



**FREETO**

**Capital Campaign**



## LEAD THE WAY...

### Dear Church Family,

Little did I realize when Chrystal and I came to Bolingbrook 18 years ago, the amazing journey on which God would take Living Water Community Church.

Five years ago, God provided us with a beautiful campus to be used as the “base of operations” to reach our community. This campus is not about us. It is God’s tool to reach the hurting and the lost, and 92% of the people in Bolingbrook are lost. Paul prayed that the Philippians would “understand what really matters.” (Philippians 1:10) Our church family understands “what really matters” and we are committed to helping!

Recently the leaders of our city came to our church asking for our help to solve the problems devastating families in our community. Living Water understands Christ’s compassion. In Christ, we have the answer for the problems that children, teens and families face, but we also need resources in order to fulfill God’s dream of seeing lives transformed.

That’s why we are beginning the “Free To...” campaign. It challenges us to do the extraordinary, to give “over and above” for the next 156 weeks. Every dollar given makes it possible for Living Water to be a place where people are “Free To...” find Christ, be helped, be healed, be delivered, be transformed, be fed, be housed, be encouraged, be set free, and succeed in life!

Our campaign has a great theme, “Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.” During the “Free To...” campaign, I am going to challenge you to live differently for the sake of COMPASSION for our COMMUNITY. I ask you to seek the Lord about how He wants you to invest your life and your resources.

We must act while the opportunity exists. “The opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity!” (Leonard Ravenhill)



For the Sake of the Cause,

*Pastors Ken and Chrystal*

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## CONNECT...GROW...SERVE...

A church's history is far more than a list of locations, building programs and pastors. It is *His* story of the call of God to a group of people to follow Him in the great work of reaching, redeeming and rescuing the "least of these." (Matthew 25:40)

### ***Our History of Compassion***

Thirty-five years ago, Living Water Community Church was started with a handful of people who had a vision to impact Bolingbrook with the power and presence of Christ. By 1985 the congregation was growing through its outreach into the community, and so land was purchased on Canterbury Lane and a modest building was built. As the children, youth and adult ministries grew, an addition was added in 1989.

Ken and Chrystal Hansen became the Pastors of Living Water in January of 1992. During the next eight years, Living Water grew as the church focused on serving the community and the region. Conferences and community events held at the church released a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit to the spiritually thirsty. In the summer of 2000, a multi-purpose addition created the space needed for dramatically-expanded ministry.

By 2002, both Sunday morning services were completely full requiring a Saturday evening service be added. Living Water became known for creating an environment that offered freedom of worship and ministry so people could be free from the chains enslaving them. By the end of 2002, it was evident that the continued growth of the church could not be accommodated at the Canterbury Lane location. God miraculously opened the doors to purchase the property on Lily Cache Lane. Construction began August 2005 and Living Water moved into its new "base of operations" in September 2006.

Our current facility and location has opened incredible doors of opportunity that did not previously exist. Opportunity is knocking once again. There is a great opportunity for us to help hurting families, get involved in the school system and meet practical needs in people's lives. It's time to get outside the walls. It's time for Living Water to take the next step in order to be "*Free To...*" fulfill God's dream of seeing lives transformed! This dream can become reality in this campaign by raising the resources needed to reach broken and hurting people in our community.

Living Water became known for creating an environment that offered freedom



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## MEET THE NEEDS...

### ***Why are we doing a capital campaign?***

Recently our city Fathers came knocking at the door of the church asking for help in solving the problems of our community. The question is... will the church rise to the challenge? The greatest challenge in reaching the people in our city is resources! The transformation of a city requires both people and monetary resources. The purpose of this campaign is to raise the resources that will enable us to walk through the doors of opportunity that have opened and reach the 92% of Bolingbrook that does not know Christ!

### ***But isn't this a terrible time for a campaign considering the current economic situation?***

In these challenging economic times, the needs of people in our community are greater than ever. This is an hour like no other. It's a moment when the church has the opportunity to do what it was created to do...meet the needs of people. There is NO lack with God!

In the midst of the Great Depression, the greatest churches and institutions of learning of the 20th century were built because God's people believed

that He was able to do the miraculous despite circumstances. So they sacrificed and gave believing that God would provide. And what they discovered was that their giving produced great faith in them and in the unchurched in their communities. God cannot be stopped by the economy!

### ***How can we do any less than those courageous believers?***

In I Corinthians 16:9 Paul declared, "A great door of opportunity has opened to do a great work..." Those words describe what is happening at Living Water today. Because of the economic situation in our nation, the breakdown of the family, the rising tide of violence and the realization by people that the "American Dream" doesn't have the power to truly satisfy the longing of our hearts, people and institutions are looking to the Church for help and answers. The needs in our community are greater than ever. This campaign is about putting Living Water in a position to be "Free To..." fulfill God's dream of seeing people experience His power, presence and grace in their lives. But to make that dream a reality, we need YOU!

