

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Dear Friends of Living Rock Church,

The year 2020 is coming to a close in less than 70 days! I pray this letter finds you doing well in spite of challenging circumstances. 2020 has changed all of us, and our church, perhaps more than we know. Never has faith in Christ been more relevant when surrounded by fears, stresses, divisions, and unrest. I long like never before to gather with the body of LRC in worship and send the Gospel to the world.

I want to thank God for the ways He has answered our prayers and sustained LRC this year:

1. God has given LRC good health and joy in our re-gatherings.
2. God has amazingly provided Central High School Auditorium, St. John's School, and our farm property, resulting in sufficient space for worship, kids, Awana, and student ministries.
3. God has helped Living Rock Church regather Sundays, with attendance at 70-75% of a year ago. Yes, attendance is down, but we are significantly better off than most churches.
4. God has provided ministry teams to shepherd and serve the body of LRC. New ministries such as a young adult group and the School of Rock have begun.
5. God has helped LRC to pivot into livestreaming and improving our media platforms. Even the ladies' Zoom Bible Study had women connected from four different states!
6. God helped us recover from a big financial deficit the first half of 2020.
7. God is moving on hearts who have suffered financial and relational loss as they seek His healing.

The year 2020 is also the final year of the PLANTED CAMPAIGN. Our campaign goal is to raise funds needed to begin the construction of our own worship facility. God has blessed Living Rock Church during this campaign. God is working through you to bring about these blessings beyond measure.

Dennis Paulson has been overseeing the gifts and pledges coming into the PLANTED CAMPAIGN for nearly three years now. He reports that we currently have **\$112,605 to go to meet the \$800,000 goal.**

Today I am announcing the **10-WEEK PLANTED CAMPAIGN COUNTDOWN!** I invite you to join with me in counting down the \$112,605 needed to reach our PLANTED goal by the end of 2020. Please consider giving a gift to PLANTED and/or to the LRC General Fund in November and December. A matching gift of \$10,000 will be given to match the first \$10,000 in gifts to PLANTED! As always, give prayerfully, cheerfully, and willingly for His glory. Every gift counts on earth and in heaven!

During this countdown, a building committee of three will be contacting prospective contractors. As we pray to reach this financial goal, we pray also for God's leading in finalizing the building plan. Lord willing, we will gather together in early 2021 for our final PLANTED BANQUET when plans are ready to be revealed. How exciting!

Let us continue to walk by faith each day as we pioneer this vision of providing Living Rock Church a **permanent and visible home** with a Gospel legacy in our region for decades to come. Nothing is impossible with God!

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness to the Lord,

Pastor Roger

