

# BEYOND









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# 1942

**In 1942, a small group of believers stepped out in faith – in a season of incredible uncertainty – and started what would become Mission Hills Church.** If we could travel back in time 83 years and tell them all that God has done, they would be amazed at how far beyond their imaginations God has taken this church.

Over the last 83 years, God has brought more than 5,000 people to a saving knowledge of Jesus through our weekly ministries, camps and special events. We have celebrated as more than 2,500 people have been baptized. We have sent out more than 4,000 people to spread the Gospel around the world. And God is only accelerating our impact! **It took 83 years to reach those incredible milestones, but we fully expect to see all of those numbers double in only the next 10!**





# 2042

**Seventeen years from now, Mission Hills will celebrate our 100th anniversary – a milestone that invites us to dream about the future.** Imagine a Front Range where every person lives within 10 minutes of a healthy church. That's the vision guiding us – to be a church that brings the hope of the Gospel to our communities in powerful, tangible ways.

Beyond isn't just about funding a project; it's about fueling a movement. A movement of Christians living boldly on mission with Jesus. **This is our chance to shape a future where everyone has the opportunity to encounter his love and grace.**





## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CRAIG

Church, our 100th anniversary is on the not-too-distant horizon. As I think about this significant milestone, I find myself nearly overwhelmed by the legacy of our church and how God has used us on the Front Range and around the world over the past 83 years. The only emotion that eclipses my gratitude for our past is anticipation of our future.

We say all the time at Mission Hills Church: this isn't about numbers. Every number has a name. Every name has a story. Every story has an ending. And every ending has a sequel: heaven or hell. Unfortunately, there is an ever-widening gap between the overall population and the Christian population of the Front Range. There is an epidemic of apathy towards faith here and, sadly, most churches are plateaued or declining in their impact.

We believe God is calling Mission Hills to play a catalytic role in changing that.

Beyond is a campaign to accelerate our impact on the Front Range and around the world, not only through our church but through strengthening, inspiring, and equipping other Gospel-advancing churches.

We believe that, if someone could travel back in time from 17 years in the future, when Mission Hills turns 100 years old, and tell us all that God has done in those coming years, we would have just as hard a time believing it as those people in 1942 would.