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Every dollar given in this campaign to reduce our current mortgage releases two dollars for ministry to the community by accelerating the pay-down on our mortgage. We have talked about building bridges to our community and now we must act! The gifts given in this campaign will help us reach the community in several powerful ways...

#### **Parking**

If people can't get in the parking lot, they can't get into the service to hear about Christ. We need to expand the west parking lot by adding another 137 spaces. How many times have people come to Living Water but never gotten out of their car because they couldn't find a place to park? This can't continue to happen! The cost for expanding the parking lot is **\$200,000**.

#### **Youth Center Upgrades**

In May of 2008 we opened our youth center. Now we need to equip the center to attract teens. The current décor of the building needs to be revised to create an atmosphere where 21st century teens will be comfortable and welcome. That means 21st century equipment — a new video projector, sound, as well as technology for after school tutoring such as computers with internet access. The center also needs outdoor signage to help people know what it is. The cost for this will be **\$60,000**.

#### **Day Care**

Low-income and single-parent families desperately need affordable day care. We are committed to providing excellent, affordable day care where children and parents can encounter the love of Christ and gain the skills, knowledge and attitudes they need for educational success. The cost required to start a day care would be in the range of **\$50,000 to \$100,000**.

#### **Ministry Outreach**

We can't expect the people we need to reach the most to come to the church — they won't. We must go to them!

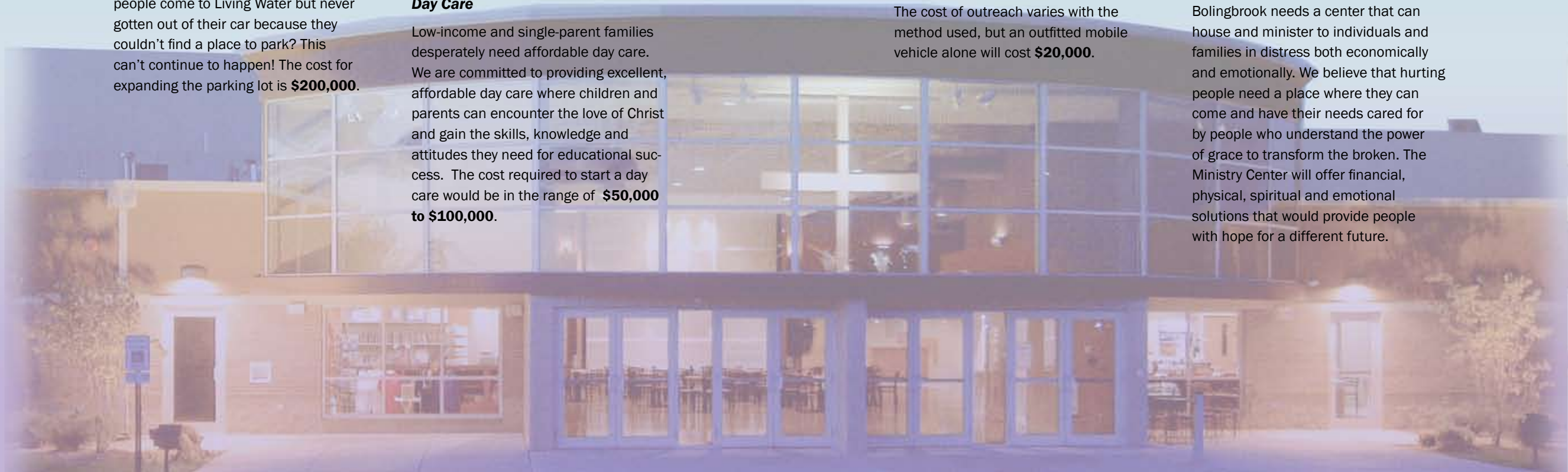
The "Free To..." campaign will enable us to expand our outreach into the neighborhoods of our city. We want to take our children's ministry into neighborhoods. One way is to purchase and equip a truck with sides that fold down to transform it into a mobile ministry vehicle. With a mobile ministry vehicle, we will be able to do more outreach events in the community for families, teens and children, including parenting and financial seminars. The cost of outreach varies with the method used, but an outfitted mobile vehicle alone will cost **\$20,000**.

#### **Transportation**

Transportation is key in reaching people. A people-mover will allow us to expand the scope of Living Water's ministry, enabling us to transport large numbers of people to our outreaches. We can also provide transportation for the elderly who have no way to get to church. Additionally, it will provide a way for teens to get to our youth center for after school programs and services. Without transportation, our efforts to reach out will suffer. The cost for transportation is **\$40,000**.

