



GLORY CITY CHURCH

PARTNERING FOR PURPOSE

2021-2022



WELCOME

Thank you for being a part of our community. At Glory City Church our core values are Intimacy, Identity, and Increase. Everything starts from our connection with God. Once we understand that God looks at us and loves us, then we can begin to comprehend the incredible power that He has given to us, through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:17-23). When we are fully understand that God loves us and that we are His children, with His authority, then we can truly be the manifestation of Jesus Christ to those around us. His desire is that we prosper in every area of our life and bring life to everyone around us.

The world around us needs every Christian to be fully connected to God, understanding the amazing gift we have received through Jesus Christ and prospering in every area of life.

We invite you on this journey to become more like Jesus.

Ps Katherine and Tom Ruonala

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REFLECTION

Reflecting on the past year we continue to see the Lord pouring out His blessings on every area of our ministry. From the Television ministry, to the Academy, in our Glory City Network, and through the various departments and ministries that make up our church we have seen tremendous increase and favour in all that we have purposed to do. As we continue to build and grow, we continue expecting the Lord to build His church, and for the many that come into contact with us to be transformed by His power and love. Here are some of the highlights that we can give the Lord praise for this past financial year.

ONLINE COMMUNITY.

It has quickly become clear to us that our community exists beyond Kelvin Grove, and beyond Brisbane. The number of people who are joining us online weekly is encouraging to us. A Glory City Church online family is growing dynamically and exponentially each week. We are so grateful for our team of online volunteers who faithfully engage and pastor people who call Glory City Church home. We are also so grateful for the volunteers who facilitate our livestream, giving people the opportunity to join in on our services from anywhere in the world! This year we have sort to formalise the team as an official ministry of the church and establish formal points of connection and contact in the form of regular online connections groups that happen after the Sunday service.

ONLINE SALVATIONS.

One of the other encouraging things we are seeing from the growth and development of our online presence is the increase in the number of people being saved though our various media channels. Each week we are responding to people who are choosing a life with Jesus. It encourages us that people are responding to the message of hope and love all over the world.



GLORY CITY KIDS.

Over the past two years we have emphasised the importance of the development of our kids department. In July 2021 Naomi Tesdorpf joined the Glory City Kids leadership team, launching a program specifically catering to the needs of the younger kids in our program. At the beginning of 2022 Naomi took over the coordination of both programs and since that point we have seen the Lord move in wonderful ways. Our team is growing to support the growth of the ministry, there is greater engagement from the kids who attend the program, and the community of parents and children is growing closer together. We are very excited about how the Lord is moving in our Glory City Kids ministry and believe it is the continued fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

GLORY CITY YOUTH.

At the start of 2022, Allan and Rowena Palmer took over the coordination of our Glory City Youth Ministry, adding to the strength of the ministry created over the past four/five years. We love the stability and safety that Allan and Rowena bring to the team and we are seeing their efforts and commitment result in young people who are learning about who they are in Christ. We would love to thank Allan and Rowena as well as all the leaders who faithfully give up their Saturday evenings to serve our young people.

EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT.

Throughout the course of the year we have run a number of programs and courses aimed at empowering participants in their faith and in life. Last year we ran our first School of Faith course aimed at educating and imparting knowledge concerning the topic of faith. This was a great success with many people joining in for this teaching, both in person and online. Another new course that we ran for the first time over the past year was Circle of Security. Circle of Security is a course that aims to empower parents to raise children well in our modern-day context. Delivered virtually, the course was well attended and will become a regular feature on our yearly calendar. As per usual we ran our Glory Prophetic School as well as our Love After Marriage courses in the first half of 2022. Both courses continue to add tremendous value to the participants thus strengthening our congregation as a whole.



EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

This year we have continued to see many people come to know the love of Jesus in our services, online as well as through our teams on the street. Every month we have teams that go onto the streets of Brisbane and minister the love of Jesus to friends in the city. To cater to the many people who are joining our kingdom family our team have collaborated together to develop an online new believers resource that teaches fundamental principals to new believers. This course integrates with a support network that seeks to support new believers in their walk with the Lord and connect them well within the community.