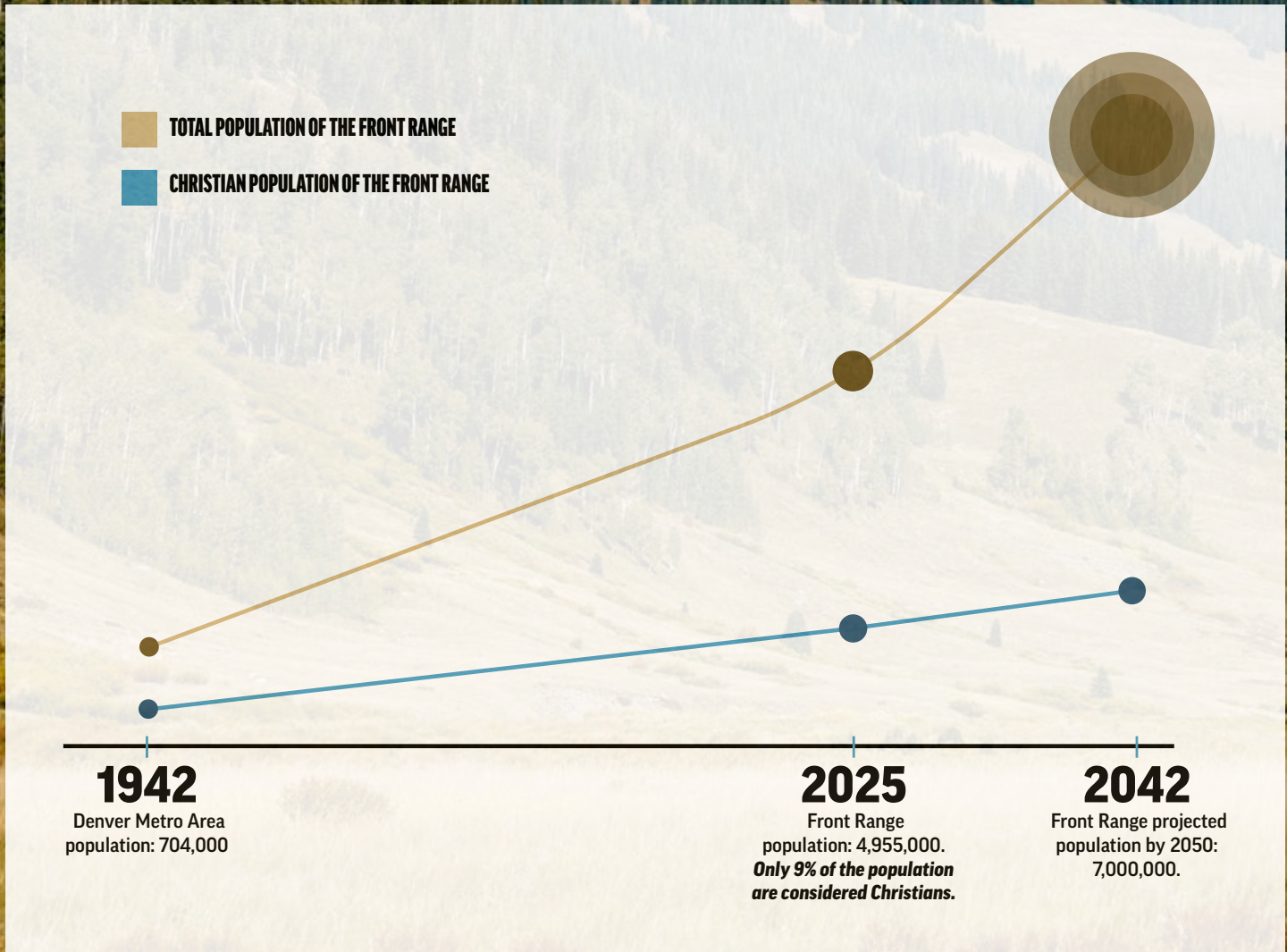


Craig Smith  
Lead Pastor






# REACHING THE FRONT RANGE AND BEYOND





## FRONT RANGE VISION

To reach every person on the Front Range by unleashing missional followers of Jesus fueled by local congregations.

A person wearing a cowboy hat is riding a horse through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. In the background, a large mountain range is visible, with green evergreen trees covering the lower slopes and rocky, brownish peaks at the top. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

To reach the Front Range and beyond, we need mission-driven Christians who live boldly and share their faith. With rapid population growth, there is an urgent need for thriving, Gospel-centered churches that support these believers.

We define a healthy church as one that is:

- Rooted in its purpose.
- Focused on its mission.
- Growing in its impact.



# MISSION HILLS CHURCH HISTORY

God's faithfulness and provision have been evident to Mission Hills Church since 1942.

