



**IMAGINE**

## DEAR FIRST CHURCH,

Our journey at First Church has been nothing short of remarkable, filled with countless moments of God's presence and power. Through His grace, we have witnessed lives transformed as individuals encounter Jesus in profound and life-altering ways. From salvation to restoration, from breaking addictions to feeding the hungry, our community has been deeply impacted by God's work among us.

In recent years, we have experienced an accelerated, supernatural growth, a testament to God's faithfulness and the trust He has placed in us to impact our community in even greater ways. As Isaiah 55:8 reminds us, *"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."*

With this profound truth in mind, we are thrilled to introduce a new initiative called **IMAGINE**. Our vision for IMAGINE is to ignite within us a faith-filled perspective. One that enables us to see the boundless possibilities God has in store for First Church. This upcoming season is poised to be monumental for our congregation, calling us to embark on a spiritual journey together, to seek God earnestly, and to surrender to His leading as He unveils His purpose for each of us.

Just imagine the transformation that will unfold in our community!

We are eagerly anticipating God's extraordinary work within our church, and it is my heartfelt prayer that each one of you will join us in making this vision a reality. Whether you've been a part of First Church for years or are new to our family, I extend this invitation to you to IMAGINE with us. Together, we will witness lives transformed, our community impacted, and the kingdom of God advanced. Every sacrifice matters, and your participation is invaluable.

Will you stand with us in the IMAGINE initiative? It will necessitate stretching ourselves, making sacrifices in new ways. Yet, the impact it promises to have on countless lives, many of whom we have yet to meet, is immeasurable.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to what God is doing through First Church. I am filled with excitement as we embark on this journey together, eagerly anticipating the incredible things God will accomplish through our faith-filled obedience.

With sincerest gratitude and anticipation,



PASTOR DARYLE WILLIAMS

# Our History

In the late 1940s, Jesse Williams was a soldier in the US Army. Before sending him to Asia to take part in the post WWII redevelopment, the army sent him to Fort Bragg for training. While stationed at Fort Bragg, he fell in love with the community and determined that he would return to start a church.

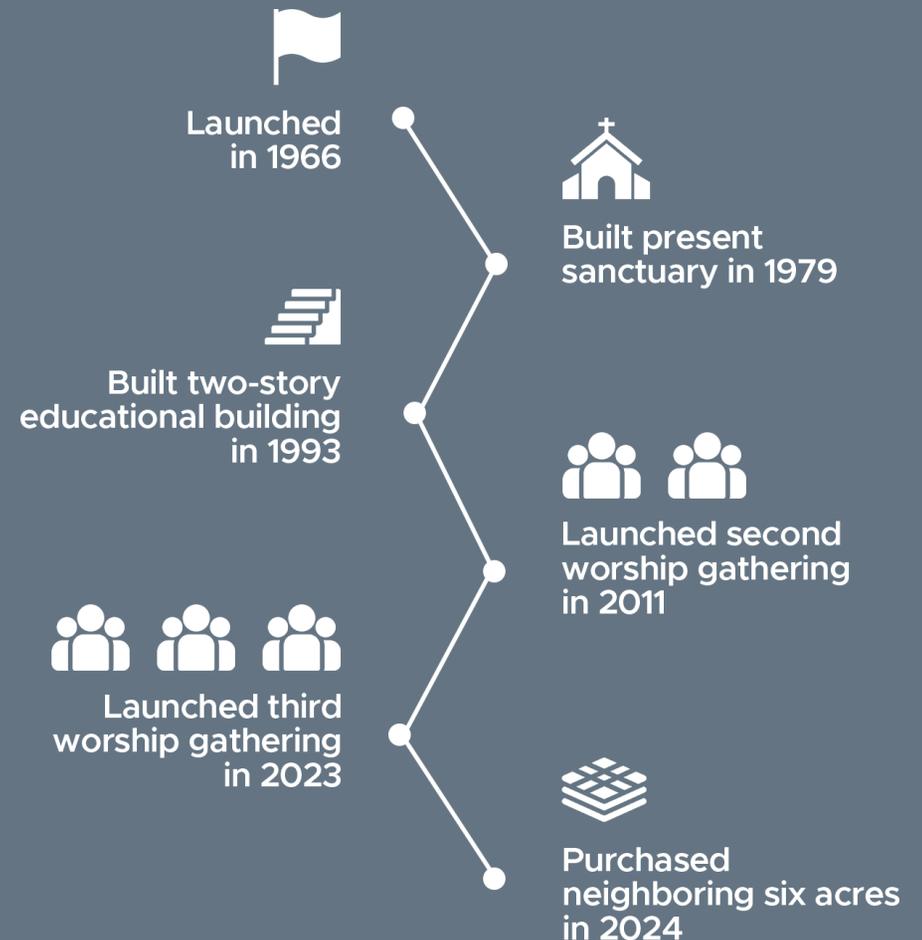
In 1966, the dream became a reality. First Church began on Sunday, January 16, 1966. That Sunday, just nine people attended the first service in the living room of the Williams' home.

