



# Elder Forum

April 22, 2018

# 2018 Imperatives

- Linking Arms (not discussed today)
- Looking Forward
- Loving Intently

# Looking Forward

- We will have a clear plan for how we will maximize our assets for the Kingdom of God.
- We will pay off our current mortgage so we are freer to step into God's vision for what is next for us.

# Looking Forward

## Financial Performance

\* Year-to-date Through March 2018

	<u>Planned (YTD)</u>	<u>Actual (YTD)</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Giving:</b>	<b>\$1,942,000</b>	<b>\$2,045,000</b>	<b>\$103,000</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,781,000</b>	<b>\$1,609,000</b>	<b>\$172,000</b>

Praising God for His faithfulness!

# Looking Forward

## Property Update

January – December 2018



### Due Diligence – 4 to 6 months

- Understand legal and environmental limitations
- Propose changes to county based on Concept/Ministry Plan

### Concept/Ministry Plan

- God inspired vision for the future
- Architect and build for the future of Grace and the needs of the community



Looking Forward

We own  
18.7 acres





# Loving Intently

- We will reach the local world around us by helping the displaced, discouraged, and directionless.
- We will start building “The Hope of Denver Biblical Counseling Center.”

# Loving Intently

## Grace Chapel Deacon & Practical Care Ministry

### Practical Care Has Kingdom Impact

We will God-given gifts and skills by helping those in and around our Grace Chapel community.  
In this way, our community will be supported and loved.

#### God's Gifts are used

By using our gifts for God's Glory we are worshipping Him and learning humility with thanksgiving.

#### People's Needs are met

When needs are met God's goodness and faithfulness are revealed to us and our faith is strengthened. Distractions are removed.

#### Disciples are Mentored

By serving with others we teach by example, loving others as we use the skills that God has given us.

#### Relationships are Built

Shared experiences and task-based interactions build memories, which are a strong foundation for relationships. They build trust.

People Know  
Christ Better



# Loving Intently

## Grace Chapel Deacon & Practical Care Ministry

What we do today: **Benevolence – Helping those in Financial Need**

Expanding to: **Practical Care – Helping those with Practical Needs**

- The goal is to show the love of Christ to those in need
- Focus on:
  - Widows (especially those without family)
  - Elderly
  - Poor
  - Sick/Recovering
  - Single parents
  - New Parents
- Who:
  - Believers in fellowship and community at Grace Chapel
  - Other situations may be considered at times including non-believers

# Loving Intently

## Grace Chapel Deacon & Practical Care Ministry

### Practical Care Tasks/Skills (examples)

These services would be provided by volunteers within Grace Chapel and coordinated by the Deacons.

- Handy Man Repair
- Manual Labor/Moving Help
- Landscaping/Irrigation
- Cleaning/Laundry
- Cooking
- Driving/Transportation
- Administration
- Funeral Support
- Financial Peace University and financial counseling

# Loving Intently

## Winter Shelter Network

A partnership with Douglas County Cares and 9 other churches and agencies in Douglas County.

- Providing a safe, warm bed and a listening ear.
- Helping them become self-sustaining.
- 15 woman and kids helped in 2017/2018.
- 93 Grace Chapel volunteers serving through the five months.

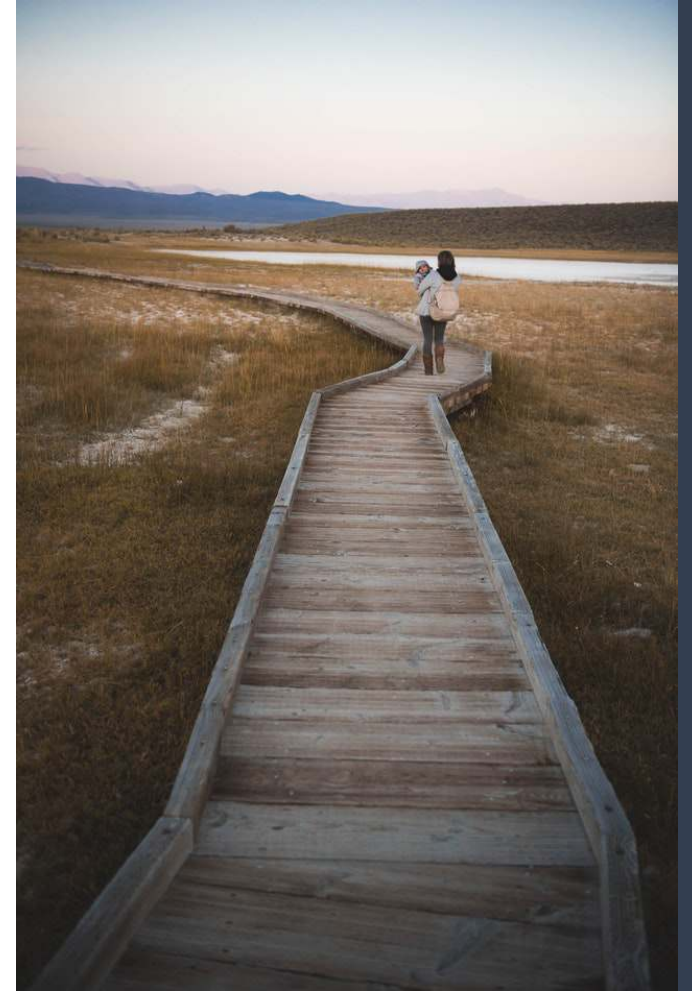


# Loving Intently

## Extension of the Winter Shelter

### Supporting Single Moms

- Providing rental assistance.
- Community care to Single Moms in the surrounding counties.
- Providing services that help them reach self-sustainability, meals, childcare, and Gals night out.
- Emotional and spiritual support through the tough times.
- Practical help and small repairs around the house.





# Loving Intently

## Act for the Refugee

A partnership between Denver Rescue Mission and Grace Chapel.

- Building friendships, teaching English, and caring for them.
- Taking them for medical appointments.
- In 2017/2018, three families from Bhutan, Nepal, and Central African Republic were helped.
- Nine volunteers from Grace Chapel provided this caring service.





# Loving Intently

## Move In Ministries

- Butch and Kathy Ross have lived in the Elevation apartment complex since May 2017.
- Providing hospitality through special monthly social events.
- Organizing prayer times.
- Social gatherings for encouragement and prayer.
- Welcoming the new tenants.
- Assisting the management with special events.
- Providing assistance to struggling tenants.



Loving Intently

# The Hope of Denver Biblical Counseling Center

We committed to: Build the foundation for a future biblical counseling ministry of Grace Chapel.

So far we have:

- Found a name: The Hope of Denver
- Trained 30+ people
- 6 People through ACBC exams
- Established foundational documents and process
- Began taking counselees

The Hope of Denver will be opening soon and able to provide free, short-term, goal-centered, and Bible-based counseling.

# Got Questions?

A copy of this presentation will be available on our website at  
**[GraceChapel.org/Elders](http://GraceChapel.org/Elders)**.