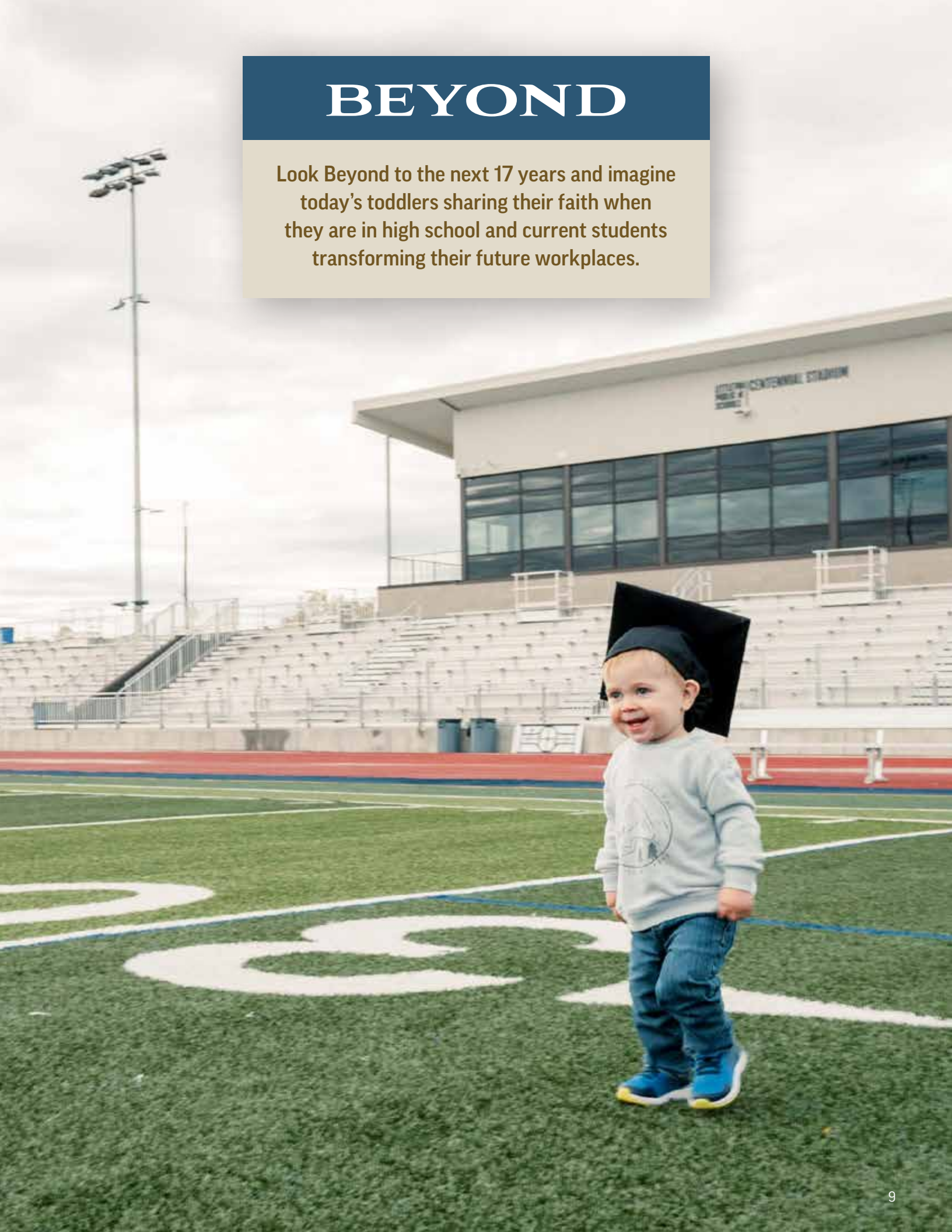
- 1942** A small group of believers gathered in the little, red Curtis Schoolhouse at University and Orchard, united by a desire to grow in faith and share the love of Jesus.
- 1952** Our first building was purchased, and we were able to hire our first full-time pastor, Reverend Robert Noles.
- 1968** With a heart for reaching more people, we expanded our worship space. Though challenges arose, the people of Mission Hills Church remained steadfast in prayer, seeking God's direction.
- 1970** Through a renewed commitment to prayer and discipleship, the church experienced a season of healing and growth. God was forming a community deeply rooted in his mission.
- 1983** Mission Hills stepped boldly into a new chapter, expanding both our physical space and our outreach. We continued to embrace our calling to reach those far from God, a vision that would define our future.
- 2007** After a season of prayer, we sold our facility to Aspen Academy. We were miraculously enabled to purchase a property at Broadway and County Line.
- 2010** Our new building in the South Park Business District opened. We saw unprecedented growth, and many people came to know Jesus as their Savior and experienced transformed lives.
- 2015** We purchased a building in North Littleton for a Community Center, now known as The Life Center. This was another mighty display of God's power, timing, and provision.
- 2016** Following an 18-month, nationwide search, Pastor Craig Smith was called to be our lead pastor. Our Español Campus started as a Bible study and soon grew into a Sunday-morning congregation.
- 2018** We expanded our facilities at our Littleton Campus and saw rapid growth of our Online Campus.
- 2022** Our North Littleton Campus began meeting in the Life Center building to expand our reach for both our Life Center clients and the surrounding community.
- 2023** Our Castle Rock Campus launched in Douglas County High School on Easter Sunday.

Join us in writing the  
next chapter in our history!



