



FIRST CENTURY HOME PROJECT
INFO PACKET

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

When First Century Church launched on March 1, 2015, we had no idea what God had in store for us, but we were ready for anything. In just a few short years, we have seen God do so many things through First Century!

We have seen lives changed, people healed, families healed, & relationships restored, just to name a few things.

We are so excited to be a part of what God is doing in the Parkville area! That was really one of our main goals from the beginning. We always wanted First Century to be an active, vibrant, helpful, life-giving part of the greater community, and I feel we are doing just that!

But, here's the best part - we're just getting started! The future is bright and limitless, and I am so excited for what is yet to come! That's really what the "HOME Project" is all about: the future. Just as we trusted God to begin First Century, and have trusted Him every step of the way thus far, we believe this is what He is preparing us for next. What excites me so much about the "HOME Project" is it is by far the biggest, most faith-filled step First Century has taken since we started just a few short years ago.. This step of faith for the future gets me pumped, and I hope you share that excitement as well.

So, what is the "HOME Project"? We hope this info guide will answer some of the big questions and help you to decide if you feel led to join us on this part of our journey. Together, we can see (and be a part of) the greatest days of First Century being a part of life-change in our community!



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If you have any questions not addressed in this info packet, please feel free to email me @ stephen@firstcenturykc.com

LET'S START HERE...

Before we get caught up in the future, let's remember who we are:

FOUNDING SCRIPTURE

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

CORE VALUES

RELATIONAL

We want people to know they are not alone. Everyone is welcome here just as they are. Life is better lived with others, so we want to encourage 'doing life together'. Let's eat together. Let's spend time together. Let's celebrate with each other. Let's support each other. We want to promote a sense of community and grow together. Join with us on the journey of life!

GENEROUS

We want people to know they matter. Status does not matter to us; we just want to help people when and where they need it any way we can.

We want the community to know we care. We're not here for us – we're here for Kansas City. We want to reach out, build bridges, and cause Kansas City to bring glory to God.

MISSIONAL

We want people to know and walk in God's plan for their lives. Every part of every life has value and purpose. We want to encourage people to not waste their lives, but to take every opportunity to grow personally *and* make a difference in the lives of others. This is what being 'missional' is all about. Make a difference in your home. Make a difference at your job. Make a difference wherever you find yourself in the community. We don't go to church. We ARE the church.

ALL ABOUT THE HOME PROJECT

WHAT?

The First Century "HOME Project" is a two-year generosity campaign to raise funds toward a more-permanent facility for First Century Church to call home. The idea behind this project is explained in the acronym H-O-M-E: "Helping our ministry expand".

WHY?

MOBILE WAS NEVER OUR LONG-TERM MODEL

From our first day, First Century has been a mobile church. We set up & tear down each week. While this has worked for us so far, and while the Park Hill School District has been a great host & partner, it has never been our goal to remain a mobile or "portable" church forever. And we feel now is the time to begin planning to deepen our roots even further in the community with a more permanent facility.

MOBILE HAS ITS LIMITATIONS

If you've been a part of First Century for very long (or have ever been part of any mobile church), you know the mobile method can be limiting. We only have the facility in which we meet for a few hours one day a week. This makes having any other extra gatherings or events difficult, and sometimes impossible. Again, we are grateful for the Park Hill School District, but we are at their mercy when it comes to scheduling and availability of the facility.

We also have a great partnership with Tiffany Fellowship Church. They have allowed us use of their facilities as often as possible for everything from parking our storage trailers and storing some of our equipment, to small group meetings, staff meetings, and even church-wide events.

Neither the school district, nor Tiffany Fellowship Church have approached us about changing or ending our agreements or partnerships with them, but looking for a more-permanent facility gives us so much more flexibility to do so much more ministry, which we will detail next.

WHY? (CONT.)

THE ADVANTAGES OF A MORE PERMANENT FACILITY:

- Will strengthen & enhance our current ministry
- Will aid in advertising & help people to find us more easily which can enhance growth
- Will give flexibility for special services/gatherings
- Will allow for special events
- Will take the burden of weekly setup & tear down off the staff, band, & setup crew
- Will take the burden off of Tiffany Fellowship Church to provide First Century storage & meeting spaces
- Will allow for meeting spaces for small groups, staff meetings, & board meetings
- Will allow for central office space

WHEN?

THE GOAL IS TO BE READY TO CONSIDER A MORE PERMANENT LOCATION BY MARCH OF 2020 (OUR 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY).

We will keep our eyes and ears open during this period of time, and we believe God can provide our new home before that target time. But our goal is to be in a position to consider securing a more permanent facility by that date.

WHERE?

AS CLOSE TO PARKVILLE AS POSSIBLE.

Parkville is our home - our community. We value the connections we have made in this community (including many of you who call Parkville and the surrounding area home).

One of the key determining factors in the choice of a new location will be the ability for us to remain fairly near our current location and in the Parkville area.

HOW?

ULTIMATELY, BY GOD'S GRACE:

We firmly believe God is directing us to take these steps at this time for His purposes. God may ask us to do something bigger than we can do, but there's no limit to what God can do, and our faith is placed firmly in that truth. This is Jesus' church that he is building (Matthew 16:18) and we are eager to follow him wherever he leads!

PRACTICALLY, THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY

Our goal is to raise at least \$75,000 by March of 2020 to go toward a more permanent facility. This could mean either renting, leasing, or even purchasing a facility of some kind, and so this goal would help make any of these options come to pass in some way.

With that said, we are asking for those of you who call First Century your home to invest in our future home. We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing toward this "HOME Project". If you already give or tithe, we're so grateful for you, and are asking for an additional gift so we can work toward the future while still being able to continue ministering to our community in the meantime.

If you aren't a regular (or even occasional) giver to First Century, this is the perfect opportunity for you to make a huge spiritual decision to begin or increase giving to God through the local church.

HOW TO GIVE

- First, prayerfully consider your level of generosity
- Use the card on the back page to make a pledge of any amount weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or of another frequency. You keep one copy and turn in the other. Please know that no one will know how much any person is pledging, only the amount pledged. This will ensure no one is asked about their specific giving, but it will give the leadership an idea of a total pledged as the process progresses to keep us on track.
- You can give in the offering at any First Century gathering
- You can give online at firstcenturykc.com/give and choose the "Building" option
- All monies designated for the HOME Project go directly into a restricted fund that can and will only be used for the purpose of securing a new facility and for no other purpose

PERSONAL COPY (YOU KEEP)

FIRST CENTURY HOME PROJECT

I'M INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF FIRST CENTURY CHURCH BY GIVING

\$_____ TOWARD THE HOME PROJECT EVERY...

WEEK 2 WEEKS MONTH OTHER_____

I AM INVESTING THIS MONEY ABOVE AND BEYOND MY REGULAR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO FIRST CENTURY CHURCH AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY MONEY GIVEN TOWARD THE HOME PROJECT CAN AND WILL ONLY BE USED TOWARD A FUTURE FACILITY.

(PLACE IN OFFERING OR GIVE TO STAFF MEMBER)

CHURCH COPY

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