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A PROJECT  
FOR THE GOSPEL  
IN WHEATON





## A MESSAGE FROM JOSH

**Gospel Now** represents our church's commitment to the vision of "Proclaiming the Gospel." We are now seeking to accelerate that vision in some specific ways. We are calling each other to involvement, ongoing discipleship and renewed generosity of our labor, influence, finances and expertise for the **Gospel. Now.**

The world around us continues to grow darker. But in the darkness the light shines brighter. We have a greater opportunity today—I really believe this—than any other time in our lifetime to make a difference for Jesus and his gospel. Will we tell our friends about Jesus? Will we dig into the Bible and let the Word of God nourish and transform us? Each aspect of the **Gospel Now** project has been prayed over, discussed, and fine-tuned. It is coming to us from a united leadership with the sense that this is a significant moment for us to advance our local outreach for the sake of the gospel.

Let's seize this opportunity with both hands, trusting in him who is eminently trustworthy, as we seek to love one another and together proclaim the **Gospel. Now!**

Josh Moody  
*Senior Pastor*





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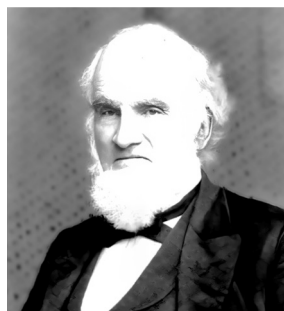
Since 1861, College Church in Wheaton has stood for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This focus came through the vision of our founding pastor, Jonathan Blanchard, and has been preserved by our rich history of leaders who have faithfully preached God's message of hope and salvation.

Today, our vision for the God-centered gospel of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed—in us as a church, and through us to the world—by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit remains unchanged.

For more than 160 years, College Church has been a place where people discover Jesus, grow in their faith and impact the world.

The responsibility to steward that vision is now ours, and the **Gospel Now** project represents an exciting opportunity to do just that.











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### THE OPPORTUNITY

With our geographical location in the heart of Wheaton, we are strategically positioned to minister to people throughout Chicagoland. With many around us who do not know Jesus, and a contemporary abandonment of core tenets of the biblical Christian faith, the time has come for College Church to commit to sharing the life-changing message of Christ in accelerated ways.