Jesse and Sue Williams retired in 2007 and, prior to his passing in 2014, Jesse Williams served as our Bishop. In September of 2011, First Church invited Daryle and Lynita Williams to serve as lead pastor.

From the beginning, First Church focused on reaching out to the community by building relationships. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, and the simple style of First Church brought immediate growth. In its first year, the church grew to 60 people in weekly attendance and moved to a rented facility. In the third year, the church purchased its first piece of property.

Now, more than 10,000 soldiers and civilians have committed their lives to Christ, and hundreds of people attend weekend services, gather in Connect Groups, and serve on the Dream Team. God is still at work at First Church.

## History at a Glance





## Our Impact



Eliminated all  
\$800,000 of debt



3,000+  
people baptized



\$2.5 million  
given to missions



Partnered with  
hundreds of new  
church plants



Disaster relief  
provided to  
3,000 families



Local humanitarian  
efforts increase  
yearly

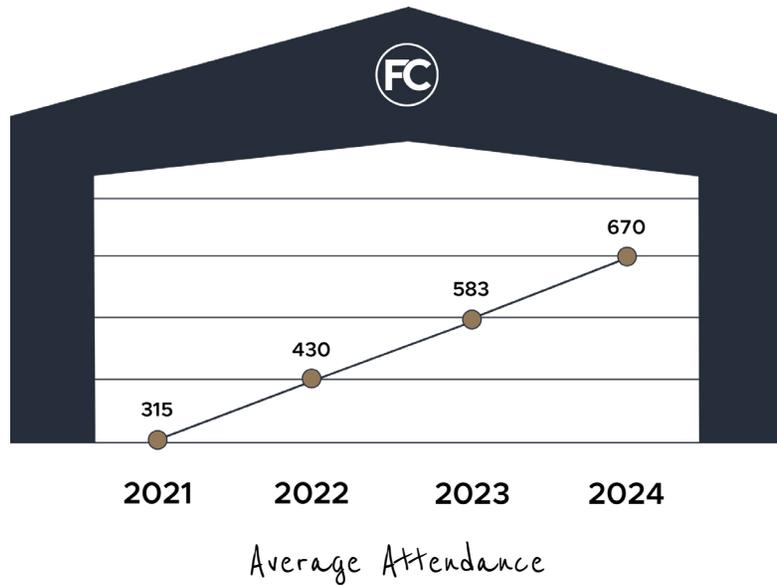
### Local Impact

- Serve Ministry - In As Much, Feeding the Homeless, Backpack Buddies, Cape Fear Valley Hospital System
- Dream Team - In each of the last three years, more than 100 people took their next step toward fulfilling their purpose by joining the Dream Team.
- Connect Groups - Hundreds are connecting with others in healthy, life-giving relationships each semester.
- Vacation Bible School - In the last five years, Vacation Bible School has grown from 50 children to more than 200.

