We invite you to join us this fall for a journey of faith toward a bold, epic vision...

Beyond THE WALLS

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11355 Sheridan Blvd, Westminster, CO 80020

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Family in Christ
COMMUNITY CHURCH
“Too many churches are perfectly equipped to reach a world that no longer exists.” - Cary Niewhof

A Message from Pastor Paul

In 1997 Judy & I moved to Westminster with our two teenage kids. Along with 20 or so adults, we re-launched a sputtering church called Family in Christ. During those early years, we put out a few yard signs announcing we were open & people started showing up. When we ran out of room at that Old Wadsworth location, we purchased five acres of land on Sheridan & built our present facility. Once again, many new people found their way in & became a part of our Community. We found ourselves ministering in dozens of ways to hundreds of people.

But then the world changed. Not overnight, mind you. Slowly. Almost imperceptibly. But undeniably. Across the nation, church attendance declined. Popular, even strident atheism rose. Churches found themselves with more & more cultural competition for people’s time, energy & money. And if those things were true of America in general, they are doubly true here in Colorado.

But while our culture has changed, our mission has not. And so, if we are going to reach this new world around us, we are going to need to innovate. And adapt. And discover new ways to build the church, make disciples & advance Christ’s kingdom in this world. Instead of waiting for people to come & find us, our hearts will need to be focused outwardly on new ways to reach people “beyond the walls” of our facility. But to do that as a church, we are going to need someone on our church staff who can oversee our disciple-making efforts, as well as equip & mobilize people to be & share good news beyond the walls of the church building.

Beyond The Walls is our three year capital stewardship campaign that will allow us to reduce our current mortgage payments so we can redirect the savings toward hiring an equipping Pastor. This stewardship effort will also allow us to invest significantly in mission work beyond our walls. Indeed, our goal is to direct up to one-third of the savings to support ministries, both locally & globally, beyond the walls of this place.

Each & every time we, as a church, have embarked on a Stewardship Campaign it has been a season of growth, discovery & transformation, both individually & corporately. And so, keep your ears & your heart open as we begin what promises to be a time of great joy and wonder. And most, importantly, pray as we begin this journey together!

- Paul
Our History as a Family in Christ Beyond the Walls

1997
- FIC purchased over 1,000 mosquito nets via World Vision

2006
- Bryan & Susan Frey were commissioned to Papua New Guinea for a Bible translation ministry

2007
- LIFT Student Ministries begins Breaking Free Homeless Care ministry, distributing 1,250 care packages to date

2008
- Block parties are hosted by church members to encourage fellowship with neighboring families

2010
- Over 100 children sponsored through Compassion International

2011
- Partnership with The Table Urban Ministries, that provides organic fruits & vegetables to those in need throughout Denver

2012
- PEAK Children’s Ministries begins “Trick Or Treat For Those In Need,” collecting non-perishables for Halloween

2013
- FIC provides a vehicle to some Syrian refugees so they can begin a family business

2016
- A campaign of stewardship to further our reach & deepen our impact locally, regionally & globally

2017
- Dennehotso Navajo Ministry begins

2018
- College student sponsorship begins through International Students, Inc.

Quilt Ministry
- FIC’s Quilt Ministry provides 130 handmade quilts to women’s shelters & other regional agencies

Fulfilling Christ’s mission in this world was never meant to done alone. As people answer the call to follow Jesus, they are enfolded into Christ’s Church where they can grow in their faith & find support & encouragement. Whether through the Alpha Course or a Life or Ministry Group, Christ-followers learn that relationships with fellow-believers are foundational to fulfilling God’s purpose for our lives. When you make a financial gift to Family in Christ you build stronger connectedness within the church & help foster a community that is strong in Christ, strong in love & strengthened by one another. From children to adults, Family in Christ envisions building a Christian Community where every person, not only knows they are loved & accepted by God in Christ, but is also discovering their unique role in advancing Christ’s Kingdom. Join with us in imagining a Church where countless individuals & families come together & learn how they can be vehicles of God’s love & grace to the people all around them. Your financial commitment will impact thousands of lives. When Christ calls us to follow him, he sends us out to share his love & grace. Some do so through intentional neighboring. Others by tutoring under-resourced children. Still others by befriending International Students. Or supporting a homeless families. Imagine a Church where, each weekend, we gather to be replenished & filled, then scatter to be used & serve. Your financial gift will help more & more individuals to discover the joy of being an agent of God’s grace.
“To receive the gifts it felt like a dream. To receive a car & beds for my kids, along with so many other things - I was in shock. I have gained friends & feel so thankful to be a part of these blessings!”

- Latifah, recipient of Redeemed & Restored

“I go because Jesus is there & we are called to be his hands & feet. We bring church to those who can’t go themselves & it ends up being church for me, too. I have a great sense of peace & receive so much fulfillment. It’s how I know I am doing what God has called me to do.”

- Jamie Austin, Jesus on Colfax Volunteer

“I am surprised that somebody so far away that I don’t even know loves me this way.”

- Jennifer, Sponsored by World Vision

Current Ways We Reach Beyond the Walls

Local
- Trick Or Treat For Those In Need
- Neighborhood Block Parties
- Angel Tree
- Whiz Kids
- Growing Home
- Redeemed & Restored

Regional
- Jesus On Colfax
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Breaking Free Homeless Care
- Sox Place
- The Table Urban Ministries
- International Students, Inc.
- FIC Quilt Ministry
- Volunteers in Action

International
- Compassion International
- World Vision
- Operation Christmas Child
- Wycliffe Ministries
- LIFT Mission Trips
- GEMS Esther Project
- Navigators Middle East Ministry
- Olive Branch Ministries
The Future Impact We Can Have Beyond the Walls by...

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We have a choice to determine Family in Christ’s reach in our community, sharing the Good News & transforming lives for Christ.

Beyond the Walls FAQs

How does reducing debt help us go Beyond the Walls?
By reducing our annual mortgage payments Family in Christ has the opportunity to save upwards of $150,000 per year. Those savings can then be used to support expanded Beyond the Wall ministries.

How will those savings be used?
Our vision is to bring an Equipping pastor on staff who can develop new & creative opportunities to make disciples & deploy them, reaching non-believers & expanding God’s Kingdom. Your gifts will enable this position, expand Family in Christ’s outward ministries & enhance our church’s ability to influence our community for Christ.

How can I help?
Pray for guidance on your commitment, discuss stewardship with your family & think creatively about all possible sources for giving. Join with the FIC community as we all share in the joys of stewardship. You will receive a commitment card soon & we ask that you prayerfully consider your gift.
Ways To Give

Family in Christ makes it easy to give. You can set-up automatic withdrawal online at www.familyinchrist.com/beyond-the-walls or on our FIC Church App, give in person, or mail your gift. If you have gifts in kind (typically stocks, bonds, etc) please contact Family in Christ at 303-466-7770 for more details. Watch for a Commitment Card, which will be handed out early in November.

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