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Church family,

We praise God for you. As part of this body, you have taken up God's Great Commission to be disciple making disciples in a church planting church. You give, you serve, you pray, you labor toward the glorious aim of presenting all of us mature in Christ. Thank you. Thank you for allowing God to use you in such a way. Our church and our city are different because of God's faithfulness through you.

This fruitfulness has pressed us to find a larger, long term home. After much prayer and searching, the Lord has led us to 1700 Huger St, the old Cogdill carpet building, right in the heart of downtown. It is God's perfect providence. Our lease here at Sumter comes to a close just as we have outgrown it and Huger offers the perfect fit for us in the sanctuary, kids ministry area, office space, and parking. It is easily recognizable and highly visible. We are thrilled.

This brings us to a critical moment in the life of our fellowship and city. We've launched a generosity initiative under the theme MORE. We take this word from Ephesians 3:20 where Paul prays to a God who is able to do "far more abundantly than all that we ask or think." To ask that the rest of the money be raised, the building renovated, and for everybody to get a seat is far too small a prayer. We long for God to do more: more glory, more unity, more mission, more mercy.

***In Christ,
David Gentino***



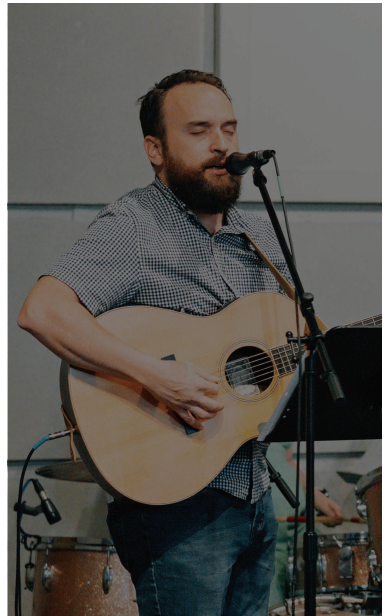
Where We've Been



Disciple Making Disciples in a Church Planting Church

The seed of Cola Pres was planted in 2013. Thirty souls gathered for a Bible study in a borrowed classroom to pray and labor for a new Great Commission fellowship that would strive to be disciple making disciples in a church planting church. Ten years later, God has answered those prayers and more, growing us into a multiplying church body of five hundred souls.

Our first rental space was the iconic Tapps Building on Main St. We set up the stage and chairs every Sunday morning and welcomed friends. While that building definitely came with a unique set of challenges, we experienced God's grace, faithfulness, and mercy inside those four walls. We saw young families grow, new converts join the family of God, and new mercy ministries started.



In 2017, God provided our current rental space on Sumter Street. This is where our roots began to grow deep in our city. God opened new ministry doors, brought friends to faith, sent church plants across the city, and missionaries across the globe. He grew our body deep and wide. This space was exactly what we needed for the time we've had it.

God's faithfulness has been evident since the very beginning of Columbia Pres. Today, we have a fully committed, well developed leadership team, an increasingly diverse and growing body, an underlying heartbeat of mercy ministry throughout the week, thriving campus ministries in multiple locations, a RAPIDLY growing childrens and youth ministry, three church plants, and much more that God has placed on our hearts for the city, the country, and the world.

Where We're Going

It has never been our desire to grow a big church, but a fruitful church. At the core of everything we do is the deep belief that God has called our church to strive by his power to present as many people in Columbia, the surrounding cities, and across the globe "mature in Christ"

(Colossians 1).



Our current space cannot contain that growth. We knew this day was coming and began prayerfully searching for two years for a new space. After years of looking for a new building that we would no longer have to rent, God opened the doors to the old Cogdill Building on Huger street. This building truly is an incredible gift!

With high visibility, plenty of room to grow, lots of parking, space for children and youth, and a warehouse space that will provide monthly income... we could not have found a more perfect spot. As leaders, our hearts are excited to see the incredible ways God will build community, transform lives, make his mercy evident in the new space.