# BEYOND

Look Beyond to the next 17 years and imagine today's toddlers sharing their faith when they are in high school and current students transforming their future workplaces.





# BEYOND

Look Beyond to the next 17 years and imagine a permanent home for our Castle Rock campus and new congregations exploding across the Front Range.





# BEYOND

Look Beyond to the next 17 years and imagine established churches taking new ground and our outreach partners multiplying their impact around the world.





# OUR STRATEGY TO GO BEYOND

## BEYOND OURSELVES

**Why:**

Investing in discipleship ministries helps us care for our congregation and bring hope to those far from God.

**What:**

We'll support and expand ministries like Weekend Services, Groups, Care, and Next Generation programs to help people overcome obstacles and live on mission with Jesus.

**What It Takes:**

\$25 million

## BEYOND OUR BUILDINGS

**Why:**

Permanent facilities are tools to reach more people with the Gospel, allowing them to encounter God and be part of his mission.

**What:**

We'll update existing campuses, secure a permanent home for Castle Rock, and launch new campuses to extend our reach.

**What It Takes:**

\$21 million

## BEYOND OUR CHURCH

**Why:**

Reaching the Front Range and beyond requires strong, healthy churches that equip people to live on mission locally and globally.

**What:**

We'll strengthen the Mission Hills Association, expand Life Center outreach, and plant churches globally to bring the Gospel to unreached areas.

**What It Takes:**

\$7 million

Today, we are asking you to go beyond your comfort zone to leave an impact for God's Kingdom forever.



# BEYOND OURSELVES

## Looking Beyond Ourselves

Jesus said that if we're going to follow him, we're going to have to serve others: *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all* (Mark 10:43). The good news is that serving others is also good for us.

To “become great” isn't to have more money or be more powerful, it's to be more at peace, have more purpose, and be filled with more joy. We have to invest in the ministries that help Jesus' followers learn how to serve others.



## Our Goals for Looking Beyond

### ⊕ STRENGTHEN DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Unleash more people to live on mission by investing in Weekend Services, Groups, and Next Steps ministries that deepen relationships with Jesus and foster meaningful community with others.

### ⊕ EMPOWER LIFE TRANSFORMATION

Help people overcome challenges and live with purpose by providing resources and support through Care Ministries like Re|Engage, Re:Generation, Financial Peace University, and more.

### ⊕ EQUIP THE NEXT GENERATION

Develop the next wave of faith-filled leaders by funding staff and updating programming for Kids, Middle School, High School, and Young Adults ministries.

WHAT IT TAKES:  
**\$25 Million**



# BEYOND OUR BUILDINGS

## Looking Beyond Our Buildings

The church is not a building we come to; it's a mission we choose to be part of. The church is not the building we gather in; it's the people who gather...and then go into the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Buildings are tools that we use to accomplish our mission, and like many tools, they need regular sharpening. We need to make capital investments to improve and expand our facilities so more people can encounter God.



## Our Goals for Looking Beyond

### ⊕ ENHANCE EXISTING FACILITIES

Create welcoming environments where ministry can thrive by improving and updating the Littleton Campus, North Littleton/Español Campus, and the Life Center.

### ⊕ ESTABLISH A NEW PERMANENT CAMPUS

Secure a permanent home for our Castle Rock campus, which currently sets up each weekend at Douglas County High School. We have an option on a piece of land and are open to this being what God has planned for this campus, but we are actively looking at other, less-expensive options.

### ⊕ EXPAND TO NEW COMMUNITIES

Reach more people with the Gospel by launching new campuses on the Front Range over the next two years.

WHAT IT TAKES:  
**\$21 Million**

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# BEYOND OUR CHURCH

## Looking Beyond Our Church

The Beyond Initiative is not about our church, it's about The Church. We know that reaching everyone on the Front Range will require a strong movement of healthy churches flourishing in their communities and supporting their people to live on mission in those communities. God is calling us to strengthen and support hundreds of Gospel-advancing churches in Colorado through the Mission Hills Association.

We also know that the resources available to us here dwarf the resources available to most Christians throughout the world. We have a responsibility to leverage those resources both across the street and around the world. We believe that our investments in Colorado will bless the world, and that our work around the world will only serve to accelerate our work here on the Front Range.



