

We have been called by God to join Him in reaching them. Now is the time to further invest in outreach ministries that provide a place of belonging for all who come onto our property and connect with us so they may see the love of Jesus in us.

Now is the time for us to step up, to step out, and to fully embrace the future God has for us. Just as others previously sacrificed to provide our facility and our outreach ministries, we too are called to sacrifice to ensure our outreach remains effective and our facility remains a vital ministry outlet.

The journey that started in 1943 continues to unfold and the need is greater today than ever. Together we can impact others with the love of Jesus Christ. May all who follow in our steps find that we were faithful at every turn and in every way. Center Pointe, this is our opportunity to sacrifice; to Engage.

Pastor Dwayne



"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?"

LUKE 15:4

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DWAYNE



CENTER POINTE,

In 1943, Central Church of the Nazarene was planted with a passion for reaching people with the love of Jesus. Central was faithful to her call and many came to know, love and follow Christ.

In the early 2000s, God revealed a new path for Central. To meet the needs of a rapidly growing city, God led Central to the suburbs of East Orlando to reach young families.

This location led to a new name; Center Pointe Community Church, and obedience to this call has impacted thousands through worship, discipleship groups, compassionate ministry, missions, sports ministry, and community partnerships.

Orange County is expected to grow by 20% by 2030; that's over 300,000 new people. Just minutes from Center Pointe are thousands of people who live without the hope of Jesus.

But how do we reach those in our community? It starts with our singular focus – to become More Like Christ in all of life, through Worship, Fellowship and Service.

We believe that we have no greater purpose than to see Christ formed more in us with each new day. And, as Christ continues to shape us, we will be faithful in proclaiming his grace and love to the world around us.

Center Pointe has a rich legacy of impact in our community. Our legacy compels us forward to reach the thousands of people living in our neighborhoods who do not know the hope and love of Jesus.

The Engage Initiative is an investment first into people and second in our ministry venue and outreach ministries that will call each of us into further relationships with non-believers.



THE ENGAGE INITIATIVE

The Engage Initiative will align the vision of Center Pointe around three key areas: Our “One,” Community Outreach, and The “Next Season” of Ministry here in our area.

Who is our “One?”

Our One is simply a person in each of our everyday lives who is not actively following Christ. This person should be a part of our local community and someone for whom we rearrange our lives and calendars. Our One is not a spiritual project, but rather a friend in whom we invest our time and energy.

Followers of Jesus are called to make disciples and having a One is an intentional step to building relationships where we can share the love of Jesus. Each of us needs to identify and engage our One – pray for and do life with them!



Increasing Community Outreach

God has placed Center Pointe at an incredible location in a beautiful, growing community. In fact, Orange County is projected to grow by over 300,000 new people by the year 2030. Now is the time to step up and step out to fully embrace God’s future for us.

A first step is to optimize our property for greater community engagement. From the time of our relocation to East Orlando, the vision has been to utilize our back property for sports ministries – a much needed resource in our neighborhood and for nearby families.

The Engage Initiative will provide the seeds for creation of a separate 501 (c)(3) entity to build a sports ministry and develop additional athletic fields on our property, allowing us to engage directly with families in our community. The Engage Initiative will allow us to complete Phase 1 of these next steps!



Preparing for the “Next Season” of Ministry.

Center Pointe is a ministry center for our community and the people that we serve. We anticipate undergoing major capital improvements and maintenance to our roof, air conditioning units and exterior necessitated by the age and condition of our 18-year-old facility.

Many of the routine maintenance expenses for the building are a part of our regular budget and paid for as necessary. However, the roof, air conditioning units and some required exterior maintenance are exceptionally large capital expenses that exceed our regular budget ability to pay. Like many churches and other non-profits, special gifts are typically received to cover these infrequent but significant expenses.

These improvements will help keep Center Pointe ready for the next season of ministry and provide a safe space that is inviting for guests. Our building is a tool to help us impact lives for Jesus, and our mission to “Be More Like Christ in All of Life” compels us to steward well the property that God has entrusted to us.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I participate in The Engage Initiative?

First, make an intentional, relational investment by building a friendship with one local person who has not encountered the life-changing love of Jesus Christ – our One.

Second, commit to pray regularly for our church, our community and the mission God has given us. Pray for spiritual growth in each of our lives and in the lives of those we touch. And, pray that God will use each of us through The Engage Initiative to be even more effective for Jesus.

Third, make a financial and personal investment in our ministry and community as we prepare for this next season at Center Pointe – including making necessary repairs to our roof, establishing a reserve fund to replace aging air conditioning units, making much needed updates to the exterior of our building and seeding the creation of a new sports ministry and construction of athletic fields.

God has blessed Center Pointe and we are debt free. Will the Church take on debt for The Engage Initiative?

Our leadership is committed to accomplishing the vision without going into long-term debt. However, short term debt may be incurred while campaign commitments are being fulfilled.

The Church Board is resolved to borrowing only if necessary, and to secure any debt with a portion of the campaign commitments rather than a mortgage on the church building or property. This resolve helps us to avoid long-term debt. Any decision to borrow money will be brought to the congregation for approval.

How did we arrive at a goal of \$750,000 for The Engage Initiative?

This goal was established based on our current congregational size, the existing financial giving to the church, and the duration of the campaign commitments. The goal is a stretch for each of us and full participation, equal sacrifice and generosity will be required to achieve our goal of \$750,000 over three years.

We recognize financial commitments will vary by person and family, but our prayer is that each of us will sacrifice to see God’s mission for Center Pointe realized. Those that came before us gave above and beyond for us to be in this facility today. This is the time for us to give sacrificially for future generations of the church.

While there is always more that could be accomplished, The Engage Initiative will help us to complete phase 1 of the vision for sports ministry/ community outreach and facility repairs.

What if we don’t reach the full commitment amount of \$750,000?

The Engage Initiative is a step of faith, a step into the light of God’s promises and provision for her church. Our church leadership is compelled to accomplishing the vision debt free.

Accordingly, the total of commitments may influence the timing and scope of capital repairs, and the extent of outreach ministries in the community. Our generosity and sacrifice will determine the impact we have on our community through The Engage Initiative. We are trusting in God!

How can I give to The Engage Initiative?

Pray – how is God challenging you to sacrifice uniquely - and be creative! Explore together the ways that you and your family can give toward The Engage Initiative. All commitments to The Engage Initiative need to be above and beyond our normal tithes to the church. While tithing is an ongoing spiritual discipline, sacrificial giving like that to The Engage Initiative is temporary.

Sacrifice will look different for each us but could be as simple as cutting back at Starbucks, dropping cable TV, postponing a new purchase you or I had planned, or taking on some extra work. Of course, commitments may be made in cash. But, God may have also blessed you with stocks, property, cars, jewelry, or other resources and may be calling you to share that blessing in sacrifice and generosity.

Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of stocks, real estate or tangible property and we would be happy to help. You can contact Don Myers, our church board secretary, at donmyers18@gmail.com to make this type of gift.