VOLUNTEERING

The culture of volunteering we have at GCC remains one of our strengths, and allows us to continue to have a global influence. We are encouraged about the number of people contributing to our church in many valuable ways. The volunteering culture is a unique characteristic of our organisation. As well as empowering us to continue to have influence, volunteering serves as a point of connection for new members of our community and as a place where people can meet new friends and establish meaningful relationships. This special, mutually beneficial relationship is one that we cherish and are so grateful for. We would love to thank all who sacrifice their time and resources to serve our community and encourage those who are not yet volunteering to consider joining a team. There is a place for everyone.

OTHER NOTABLE POINTS.

We continue to love the connection that happens before the service at our cafe. It is so wonderful to see so many gather for connection and fellowship over a cup of coffee and a croissant. Our Selah Wellness Centre also continues to grow well. We currently have three counsellors contracting with the centre providing support and encouragement for those in our congregation as well as people from the wider church body.



Over the last three and a half years, The Glory City Academy has rapidly expanded to now offer First Year, Online, Second Year and Internship opportunities. Offering online subjects has also enabled us to expand our reach dramatically, and for more people to be able to receive transformative biblical teaching and the message of righteousness. The development of a second year and subsequent internship opportunity has established The Academy as a credible leadership development pathway for those who feel called. We have recently revamped first and second year program to provide increased value for our current and future students, while maintaining the essence of the Glory City Academy. Here are some of the subjects we will be offering first and second year students starting in 2023.

First Year Subjects

- Foundational Theology 1 (Christ Crucified)
- Personal Development
- Foundations of Prayer and Intercession
- Mighty in the Scriptures
- Kingdom Worldview
- Prophetic Basics and Activation
- Multiply
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- Foundational Theology 2 (The Manifesting Kingdom)
- Community Impact
- Life with the Spirit
- Romans / Hebrews
- Practical Ministry Training
- The Purpose of the Prophetic
- Personal Leadership Development
- Informed Communications
- Worship
- Connection Groups
- Guest Lectures

Second Year Subjects

- Ministry Establishment and Governance
- Revival History
- Applied Prayer and Intercession
- Nehemiah
- Preaching and Communication Techniques
- Pastoral Care - Practice and Application
- Prophetic Practice
- Multiply Activations
- Leadership Development and Strategy
- Global Missions
- Romans / Hebrews
- Ministry Project
- Ephesians and Galatians
- Prophetic Equipping
- Cultural Apologetics
- Worship
- Connection Groups
- Guest Lectures



Glory City Academy Mission Trips

A major highlight from the Glory City Academy this year were our mission trips around Australia. In June we sent our students on experiential mission trips to love and serve the communities of Darwin, Coffs Harbour and Maitland. The students practically applied their learning in various capacities and through a range of different activities. We saw wonderful fruit from the faithfulness of our students who ran bible studies, ministered in local churches and schools and witnessed on the streets. Students returned with a greater connection with one another, an appreciation for the diversity of different ministry expressions, as well as an appreciation for serving the local church.

Future Aspirations

As the Academy continues to expand as a ministry, we anticipate releasing more and more students to equip and support the Glory City Network and beyond. The Academy is a training ground where we have an Apostolic mandate to send the ones we have been entrusted with back out into churches and communities to do the work of Christ.

in 2023 we are believing for 50 first year students. We would love you to pray and believe that we would have 50 people join us for 2023!



The Glory City Church Livestream & Television department has been going through exceptional growth, both in quality and viewership. All the cameras were upgraded at the beginning of this year which has helped produce a much nicer, vibrant look. The lighting has also been fine-tuned to give a more impacting feel online and during worship.

A particularly fruitful area has been the online community. Very special attention has been given to the online viewers through a team of comment moderators. By having this intentional interaction, the online community has grown and many people have become very loyal viewers.

In addition to the regular streaming of the services, Ps Katherine's sermons are broadcast as a weekly TV show that airs on many different television networks. The television show airs weekly on Daystar, God TV Australia, Sid Roth's It's Supernatural Network & Shine TV. The TV show reaches millions of viewers all over America, Africa, New Zealand, Australia and parts of Europe and Israel.

