

Dear Perimeter Family,

Earlier this year, I was thrilled to announce we had successfully met our three-year Forward Campaign goal of \$82 million. This was yet another highlight of a long history of generosity and stewardship at Perimeter Church, for which I am very grateful.

This update is long overdue, and will serve as more of a flyover, but I am excited to share with you some of the encouraging developments on the path to meeting our campaign objectives for His glory.

Forward in Equipping

Camp All-American

Around Perimeter, summer goes hand in hand with Camp. I am pleased to report we far exceeded our goals for staffing and campers this year! This is a huge morale boost for our Camp team. We were able to hire 103 group leaders and almost 200 summer staff personnel. Because of our overwhelming staffing numbers, we could open 1,000 additional camper spots, meaning we have 6,000 campers with more spots to fill. Please join us in praying God will move in our campers and Camp families this summer!

Digital Resource Studio

After reviewing the possible locations for this studio, we have identified the space within our existing building that we believe is ideally suited for our future production goals.

As an equipping church, our heart is to produce more content for spiritual formation in digital spaces. Perimeter has been blessed through the years with gospel-centered teaching and resourcing, not only from Perimeter leaders but also from leaders in our network of like-minded churches and organizations. One of our early efforts in this area is the latest season of the Digging Deeper podcast. I hope you have been blessed by the conversations as we've heard from Jen Wilkin, Dane Ortlund, and leaders in our own congregation. I am eager for Perimeter to produce more resources like this, aided by a dedicated studio, for the benefit of our congregation and those looking for truth in a chaotic world.

Forward in Care

Biblical Counseling Department

In our recent episode "Faith and Emotional Health", I was joined by Perimeter staff members Caleb Martin, our Men's Discipleship Director, and Kelly Ward, our Compassion and Care Director. Our conversation spoke to the heart behind the Biblical Counseling Department, of which Caleb will become the director. It will be housed in the Baird Annex building, where we can preserve the confidentiality of our members in a separate building on the campus.

Since January, we have embarked on a process of research and development for our counseling department. We have consulted with numerous churches and counseling organizations in Atlanta and around the country to research the most effective models. We've also hired a consultant with experience building a counseling ministry in a large church, and who works with churches around the country doing the same. This insight has been extremely valuable.

As we learned why organizations chose various models, the best advice we received was to let our mission and context drive our model. That said, here are the important distinctives guiding us:

- **High view of Christ and the gospel.** The hope of Christ is what we offer to the hurting, in any and every situation.
- **High view of the whole person.** God created us both body and soul. Therefore, good biblical counsel is holistic, taking into account the physical realities of the body and its effect upon the soul.
- **High view of the Church.** God has called the elders of the church to shepherd His people. Our conviction is this is the primary place of care. Our counseling is secondary or supplementary to that primary place of care. Our desire is to provide specialized care in the context of the local church, to fuel our kingdom flourishing through spiritual multiplication.
- **High view of discipleship and mission.** Our first priority is the health of our church members. As salt and light in the world, we also have an eye to our cities, greater Atlanta, and the world. We believe the hope for the hurting is the balm of the gospel of Jesus. To the extent we can provide care to our community without undermining our priority to our members, we want to do so.

Our desire continues to be, in the familiar language of Perimeter, to “think big, start small, and go deep”.

Forward in Mission

Pursuing the 300 Dream (100 church plants, 100 local partners, and 100 global partners by 2052)

Pastors Randy Pope and Bryan Brown returned recently from a successful Life on Life event in **Uganda**, in which they envisioned church leaders representing 110 churches. Of these, 90 signed up to move forward! One congregation, **GABA Church**, is now officially a Global Outreach partner. We will spend the next three years coming alongside to help them form deep roots of discipleship. Randy stated in his many years leading these events, he has never encountered so many church leaders with such an overwhelming desire to ignite a discipleship movement in their country. God is moving in Uganda!

We also have an eye to **Romania** with the possibility of becoming a global partner later this year, with lay leaders already engaging in that country.

Closer to home, one of the first church plant recipients of 300 Dream funding is **New City Church** in Lawrenceville, pastored by Ryan Johnson. The funding is being used to help launch a church planting residency for the beginnings of a Hispanic church in the Lawrenceville area.

Howard and Kellie Brown were introduced to our congregation a few months ago. They are preparing to plant **Kindred Hope Church** in the city of South Fulton. Please pray as they fundraise throughout our denomination for this important flagship church plant.

When it comes to multiplying our partnerships through Community Outreach, this year we have added four new nonprofit partners: **The Place**, **Spectrum**, **NETWorks**, and **Apartment Life**.

We are also supporting four existing partners who are multiplying to new cities in Greater Atlanta:

- **Boy With A Ball** - taking their local ministry global
- **Rainbow Village** - building a campus in Sugar Hill
- **No Longer Bound** - opened a Thrift Store in Johns Creek

- **Refuge Coffee** - opening new location in Norcross

As of now, we have roughly 43 church plants (including granddaughter and great granddaughter churches), 50 strategic local partners, and 27 strategic global partners. These numbers don't yet include those partnerships still in their early stages, so I look forward to reporting back to you with more progress toward our 300 Dream in the months to come. Our goal is not numbers for numbers' sake, but multiplication for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Forward in Faith

Capturing the Untold Stories

This year, one of our primary goals is to document the stories from Randy and Carol Pope. If you've been around Perimeter for a long time, you may be familiar with some of our founding pastor's stories of God's faithfulness. We want to make sure to capture them on camera in Randy and Carol's voices for the benefit of our church, both now and in the future. As you can imagine, there are some inspiring stories that have yet to be shared with the congregation. This is a high priority for us and something I am personally grateful to be doing for the generations of Perimeter members to come. We hope this becomes a foundation for more stories from other longtime and charter members.

These of course are just some of the ways we see God moving us forward. I am eager to share more examples and highlights later this year!

Thank you for your faithful generosity to Perimeter Church, and for allowing God to use you to advance His kingdom into our neighborhoods, cities, and around the world. I pray that together we will continue to be a people rooted in radical dependence, as we ask God to do what only He can do... all for His glory.

In Christ,



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