The time has come for **Gospel. Now.**





## THE ACTION

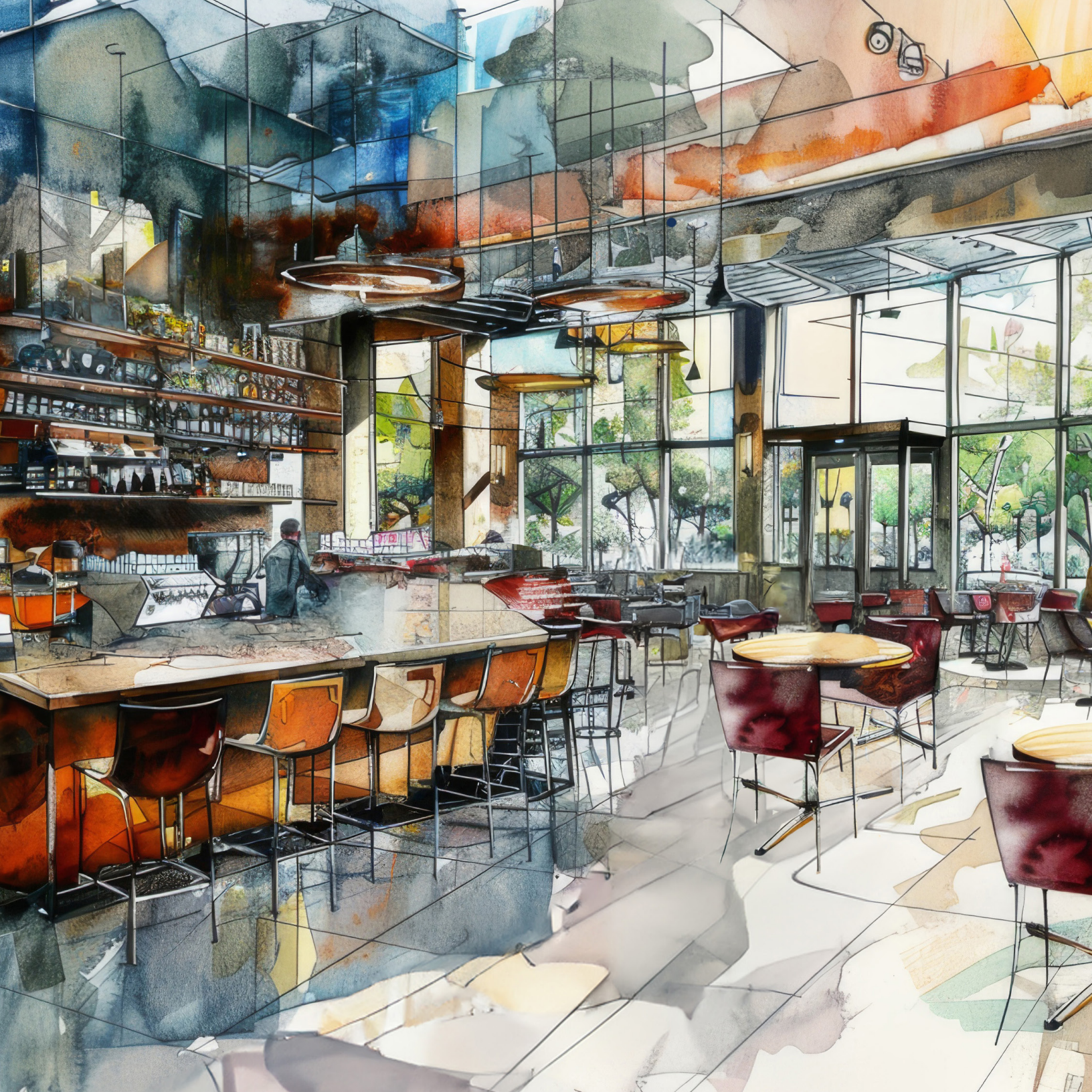
What will this look like? Starting with a new prayer focus and sermon series in April 2024 and continuing with an invitation to participate financially, we will accelerate our **Gospel Now** vision in two major ways:

### ELEVATE LOCAL OUTREACH.

We will transform the Crossings building into a vibrant hub for community, worship and growth with spaces that foster gospel-centered relationships, learning and spiritual development.

### ENHANCE MINISTRY READINESS.

We will significantly increase accessibility on our campus, reducing barriers that hinder our more vulnerable attenders. We also commit to reducing and hopefully eliminating our debt, ensuring future financial stability for College Church's vision. These bold steps will equip us to thrive amidst cultural and economic changes for God's glory.





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## ELEVATED LOCAL OUTREACH

The Crossings is envisioned as a dynamic environment that attracts and connects our church family to community outreach opportunities, while concurrently intensifying our commitment to discipleship and spiritual development for people of all ages. It will become the new home for our middle school, high school and college ministries and be especially suited for children, students and their parents.

## THE ACTION

By adding a café, a children's play area, mixed-use spaces for church and community programming and dedicated areas for student engagement, the Crossings will provide a warm and engaging environment for the gospel to thrive.

The total anticipated cost to transform the Crossings into this crossover hub for gospel outreach and investing in younger generations is \$4.0 million.

**CAFÉ/MULTIPURPOSE SPACE**—A bright and comfortable environment to engage with friends while enjoying specialty coffees, pastries and light fare. Also can be utilized as a space suited for large gatherings such as College Group, Men's Bible Study and conferences. The dining space is fully equipped with audio and video capabilities and a temporary stage.

**PLAYSPACE CHILDREN'S AREA**—A safe and contained play area for children that will enable parents to keep an eye on their kids while enjoying the café.

**GAMESPACE CHILDREN'S AREA**—Pool, foosball and other table games for older children and students.

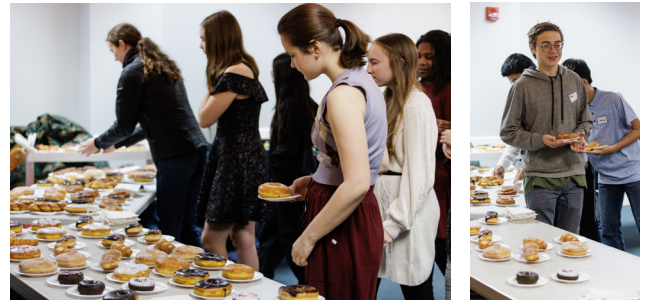
**ARTSPACE GALLERY AREAS**—ArtSpace Gallery areas for viewing community art, with additional art displayed on other walls of the Crossings.