Growth beyond traditional TV has been in the works. Katherine's sermons can now be viewed in short videos across all her socials, now also including TikTok. These shorter videos have seen massive views and amazing responses, including many salvations.



This year has been a significant year in the growth of our media outreach. We began our first broadcast on Daystar Television Network on 4th August 2018. At that time Glory City Church was covering the cost of the weekly program which even at a reduced rate was a significant amount each year. Since the first program we have been developing our partnership base which has now grown to over 350 financial partners. The partners are now covering about 90% of the airtime costs which enables us to investigate new channels for our media.

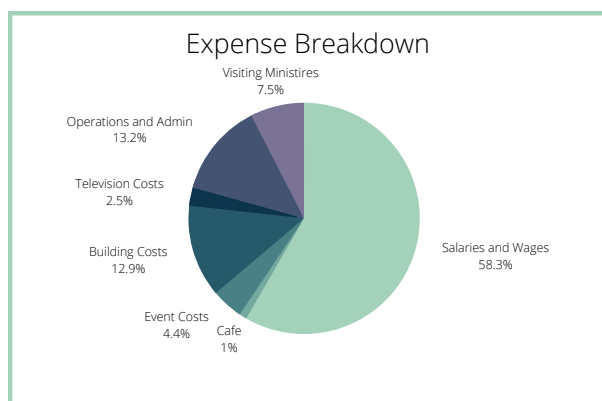
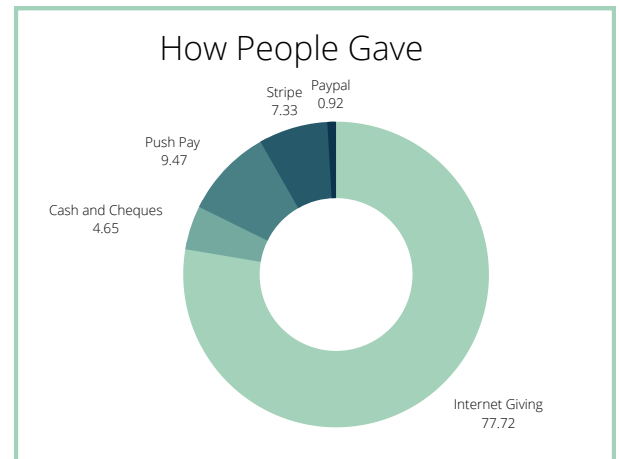
We have been developing new ways to add connection and value for our partners. Recently we implemented live zoom mentoring sessions each month with our partners. This has been so successful that we have grown our partnership base by 30% just this year.

We are very excited about some of the new avenues for our media this year. In the last few months, we have begun to ramp up our social media and internet media platforms. Nathaniel Oliveri has come back into our media team to introduce short clips for Facebook and Instagram that will grab the viewers' attention. He only started a few months ago but with his skills in creating high impact videos we have already seen significant increases in our online viewers.

On Facebook we have seen a 600% increase in views for our content with 1 particular video reaching a million people in a matter of days. Our total reach on Facebook is now approaching 4 million. Instagram is a new platform for us as of June this year and we have already seen a 200% increase in people reached with our new content.