## Our Goals for Looking Beyond

### ⊕ EXPAND THE LIFE CENTER'S IMPACT

Enhance programs that provide immediate assistance, practical resources, and pathways to encounter the hope of the Gospel.

### ⊕ STRENGTHEN CHURCHES ON THE FRONT RANGE

Equip and empower other local congregations to thrive and make a greater Gospel impact by growing the Mission Hills Association.

### ⊕ ADVANCE GLOBAL MISSIONS

Deepen relationships with our current global outreach partners and make a new investment in The Timothy Initiative to plant churches, fund strategic projects, and bring the Gospel to the least-reached people groups around the world.

WHAT IT TAKES:  
**\$7 Million**









## **OUR GIVING GOAL FOR BEYOND IS \$53 MILLION**

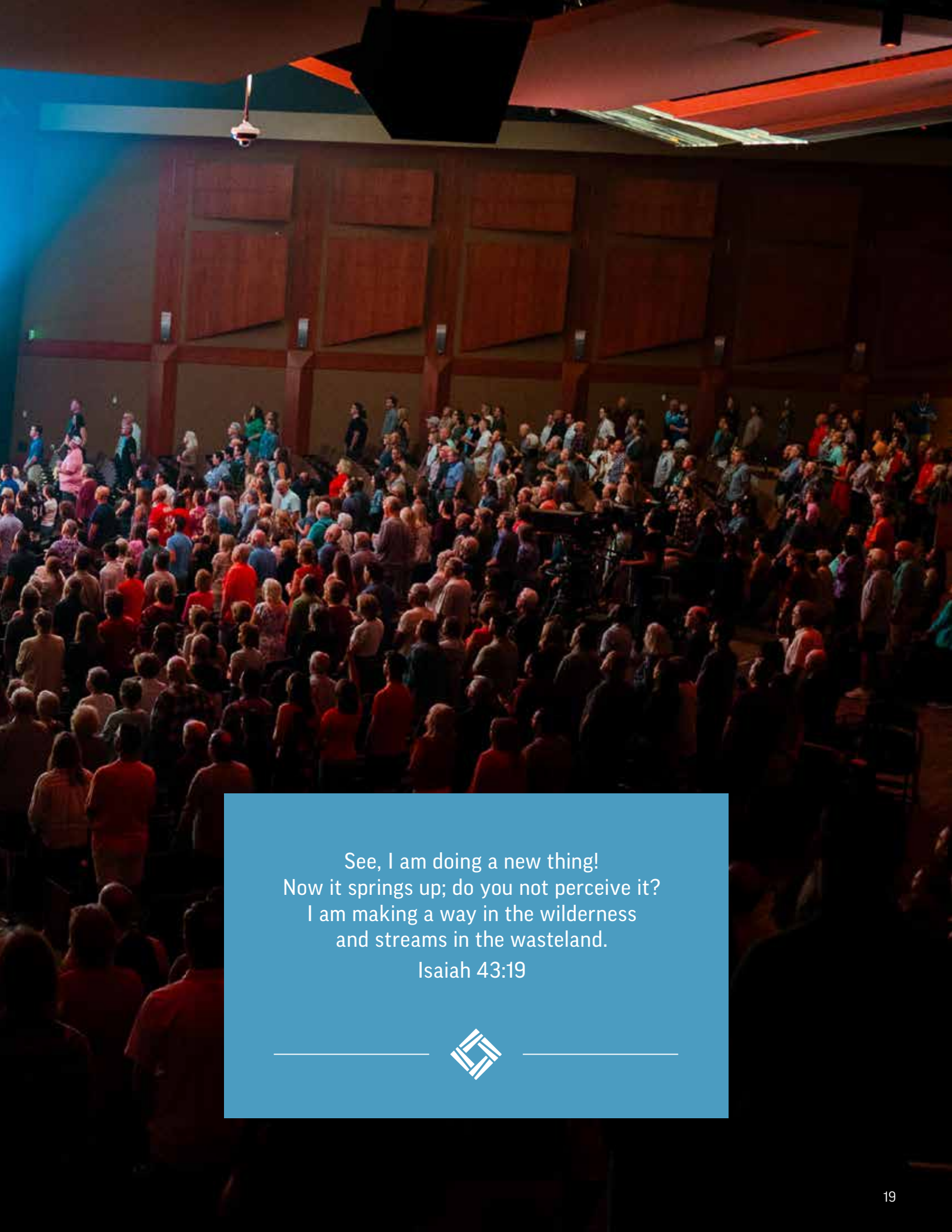
To fund our existing ministries at their current level of impact and keep up with rising costs, we need to raise \$29 million over the next two years.