### Global Impact

- Guatemala - H.O.M.E. International Orphanage
- Philippines - IMA's Home for Children
- Nepal - New Beginnings Orphanage
- One Child Partnership
- International Missionary teams

## Our Challenge



## We are outgrowing every environment in our current facility.

- The main auditorium reaching capacity threatens to stunt our future growth
- Over-crowded foyer is uncomfortable during worship gatherings
- No defined space for dads with infants
- Inadequate flow of facilities restricts our ability to minister to people effectively
- Not enough social space to facilitate sufficient transitions between worship gatherings
- Inadequate restrooms hinder those with special needs from attending church

## Our Options

### We have a responsibility to care for the growth God has trusted us with.

- Add more services – At some point, this will over-tax staff and volunteers.
- Find a new location – We believe God has strategically placed us here.
- Launch another campus – It's possible, but it would be difficult to replicate the FC experience without losing key leaders and people.
- Borrow money – Borrowing money would inhibit us from fulfilling our mission.
- We could do nothing – This would be unfaithful to the vision God has given us, and would mean rejecting those who are lost, hurting, and without hope.

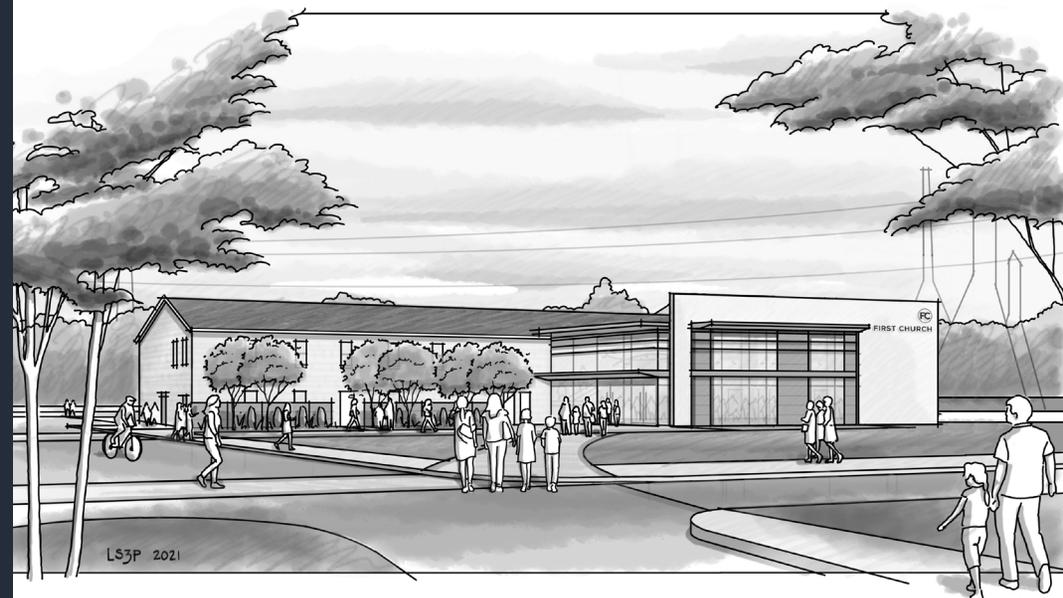
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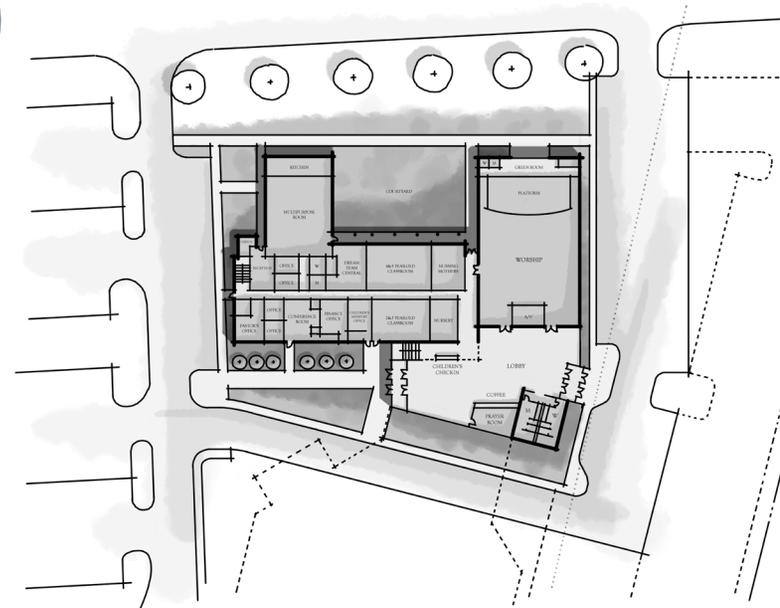
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## Our Plan