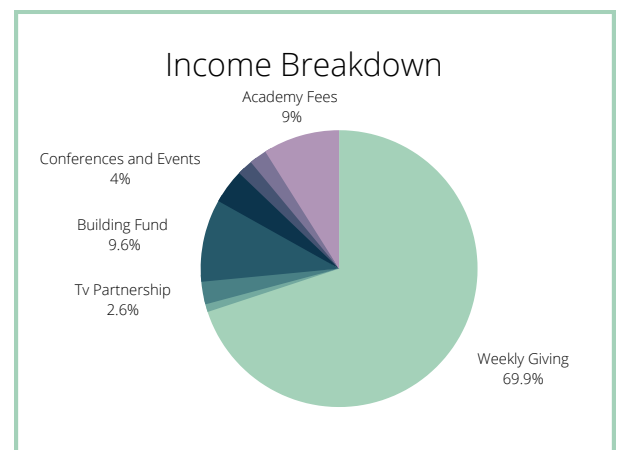


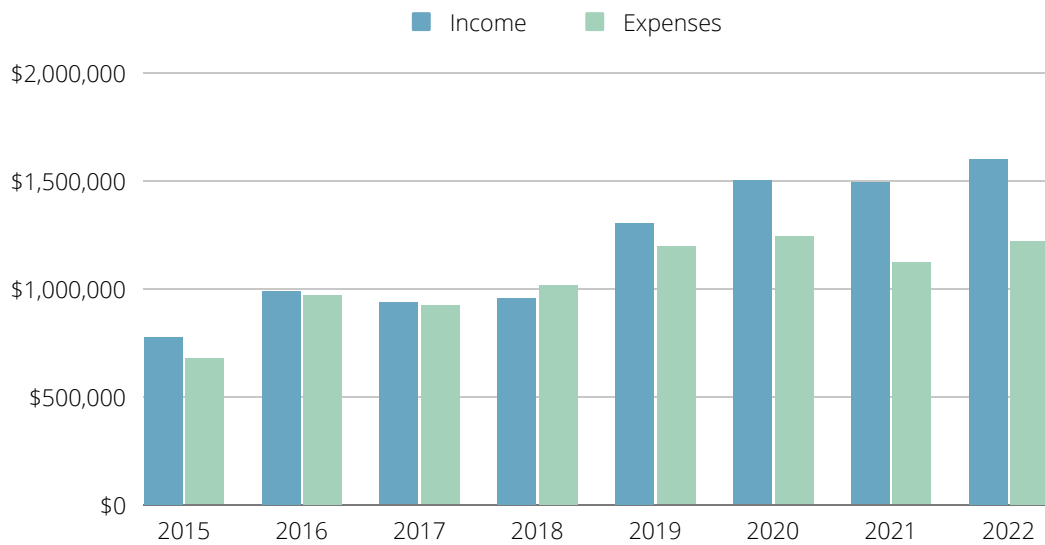
Following a similar trend to previous years, we have seen the continued shift away from traditional forms of giving to digital methods. The migration away from receiving cash and cheques, meant we could make some changes to promote efficiency within our services. This move also increases our ability to forecast, thus impacting our planning in a positive way. This year we have also embraced new emerging technologies, now accepting certain crypto currencies for those wishing to give in this manner



In the past two years, we have seen a slight increase in the salaries and wage bills due to the growth of departments and ministries requiring oversight. In the two years impacted by Covid we were forced to scale back some of our operations. Since the end of the pandemic and the removal of some of the operational barriers we have seen a return to normal operational capacity and thus a slight increase in expenses. This is however relative to income growth as demonstrated by on the graph on the following page.

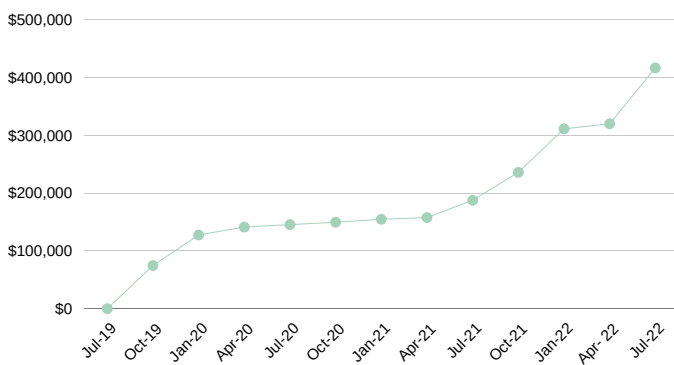
Over the past year we have again seen a growth in our income and giving. This due to the resumption of regular operations as well as more people choosing to call Glory City Church home. Adding income generating activities such as the Glory City Cafe and Selah Wellness centre to our balance sheet is also adding to the increased income of our organisation. We are encouraged by this diversification and continue to seek opportunities to add to our income.