The additional \$24 million allows us to increase our impact and make capital investments to significantly speed up the advancement of the Gospel here on the Front Range and around the world.









See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19





# MESSAGE SERIES NOTES

































## ARE YOU A MISSIONAL FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

The only way to reach everyone on the Front Range is to unleash an unprecedented movement of missional followers of Jesus, fueled by local congregations.

Missional followers of Jesus know that Jesus didn't just say "come," he also said "go."

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said,  
"and I will send you out to fish for people." (Mark 1:17)*

### **Missional followers of Jesus are missional lovers and missional givers.**

They don't just go to church, they go into the world as the Church. They join Jesus on mission in their neighborhoods, their communities, their workplaces, and their schools, by living in such a way that they honor God, serve others, and invite others to find and follow Jesus, too.

They join Jesus on mission by giving generously, investing the resources God has entrusted to them into Gospel-advancing work. And because God is so generous, they discover that as they grow in their generosity, they are blessed with greater purpose, joy, and peace.



## INTRODUCING THE BEYOND FUND

Traditional giving is separated into categories such as tithes and offerings, missions, special offerings, building campaigns, etc. You prayerfully consider what to give to each fund separately, or participate in some giving categories and not others. We want to be a church that goes beyond and the BEYOND FUND is our unifying commitment that everyone who gives is a part of funding for ALL ministries, missions, and projects.

We are on ONE MISSION, to reach every person on the Front Range and beyond. We are excited to introduce the BEYOND FUND, a single fund, to unify the generosity of everyone at Mission Hills Church.

**On April 12 + 13, you will be invited to make a two-year BEYOND COMMITMENT.** We believe God will reveal to you the number that will represent your total, radical, sacrificial generosity to the Kingdom over the next two years.



# WAYS TO GIVE

**The Beyond campaign's goal is \$53 million – a number that's bold and beyond anything Mission Hills has ever set out to achieve. We believe this is a God-sized goal, one that only he can make possible.**

## BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

We're inviting everyone who considers Mission Hills Church their home to prayerfully seek God's direction in making a financial commitment.

Biblical stewardship isn't measured in equal amounts but in equal sacrifice, reflecting the unique resources God has entrusted to each of us.

## A POSTURE OF GENEROSITY

Generosity is more than a number; it's a posture of the heart. Pray about how God wants you to steward what he has entrusted to you.

## APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own securities that have achieved unrealized gains in value over the years. That is good news. The bad news is that if these assets were sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation.

Gifts of appreciated assets—typically investment securities or real estate—can be very advantageous to both the donor and the church. By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids income taxes on the sale of the asset. Unlike gifts of cash that have already incurred an income tax, gifts of appreciated assets avoid the incurrence of capital gains tax. In addition, the donor receives a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the asset. That, in effect, makes these gifts less costly to make.

Importantly, before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA, tax attorney, or other financial advisors.

## INCREMENTAL GIVING

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the next two years. You might be able to give more in the second year than in the first. As you think about your financial commitment to Beyond, think not of just your potential to give right now but also of your potential to give in the future. It might be that you can make a two-year commitment which 70% is given in the first year and 30% in the second year.

## COMMITMENT CARD

Please complete and bring your commitment card to worship services on **April 12 + 13** or commit online at **[beyond.missionhills.org](https://beyond.missionhills.org)**.