### Build a new 5,000 square foot lobby.

- New prayer room
- New check-in station for children's ministry
- State of the art café
- New restrooms with special needs amenities
- Renovate entrance to children's ministry area
- Renovate sanctuary
- Dedicated room for dads with infants
- Increase of social space to handle ingress/egress transitions
- New courtyard space for events, groups, and overflow
- Renovate event center for a Serve facility





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# What It Will Take

## Estimated cost to build - \$3 million

- Construct 5,000 sq ft lobby - \$2.3 million
- Renovate current facilities - \$350,000
- Purchase adjacent six acres for future parking - \$388,000

## Giving Period - 2 years

- Our win threshold is \$800,000
  - This reflects great generosity against the projected capacity of our congregation.
- Our miracle threshold is \$1,200,000
  - This reflects great sacrifice against the projected capacity of our congregation.

Win Threshold

\$800,000						
# of Pledgers	Pledge Amount	Weekly Gift	Monthly Gift	Group Total	Cumulative Total	
1	\$50,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$50,000	\$50,000	
1	\$25,000	\$240	\$1,042	\$25,000	\$75,000	
2	\$20,000	\$192	\$833	\$40,000	\$115,000	
2	\$16,000	\$154	\$667	\$32,000	\$147,000	
3	\$15,000	\$144	\$625	\$45,000	\$192,000	
4	\$12,000	\$115	\$500	\$48,000	\$240,000	
5	\$10,000	\$96	\$417	\$50,000	\$290,000	
8	\$8,000	\$77	\$333	\$64,000	\$354,000	
12	\$7,000	\$67	\$292	\$84,000	\$438,000	
19	\$6,000	\$58	\$250	\$114,000	\$552,000	
27	\$5,000	\$48	\$208	\$135,000	\$687,000	
30	\$2,500	\$24	\$104	\$75,000	\$762,000	
38	\$1,000	\$10	\$42	\$38,000	\$800,000	
<b>152</b>				<b>\$800,000</b>		

Miracle Threshold

\$1,200,000						
# of Pledgers	Pledge Amount	Weekly Gift	Monthly Gift	Group Total	Cumulative Total	
1	\$75,000	\$721	\$3,125	\$75,000	\$75,000	
2	\$60,000	\$577	\$2,500	\$120,000	\$195,000	
3	\$50,000	\$481	\$2,083	\$150,000	\$345,000	
4	\$25,000	\$240	\$1,042	\$100,000	\$445,000	
5	\$20,000	\$192	\$833	\$100,000	\$545,000	
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6	\$12,000	\$115	\$500	\$72,000	\$692,000	
10	\$10,000	\$96	\$417	\$100,000	\$792,000	
12	\$7,500	\$72	\$313	\$90,000	\$882,000	
15	\$6,000	\$58	\$250	\$90,000	\$972,000	
25	\$5,000	\$48	\$208	\$125,000	\$1,097,000	
26	\$2,500	\$24	\$104	\$65,000	\$1,162,000	
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**IMAGINE** what God  
can do through you.

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for your family  
for your city  
for eternity

## What We're Asking

1. Pray for this initiative to become a reality.
2. Everyone to be a part and accept this invitation to participate in Imagine. Let's take this journey together.
3. Begin seeking God's direction and obey His leading in how you can sacrifice for this cause.





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