Over the past four years, we have continued to see our income exceed our expenses, resulting in increased surplus for our house. We are so encouraged by this. We look to continue this good management into the coming years, which will allow us to achieve our goals for the next five years.

Building Fund Growth



Since opening the building fund in July 2019, we have seen continuous growth and contribution to this fund by church attendees with the balance of our building fund currently sitting at \$422,453.00

More information about our plans to find a home of our own are covered later on in this presentation.



One of the main desires of our hearts over the past couple of years has been finding and settling into a home of our own. We believe that that to achieve what the Lord has placed on our hearts, we need our own building.

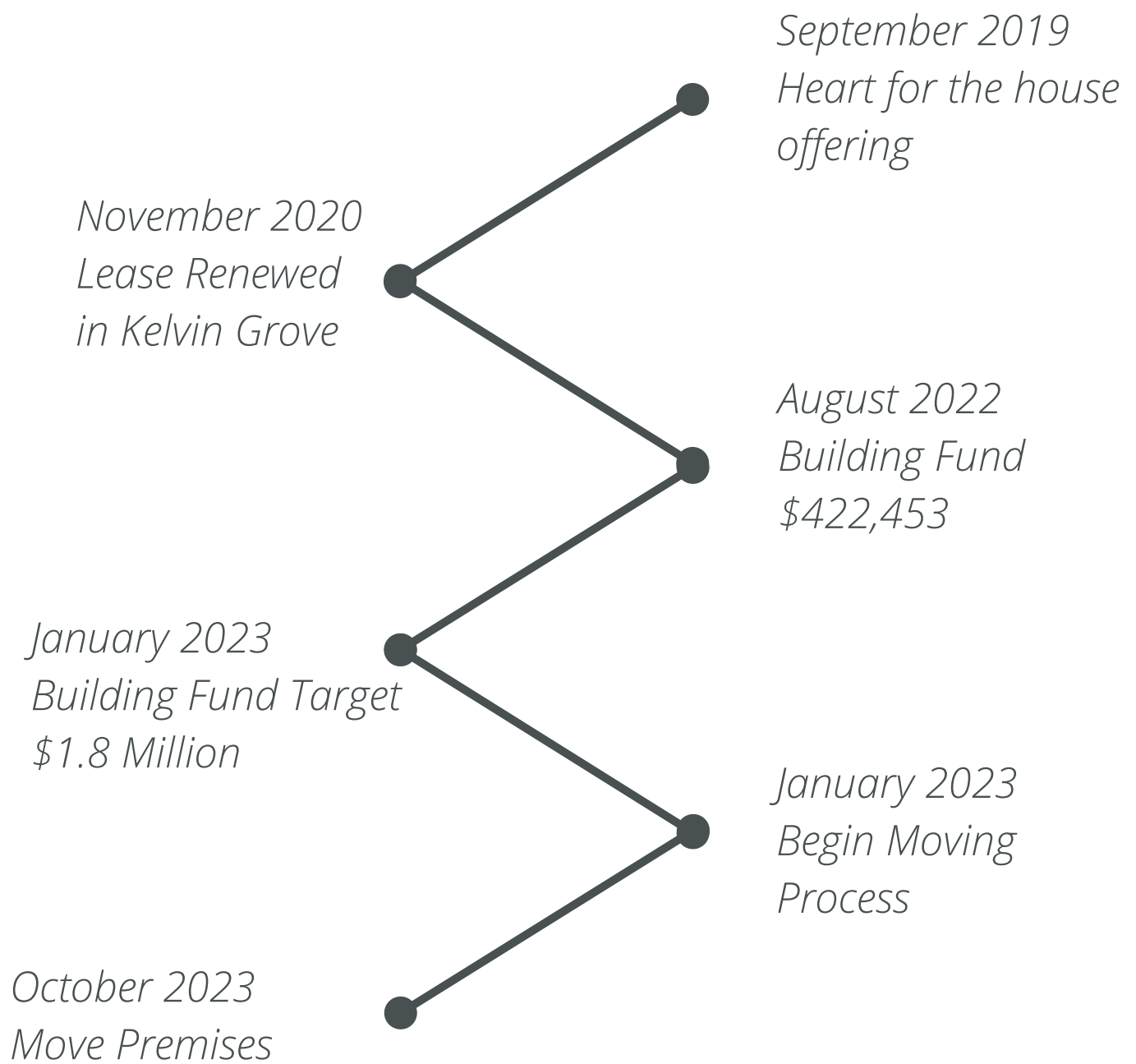
Having our own facility opens up the freedom to operate and function without limitations that we experience in this facility. It will allow us to grow our ministries and initiatives more effectively, and offer services and points of connection to those who desire to be part of our church in the future.