# BEYOND

### MY TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT May 2025–April 2027

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ What I/we normally give in a year.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My/our expanded annual generosity to BEYOND.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 Years = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

+

Additional gifts from stored resources = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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By faith, I intend to give for the 2-year BEYOND campaign

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# OUR GIVING GOAL FOR BEYOND IS \$53 MILLION

Number of Gifts	Amount of Each Gift
2	\$3,000,000
3	\$2,000,000
4	\$1,000,000
6	\$750,000
8	\$500,000
10	\$250,000
20	\$100,000
50	\$75,000
100	\$50,000
200	\$25,000
400	\$10,000
600	\$5,000
800	\$2,500
1000	\$1,250

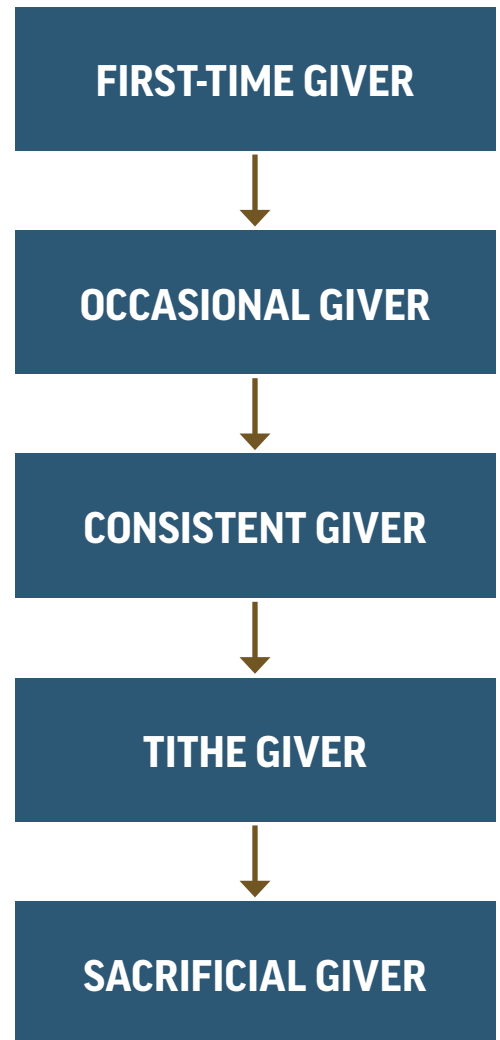
# GENEROSITY PATHWAY

If you're currently giving **NOTHING**, we invite you to start giving **SOMETHING**. This will bless you and others. You don't have to give to belong to Mission Hills Church, but when you start to give, you start to grow in peace and joy.

If you're currently giving **SOMETHING**, we invite you to start giving something **CONSISTENT**. Take the step of faith to return some percentage of your income back into God's hands as a demonstration of your trust in him and a commitment to joining Jesus on mission in the world.

If you're currently giving something **CONSISTENT**, we invite you to start giving a **TITHE**. This is the biblical word for the first 10% of any resource that God blessed his people with.

If you're currently giving a **TITHE**, we invite you to start practicing **SPIRIT-LED SACRIFICIAL GIVING**. This is when we give the first 10% of our income to our home church and then pray about additional opportunities to use our resources to join Jesus on mission in the world.



**At Mission Hills Church, we believe that giving first honors God. Saving second practices wisdom. Living on the rest builds contentment.**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How does my giving to Beyond affect other types of giving, like general funds or missions?**

During this two-year initiative, most financial gifts (including weekly recurring gifts and special one-time gifts) to Mission Hills will contribute to our Beyond Fund. This includes funding for all our ministries, campuses, missions, and community outreach. Every dollar given will fuel our ongoing ministry and the vision God has for our church to go Beyond.

The **three exceptions** are that you can designate your giving for the Life Center, for Care (our benevolence fund), and to support someone going on a Short-Term Trip.

## **Why now?**

Mission Hills is approaching our 100-year anniversary, a milestone that invites us to reflect on God's faithfulness and dream about the future. This is a pivotal moment to honor our legacy by stepping boldly into the next chapter of impact. The time to act is now, so that by the time we celebrate 100 years, we will have laid the groundwork for reaching everyone on the Front Range with the Gospel and leaving a lasting legacy of faith for generations to come.

## **What are you asking me to do?**

First and foremost, pray. Ask God to lead you in how you can be part of this initiative. Consider what sacrificial generosity might look like for you and your family during this season. Engage with others in small groups and discussions to explore this together. Finally, prepare your heart to see God work in incredible ways as we step out in faith.

