

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."



In addition to your financial commitment, we also ask you to **PRAY** for all of us involved in this movement. This not only includes us, but all the people waiting to be reached. We ask you to **UNITE** at the cross. Become one people in concert with God's vision; not two groups behind their church of choice. God is asking us to **COMMIT** to His reality of a **PREVAILING** church.

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UPON THIS ROCK





"I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me." Martin Luther (b1483 – d1546)



"Unless you believe, you will not understand. Faith is to believe what you do not see the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." Augustine of Hippo (b354 – d430)

"No man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief." John Calvin (b1509 – d1564)

Over two thousand years ago Jesus stood in Caesarea Philippi and asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus made it clear that He would build upon this public proclamation a movement of believers who follow Him. This called out community would eventually become known as the church.

As we look across the history of the church we are humbled by the smallness of ourselves. From the age of Jesus and his Apostles, through the age of the Reformation and into our generation, God continues to call his people to move. Through this same spirit of ekklesia, this

spirit of movement. God initiated a call at Beach in 2008. The call was to start a new service with the intent of reaching people in acute need of Jesus.

Over the last three years we have seen 1,100 people come to Christ, baptized 350, walked 240 through Beginning Point (our class for new believers and those returning to the faith), had 375 people complete Disciple I (an intensive study that walks through 80% of the Bible), and sent over 250 missionaries to four countries.

Just in the past few weeks we've seen 20 salvations and 3 baptisms from our organic outreach to the Portside community and 24

student salvations at our Epworth retreat. Results like this are due only to the power of God moving through people like us.

The service we started three years ago is now becoming a church of it's own. When Eleven22 moves into a new location, we will free up space at Beach for more salvation and discipleship. The whole point of our place on the timeline is to join the movement Jesus began.

As Christians, most of us recognize that no work of God comes without cost. Christ paid the price for our redemption; we pay a price to follow Him. Out of obedience to God, Beach built much needed space

where greater numbers of people could meet and worship Jesus.

Over the past few years, Beach has put off many expenditures and maintenance for the sake of gospel growth. We are now filled to capacity with a facility in need of improvement, insufficient parking, and three mortgages; one of which requires a \$19,000 monthly payment, which this campaign seeks to eliminate.

Beach can continue to operate paying \$19,000 per month over the 8 years left on this mortgage or we can eliminate this portion of our debt saving almost \$300,000 in interest. Imagine what God can do with this kind of

financial freedom. How many churches would He launch? How many hungry bellies would He feed? How many homes would He build? How many needy children would He save?

As two healthy churches, Eleven22 and Beach could potentially disciple 6,000 adults and

"...to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church...'

"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose." C. S. Lewis (b1898 – d1963)

To continue proclaiming the gospel of Jesus boldly and without hindrance, both Beach and Eleven22 need to be healthy. A healthy church not only includes paying off debt, but for Eleven22 it includes constructing a facility and providing a safe environment for children and adults. As participants in this campaign, we are committed to continuing to give where we go after the launch of Eleven22.

countless children each week. Just this year at Beach we have had 453 salvations. Imagine two churches operating at full capacity. How many people will God save through our obedience?

If God does what He's been doing over the course of this three-year campaign, we could see 2,200 people come to Christ, baptize 700, walk 480 through Beginning Point, and help over 750 people complete Disciple I. We could send out over 500 missionaries to more countries.... all of this if God only remains status quo.

But here's the thing: our God is the, sovereign, immortal, invisible, eternal, almighty God of

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the universe, the great I AM. He hung the stars and knows them by name. The universe is held in the span of His palm. He is not status quo, He never has been.

It's us who get in the way of the gospel. We are the ones who remain status quo. not God. God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." Ephesians 3:20

Paul wrote this sentence while in prison to his friends in the church at Ephesus where he had once preached the gospel standing under the archway featured on the front of this brochure. And Paul

believed it. He was not status quo. Paul actively believed the God of the universe *could* do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. What would happen if we believed like Paul?

Paul's public proclamation of the gospel helped 'launch' the church at Ephesus, as well as the churches in Macedonia. The Macedonian church gave to the Corinthian church as much as they were able and even beyond their ability.

So, you see, this launching of churches and sharing of funds is not new.

It's just our turn.

The total dollar amount needed to fulfill this vision of two healthy churches is \$7million. The cost is sacrificial. It will hurt to give over and above our existing giving. It hurt Paul to be beaten and flogged for proclaiming the gospel, and yet he considered "everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things." Phillippians 3:8

So, what will you LOSE for the sake of **knowing Christ Jesus?**

What will you GIVE to continue Jesus movement started upon this rock?

EPHESIANS 3:20

