



Last week I told you the story of how our church began. Like the Israelites as they journeyed to the Promised Land, we too learned:

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**“The vision that God gave us radically changed the trajectory of Christ Church”**

### **Christ Church Vision**

Adopted 1993

We believe that Christ Church is God’s church, and we desire to follow where He leads. Believing that God calls His people to live by faith . . . , we believe that God’s vision is for Christ Church to be:

- A place where everyone is welcomed in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. Where forgiveness abounds and encouragement thrives.
- A place where the Good News of Jesus Christ can be shared with the residents of not only our nearby community, but all of Northern Virginia.
- A place where thousands of people are welcomed into the life, ministry and mission of the church. A church family that laughs and cries together and lives in harmony with each other.
- A place where every believer will be equipped to use their spiritual gifts in ministry at home, work and play.
- A place where every believer will be nurtured and disciplined into spiritual maturity through Bible study, retreats, seminars and small groups.
- A place from where we will send one missionary to every continent around the world and send our members on mission projects both in the United States and around the world.
- A place that births another church somewhere in Northern Virginia.

- A place on enough land to be a regional church. A church with attractive, efficient facilities for worship, Christian education, a Christian school, youth center, counseling center and elder care.

Although this vision is beyond our ability and resources, it is well within the ability of the One who has revealed it to us.

***Without \_\_\_\_\_ it is impossible to please God . . .***  
Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

### **Our Journey: 1993 to 2018**

- 1993** Changed our worship style from traditional to contemporary. First church in our denomination to have contemporary worship in the state of Virginia.
- 1994** Broke ground on our first church building on Glen Eagles Lane in Crosspointe.
- 1995** First Children's Consignment Sale in the Silverbrook School cafeteria.  
First worship service in the new church building on Memorial Day weekend.  
Began Greentree Christian Preschool in September.
- 1996** Added two trailers (five classes) to accommodate growth.
- 1998** Building campaign to expand the Worship Center.
- 1999** Three more trailers added (children and youth).
- 2000** Began looking for land for a new church campus.  
First major international mission through which we established two churches in southern Russia.
- 2003** Bought land at 7600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. We called it "The Promised Land."
- 2007** First mission trip to Kenya.
- 2009** Officially established our school in Kenya: Hope Educational Centre.
- 2010** Our dream to break ground on "The Promised Land" was put on hold.
- 2012** With 180 students, the Kenyan Board of Education threatened to close our school for lack of land and a permanent building. We bought land and began construction.

- 2013** Received a loan for \$12.5 million to begin construction of our church building.  
After six weeks of congregational prayer, our former church building was sold for \$250,000 more than the asking price.  
Broke ground on “The Promised Land.”
- 2015** Sunday, July 26, at 2 p.m., 300 people walked 3.5 miles from our old church in Crosspointe to our new church home.

### **From Then to Now**

- Possibilities ministry—emphasis on growing our ministry to families with children and adults who are differently abled.
- School in Kenya—currently building a second floor.
- Summer camp ministry—for preschool to middle school children.
- Online Church Campus—worship, discipleship classes and small groups.
- Young Adults/Families ministry.
- Emergency Response Team.
- Celebrate Recovery—will launch after Easter 2019.
- Monthly Community Serve Night—700 meals prepared monthly.
- *Together We Rise Against Hunger*—550,000 meals prepared.

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek His will in all you do,  
and He will show you which path to take.***  
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

## **What's Next?**