#### **Ministry Center**

Bolingbrook needs a center that can house and minister to individuals and families in distress both economically and emotionally. We believe that hurting people need a place where they can come and have their needs cared for by people who understand the power of grace to transform the broken. The Ministry Center will offer financial, physical, spiritual and emotional solutions that would provide people with hope for a different future.





## ASK QUESTIONS...

***How much money are we trying to raise in this campaign?***

Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million in commitments to be paid on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis.

***When do the commitments start?***

We begin paying on our commitments the first Sunday in March of 2010.

***Will I have the opportunity to revise my commitment?***

Yes, you may revise your commitment at any time during the 156 weeks.

***Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?***

No. And your individual commitment will never be announced.

***How do we make our gifts toward the program?***

By using the regular offering envelopes provided in the church bulletin each week. Mark the box designated "Building Fund."

***Do you think God will help me meet a commitment which seems beyond my means?***

Yes, just as surely as He helps us in any other area of life. A large commitment often means large faith. A small commitment sometimes, but not always, means little faith.

***Where will the commitments be made?***

Commitments will be made during the service on February 21st, which is Commitment Sunday. Commitment cards will be collected on that day.

***Can we make a family commitment?***

Yes.

***Can I give toward my commitment once a year or every three months?***

Yes, however, most of us find it easier to give weekly, biweekly or monthly.

***Will my commitment constitute a permanent investment?***

The commitment period is 156 weeks, but hopefully giving will become a lifestyle.

*Take the example of George W. Carroll, a wealthy Texas philanthropist, who gave millions of dollars to Christian ministries. After he lost considerable wealth in the Great Depression, he was viewing a building he helped construct. Someone said, "Aren't you sorry now you gave all that money away?" He answered, "No, because all I kept for myself is lost, and only that which I gave away has been preserved." And so it may be in our lives. When the gaudy, tinsel things of life are gone, that which we have invested in Christ's cause will continue to flourish and bear fruit.*



## GO ABOVE AND BEYOND...

### **Step One: Participate**

In the typical American church, less than 20% of those attending give 80% of the money for the ministry and work of the church. That means only 20% of the people are receiving the majority of the blessings of Christian stewardship. What a tragedy! It is through faith-inspired Christian stewardship that people open the windows of heaven for God's blessings. But it also means that our church could be doing far more to share the love of Christ than we are presently doing if everyone would become regular givers. Our "Free To..." campaign is not just a challenge to raise resources through pledges, it's a challenge for everyone to tithe on a regular basis. If everyone at Living Water practiced tithing, there would be no need for this campaign.

### **Step Two: Pray**

No effort will be made in this campaign to tell another person what he should or should not give. Our challenge is to seek God's will, to listen to His voice and then to commit to do what He speaks to us. There is only one way for each of us to determine our commitment. It should be large enough to represent a real step of faith. It must be a part of our very life. Our commitment should show our willingness to do without something we had planned to have.

It is important to understand that this pledge must be given above your regular tithe. Do not give your tithe or regular offering to the capital campaign. That will not help the church, in fact it will end up hurting the church. Your pledge is in addition to your offering.

### **Step Three: Pledge**

We are asking each family to make a faith promise pledge to be paid over a period of 156 weeks or three years. The giving will begin in March of 2010 and end in March of 2013. The most common way to fulfill your pledge is through weekly, biweekly or monthly giving. However, it is also possible to give "gifts in kind" towards the campaign such as stocks, land, jewelry or other items that can be sold, and the monies given to the campaign. In this situation, it would be helpful if you would take the initiative to sell the "gift in kind" and then donate the cash to the church.

The chart below will help you to see what various monetary commitments look like.

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annually</b>	<b>3 Year Total</b>
\$250.00	\$1,082.50	\$13,000.00	\$39,000.00
\$100.00	\$433.33	\$5,200.00	\$15,600.00
\$75.00	\$325.00	\$3,900.00	\$11,700.00
\$50.00	\$216.67	\$2,600.00	\$7,800.00
\$25.00	\$108.33	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
\$10.00	\$43.33	\$520.00	\$1,560.00
\$5.00	\$21.66	\$260.00	\$780.00



*“For God so **loved** the world  
so much He **gave** his only Son  
so **that none should perish...***

*Look around you! Vast **fields**  
are **ripe** all around us and  
are **ready** now for the harvest.”*

*- John 3:16; 4:35 (emph. added)*

## FULFILL GOD’S DREAM...

### Dear Friends,

As a body of believers, we find ourselves with a wonderful opportunity to increase the impact Living Water Community Church can make in our community. That’s why we’ve committed to invest our time and resources and get behind the vision as we launch the “Free To...” campaign.

This campaign is about the body of Christ coming together to reach the 92% in our community that do not know the goodness, grace and mercy of our God. We believe the commitments made during this campaign are critical to the future of our church and its mission to reach the lost. Together, let’s unleash the potential contained in this body and make an eternal investment in the kingdom of God.

Sincerely,



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