Last year we spoke about our desire to purchase a property rather than renting as we would much rather invest the capital into a place of our own rather than committing the finance towards renting a facility.

Speaking with mortgage specialists we estimate that we will need a deposit of 30% to finance a property that will suit our needs. We believe that the total cost of this kind of property will be between 6-8 million dollars, therefore meaning we will need a deposit of 1.8-2.1 million dollars in order to access the loan to purchase this kind of property.

This is non inclusive of moving and fit out costs. A positive is that over the course of the past 10 years we have been able to financially invest in good equipment and resources that we can take with us to fit out a new venue.





What we Need

- Central location which is easily accessible
- Abundant parking, on-site and street
- No parking restrictions
- Close to public transport
- Space to site 800-1000 people (2500M/S)
- Space for children and the Academy
- Well air-conditioned.
- Disabled access
- Toilets and bathroom facilities
- Office spaces
- High ceilings and good acoustics
- No noise restrictions
- Open plan with unobstructed views
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Prayer Points

- \$1.8 Millions to secure a deposit or
- Complete provision to buy a building outright
- Favour with banks and financial institutions
- Favour with sellers and real estate agents
- Wisdom and leadership
- Divine connections
- A turn-key property or an acquisition.



In March 2019, we set a date to take up an offering that would mark the beginning of our journey towards a new home. We marked the 1st of September 2019 in our calendars as the day we would pitch this to our church family. In faith, we opened a dedicated building fund bank account to begin our new journey.

In August 2019, David Wagner visited Glory City Church and prophesied that we would break ground by September. This word coincided with all the plans that we had made. He said:

"And He's going to give people an opportunity to partner with it, but simply, even if nobody else wanted to partner with it God is about to do it. And I just felt like the Lord said that you can mark the date on the calendar that even before, before September 1st, 2019 there's going to be a groundbreaking".

On that day we broke ground with members of our family pledging \$110,000 towards our new facility. This money was deposited into our building fund in preparation for our move. This account has since grown through the regular giving of family members to approximately \$422,453.

Since then we have had many words regarding the provision of a building. Just this year we have received two significant words guiding our direction and decision making.

On the 21st of April 2022 Cindy Jacobs said in a word to Ps Tom and Katherine.

"The Lord says, "get ready, there's going to be a bigger building. I'm giving you property," says the Lord. And the Lord says, "I know what things cost right now, but I'm getting ready to explode your finances right now".

Again on the 21st of April 2022 Joanna Moody said in a word to Ps Tom and Katherine.

"Lord I thank You for a new building. And I feel like it's a building that exists already, and somebody's going to say, "Well, you obviously need to use this."



Our heart is to steward these words and promises from the Lord and be faithful in doing what he has called us to do.

In the last two years we have set aside a date to allow people to partner with us specifically for our new home. This year we have decided that we will defer this offering to March/April 2023. By this time we will have a clearer idea about the path we intend to take and the costs involved. If in the mean time you do wish to contribute to our building fund you can find the details below.

Building Fund Details

Account Name GCC Building Fund

Account Number 10763013

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CONCLUSION

Thank you to everyone who took time out to participate in this evening's meeting.

We would also love to thank all those who partner with us in prayer, time and resources. We eagerly anticipate the good things planned for the coming year. We are excited about partnering with you and partnering with the Father to continue His work in our community, city, nation and around the world.