## **Can I give non-cash gifts, like stock or property?**

Yes! We encourage creativity in giving. Non-cash gifts such as stock or property can make a significant impact. If you'd like help facilitating this kind of gift, please reach out to our team for assistance: [contributions@missionhills.org](mailto:contributions@missionhills.org).

## **Can I designate my gift to a specific ministry?**

All gifts (including general fund giving) will count toward the overall Beyond initiative, which includes support for specific ministries. By giving to Beyond, you are contributing to the full vision God has placed before us as a church.

The **three exceptions** are that you can designate your giving for the Life Center, for Care (our benevolence fund), and to support someone going on a Short-Term Trip.

## **What if I'm not in a position to give right now?**

We believe everyone can participate in Beyond, regardless of financial circumstances. Generosity isn't about the amount—it's about the heart behind the gift. If you're facing financial challenges, we encourage you to ask God how he might lead you to trust him in new ways. This could mean you participate by praying or serving with your time and talents.

## **What if I've never given before?**

Beyond is designed with you in mind. This is an opportunity to take your first step into generosity and discover the joy that comes with living on mission with Jesus. It's not about a specific amount; it's about taking that first step of faith.

### **I'm new to Mission Hills. Should I participate in Beyond?**

Absolutely! Beyond is a perfect opportunity to learn about the mission and vision of Mission Hills Church and to be part of something bigger than yourself. This initiative is for everyone, whether you've been here for years or just started attending. That said, there's no pressure to commit right away—take time to pray, ask questions, and learn more about what this could mean for you.

### **How long is my commitment?**

We're asking for a two-year commitment from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2027. This allows us to dream big, plan strategically, and see the Gospel advance both here on the Front Range and around the world.

### **What if I'm paying off debt?**

If you're focused on paying off debt, that's great progress, and you should continue to work toward financial freedom. However, giving is about what God wants for you, not from you. Generosity, even in small amounts, can be a step of trust and worship as you follow him.

### **Can I adjust my commitment later?**

Yes. Life circumstances change, and we understand that. You can update your commitment at any time online at [missionhills.org/give](https://missionhills.org/give) or by reaching out to our team for assistance: [contributions@missionhills.org](mailto:contributions@missionhills.org).

### **Why is this initiative called Beyond?**

"Beyond" reflects our vision to go further than ever before—to reach beyond ourselves, beyond our buildings, and beyond our church. It's about creating a legacy of faith, generosity, and Gospel impact for generations to come.

### **What if the Castle Rock campus doesn't work out?**

We are pursuing a permanent home for our Castle Rock campus, including exploring a specific piece of land. However, we remain flexible and open to other options that align with God's plan. Our commitment is to continue growing and reaching people in the Castle Rock community, whether through this location or another that God provides.

### **What is The Timothy Initiative?**

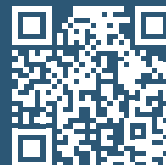
The Timothy Initiative (TTI) is a global movement dedicated to advancing Christ's Kingdom by multiplying disciples and establishing disciple-making churches worldwide. Rooted in the principles of 2 Timothy 2:2, TTI trains and equips local leaders to plant churches, particularly focusing on areas and people groups without a Gospel presence. Their mission is to see a church in every village, everywhere, ensuring that every person has access to a community of believers.

### **How do I start giving to Beyond?**

Set up your giving by texting **GIVE** to **80875** or visit [missionhills.org/give](https://missionhills.org/give).

## **LEARN MORE**

**Hear more from Pastor Craig  
for more details about Beyond.**





# KEY DATES

## **LAUNCH WEEKEND**

March 8 + 9, 2025

## **COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

April 12 + 13, 2025

## **CELEBRATION WEEKEND**

May 3 + 4, 2025

## **GIVING PERIOD**

May 1, 2025–April 30, 2027

*WE EXIST TO HELP PEOPLE  
**BECOME LIKE  
JESUS AND JOIN  
HIM ON MISSION***





**MISSION HILLS CHURCH**  
**REAL. MESSY. NEW.**