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“So that a people yet to be born may praise the Lord.” (Psalm 102:18)

Providence cares about people, and Providence people are good at building relationships, extending hospitality, and welcoming newcomers into our church family and onto our church campus. We know this because we’ve experienced it. Whenever I talk with guests and potential members about their experience at Providence, they also consistently highlight these qualities.

But what about those people we *don’t* know—who have yet to set foot on our campus, or even have yet to be born?

The reality is that our *buildings* often talk to guests, neighbors, and prospective new members long before we do. It’s important, then, for our buildings to be in alignment with our values of hospitality, welcome, and outreach to the community so that when guests come to our church, their *first* impression of Providence is an *accurate* impression of Providence. We want to welcome them with facilities that are beautiful, clean, safe, and accessible. From the moment they first set foot on our campus, we want them to know that we are prepared for them, and eager to introduce them to Providence, our missions, our ministries—and, most importantly, to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order for this to happen, we’ve got some work to do, restoring and renewing our church facilities—not for our sake but, rather, for the *next* generation of Providence people. For this purpose, the congregation approved at our April church conference a \$3 million capital campaign that we are calling Restore & Renew. This good work will require us to give sacrificially, over and above our usual gifts that support the ongoing ministries and missions of our church. It’s also true, though, that when we give like this, we reflect the best of God’s image in us. Time and again, the Bible reveals to us that our God is a generous—and sacrificial—giver.

And so, just as we have been blessed by the generosity of those who came—and built—before us, let our generosity in the Restore & Renew campaign now bless those who will come after us to worship, learn, play, and serve in the name of Jesus at this place that we are grateful to call our church home. As a further sign of this gratitude, we plan to share ten percent of what we give to this project with our ministry partners at Families Forward Charlotte, as they help our neighbors move from poverty to economic stability. Please be looking for additional information coming soon from the church about how you can participate in Restore & Renew. We are asking for commitment cards on or before November 19.

I have been praying for God to be glorified, our church to be strengthened, and our spirits to be lifted through this season of restoration and renewal. I am excited about what lies ahead. Will you join me in giving today so that those who come after us may praise the Lord?

May the peace of Christ be with you!



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