
- Auction - Kitchen Equipment - was able to buy \$10,000 dollars of equipment for \$4000.
- Free - new chairs - more donations.
- Many pulling commitments forward - this is a significant blessing.
- 2M by March 8 / 2nd anniversary - one Million to go.
- 3-30-2020 - At this time, the Covid 19 virus has caused the world - this church to come to a slow crawl. We have had our 2nd Sunday with streaming only - giving is about 1/2 of what it should be and the 80,000 Reasons giving is slow - we are close (only needing 900,000 to go). God's spirit continues to bring great confidence to the Elders and staff.
- On April 2, 2020, a memo was sent to Elders - recommending that we slow down or stop the progress of the New Worship Center. Conference call held with Collage indicating our intentions.
- On April 16, 2020, a memo was sent to Elders stating the miracle that has come from Collage - we now only need \$200k to finish. This is an extreme prayer answer - many tears of joy. Collage gives back \$300k plus \$180k of contingency.
- Volunteer help needed - Ben Bramlett spearheads all the new installation / security system - orders / buy the proper equipment - oversees church effort to install all the equipment.
- Various items donated and collected by Tara, Tanya and Linda - All needed items - saving the church a great deal of money.
- From the beginning of the project we have prayed for no job site injuries - God answered this prayer - No job site injuries.
- Project finished on Schedule - CO received.
- On September 25, 2020, we received a call from Brian Walsh that they are going to do better than originally expected - it looks like they will be able to contribute \$360,000. Back to the project. This is a major blessing and the timing will allow us to finish the Safe Haven Building. God continues to more than exceed our prayers.