**COLLABORATION SPACE**—Meeting spaces throughout the facility for discipleship, counseling and other pastoral-care activities, designed to facilitate private, scheduled conversations.

**KITCHEN AND LIVING ROOM**—A cozy space with sofas and a kitchen, designed to replicate the comfort and atmosphere of a home kitchen and family room for Grace Groups, GriefShare, Mom2Mom and other small-group gatherings.

**WORSHIP/STUDENT SPACES**—Spacious worship rooms for KMs and HYACKS. One of these rooms can be expanded to hold gatherings of up to 300 people. Both are fully equipped with audio and video capabilities to support worship and conference activities.

**LIVING ROOMS**—One room adjacent to the cafe and one upstairs above the south entry perfect for private small gatherings.



Several of these images are representational.







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## **ENHANCED MINISTRY READINESS — ACCESSIBILITY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY**

### **OUR GOSPEL NOW VISION**

We want to make College Church a friendlier place for the curious, the struggling, and the unchurched. Increasing accessibility as well as creating a warm and welcoming public space in the new Crossings will help us do that. And we are committed to the greater flexibility for future needs that will be made possible by reducing debt. These bold steps will equip us to thrive as we focus on God's glory in challenging times so we can even more effectively proclaim the gospel now and in the years ahead.

### **ACCESSIBILITY: PAVING THE WAY FOR THE GOSPEL**

The addition of parking closer to the main entrance of the sanctuary building is an impactful change that will make it easier for individuals with mobility challenges or special needs to access our worship service, ensuring that no one is excluded from the warmth and fellowship of College Church. The total funds remaining to be raised to prepare the site and construct accessible parking closer to the main entrance as well as a storage shed for outdoor equipment is \$1.1 million.

### **FINANCIAL STABILITY: A FOUNDATION FOR GROWTH**

We recognize the importance of financial stability in accelerating our vision. Therefore, we are dedicated to reducing and ultimately eliminating our debt, laying a solid foundation for College Church's future endeavors. Our goal is to raise \$3.4 million or more to reduce our outstanding obligations.

Through prudent financial management and strategic planning, we will streamline our operations, optimize our resources, and steward our finances with integrity and foresight, ensuring long-term sustainability for the ministries of College Church.





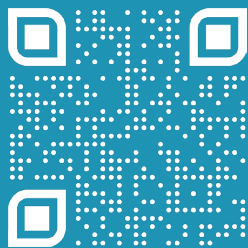
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## BE AN ACCELERATOR

**Gospel Now** is not just a call to temporary action; it's an invitation to a transformative spiritual journey. Will you join us by seeking the Lord's guidance for your next step?

**PRAY. GIVE. ACT.** Together, let's seek, listen and obey as we bear witness to Jesus through the transforming message of the **Gospel. Now.**

For further information or to learn how to make a financial contribution to the **Gospel Now** project, visit [www.college-church.org/gospelnow](http://www.college-church.org/gospelnow) or scan the QR code below.



**Gospel Now** will be empowered by prayer, fueled by generosity and propelled by action. With this in mind, we are asking you to:

### PRAY.

First, we invite you to pray. We are launching a new church-wide prayer focus, based on Scripture and focused on personal stewardship and community outreach. God has brought unbelievers of all walks of life to our doorstep! How will we respond?

### GIVE.

Second, we invite you to consider what faithful stewardship looks like for you. For some, this may mean giving to College Church for the very first time. For others, it may mean making a significant and sacrificial gift to the **Gospel Now** project. Whatever generosity looks like for you and your family, we invite you to get involved.

### ACT.

Third, we invite you to take the next step in your own journey of obedience to Christ. Whether that means inviting a neighbor to a College Church event, giving, serving the church or serving your neighbor . . . how will you follow God's call?





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