During this next season in the life of Cola Pres, we are trusting in God to continue to use our body to make disciples, plant churches, and present as many people as God would allow, mature in Christ!

But our leadership alone can't do that.

We need every member and regular attender who calls Cola Pres home, to fully commit to being part of what's next.

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1700 Huger St is a 45,000-square-foot facility, of which we will be using 28,000 square feet. The old Cogdill building is currently undergoing a massive renovation that includes:

- A sanctuary that seats seven hundred people, allowing us to join together for one worship service
- A children's ministry area double the size of our current space allowing us to continue pouring into our growing population of little ones.
- Extra office space for our growing team
- Plenty of space to utilize for our ministry partners throughout the week, including college ministries, mercy ministries, and discipleship ministries
- Warehouse space we will be able to lease for income until we need it in the future

By the Numbers

The total cost of buying and renovating the building is \$6.4M.

Generous members have already given \$1.5M. Praise God. Our church contributed \$1M from savings. The full project will cost a remaining \$3.9M. This will be offset by \$100,000 in annual rental income to the church from the additional space we are not currently using.

We have prayerfully set the following goals for this **MORE Campaign**:

The .MORE Goal = \$1.5M

This additional \$1.5M raised will bring the total contributions to \$3M and allow us to occupy our new space with an affordable mortgage.

The .MORE Stretch Goal \$2.75M

This goal would allow us to occupy our new space and completely cover the remaining mortgage with income from the rental portion of the building.

"To him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think"

Ephesians 3:20

As leadership team, we understand that there is NOTHING magical about a new building.

However, we also know that...

God clearly led us to this space after so many disappointments throughout our building search. God has provided incredibly favorable terms for the purchase, thanks to the generosity of the Cogdill family.

God has blessed our body with amazingly savvy builders, architects, and fiscally conscientious business leaders to put us in the best possible position to financially make this investment.

This campaign is about SO MUCH MORE than raising money for a new building.

It is about the work that God started in and through Cola Pres ten years ago, and what God is calling us to be part of NEXT.

It is our hope that you would prayerfully consider playing a significant role in this initiative through cheerful giving, prayer, and support.

What is the timeline for the project?

We purchased the building back in December 2022 and work has already begun. We are hopeful to be in our new location by Easter next year, Lord willing!

How much are you asking us to give towards the MORE Campaign?

This is something that is completely between your family and God. Here's what we are asking of you:

- EVERY member and attender commit to either give and pray, or just pray.
- You would prayerfully seek God, allow Him to challenge you outside of your comfort zone, and give generously. What that number looks like will be different from family to family.



What is the money I pledge going towards?

The money raised through the More Campaign is going towards the purchase of the building and the renovation of the space including:

- A new sanctuary that will seat up to 700 people.
- A children's ministry area double the size of our current space
- Office space that will be large enough for current staff and some growth
- Space for our youth to meet
- Ample space to host growth groups and ministries throughout the week
- 225+ parking spaces

What if I've never given to the church, is this a good place to start?

It is our desire to have a church body who cheerfully gives of their firstfruits every month. So, if you aren't already doing that, we ask you to consider taking that first step towards obedience while also considering how God might use you to give towards this specific project.

How do I make a pledge towards the MORE Campaign?

There are several ways to give towards this particular initiative.

- You can give a one time special gift.
- You can commit to a monthly amount to be given above your normal church giving, for the duration of two years.
- You can commit to a monthly percentage of your total income to be given above your normal church giving, for the duration of two years.
- You can give a few times a year for the duration of two years, based on your personal financial cycles.

Here are some examples of possible giving scenarios:

I commit to giving \$300/month above my regular giving, for the next two years.

I commit to giving \$12,000 over the course of two years, broken up into 4 payments of \$3000

I commit to giving \$30,000 today.

I commit to giving 5% of my salary and commission ABOVE my regular giving, every month.



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