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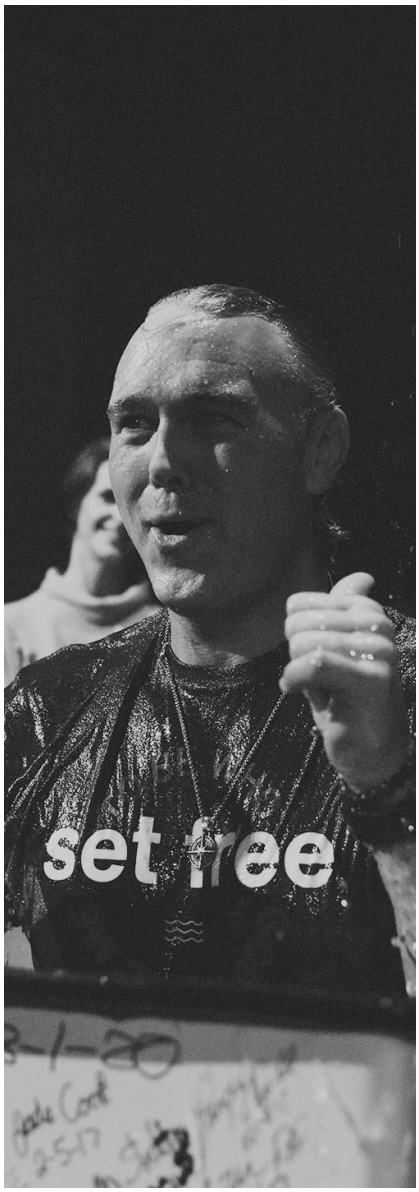
THE RANSOM CHURCH STORY



In 2009, God gave us a call and a mission: Set Captives Free. Now, seventeen years later, we are still chasing that mission, and God is still moving at Ransom Church. We are seeing lives changed, faith growing, and people stepping into their callings to share the Gospel. The world has changed, and while our mission remains the same, we believe God has placed an exciting new vision in front of us:

TO SEE 5,000 PEOPLE SET FREE IN JESUS

We believe that if we effectively train the people of Ransom Church to freely share the Gospel, then we could see 5,000 new followers of Jesus in the next 5 years. But this can't just be something we hope for—it must be something we actively prepare for and pursue. And it will take all of us.

As God continues to bless our ministry efforts, we believe we need to take advantage of the divine momentum we are seeing by making prayerful and faith-filled investments into our ministry spaces, our team, and our future. The reality is: We are running out of space.

And this is a great gift. Our current facility has been stretched to its limits and beyond. Our staff is stretched. And our God is not done. Preparing for the future requires both spiritual and physical preparation, as we seek to make room for those yet to come.

WHAT WE'VE EXPLORED

Over the past 18 months, Ransom's leadership has prayerfully explored multiple paths forward. And now we invite you into that discernment process. During a year and a half of research and prayerful discernment, we explored multiple options:

1. Building one large, permanent facility
2. Expanding through multisite
3. Increasing church planting efforts
4. Remaining where we are and adjusting ministry models

Each of these options has strengths and weaknesses. And the truth is—**the future may involve more than one of them.** But after hearing from you and assessing our realities, we have learned a few things. First, building a building for all of us is simply not financially feasible. Second, we must stay faithful to downtown. This is important to you, and it is important to us. Third, God is not done, and we can't be either. Our solution has to accommodate all of these realities. After significant research, prayer, and outside counsel, leadership feels confident we have discerned what the **best next step** for our church family is...and it is both a reclaiming of part of our past and taking a bold step into the future. That solution is: **Multisite**.

This is not a new journey for us- it is a return to our roots. What we need most is space. And multisite was and still is the most affordable way to add that space. Ransom's story includes multisite locations. And while our story is a story of great success in multisite, we own that we made mistakes in how we navigated COVID-19, particularly in our failure to listen to the voices that mattered most- yours. We are grateful for so many who stayed faithful to this church and to our mission through a tough season. We have learned from our mistakes and, with you alongside us this time, we feel ready to step back into multisite as we step forward into our future together.

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THE RECOMMENDATION

A TWO PHASE JOURNEY

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PHASE 1

BUILD FOR TODAY

$5M

1. Identify and purchase a facility that will enable us to step back into Multisite.
2. Equip this facility to best serve the needs of our Ransom family and our ministries.
3. Eliminate all current indebtedness to allow funds to be reallocated to staffing and infrastructure needs.
4. Launch a campus debt-free with room for hundreds of new souls.

PHASE 2

DREAM FOR TOMORROW

$10M+

1. Remain in a posture of generosity and kingdom investment over the coming decade.
2. Continue to research the option for multisite again in the future.
3. Continue to focus on our Awaken Partnership and Church Planting.
4. Continue to "prepare the jars" for 5000 to be set free in Jesus.

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YOUR FEEDBACK

The last 7 months have been about dreaming and discerning. We pray you have joined us as a congregation in praying for the future. We have been listening to your feedback. We've carried out a **Campaign Readiness Assessment.** We've done the market research. And we feel we have heard from the Lord. But we still want to hear from you. God is calling us towards a bold, vital vision, and it will require unity, prayer, and generosity. So, we're again asking you to participate in three ways:

COMMIT TO DAILY PRAYER

Ask God to continue to give our church wisdom, courage and unity as we seek his direction.

ATTEND OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us in November for for a special meeting that will culminate in a congregational vote about our future.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Use the coming weeks and months to dream with your family about how you might be a generous part of our Spring financial initiative.

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OUR HOPE

We believe this moment is not about pressure—it's about preparation.

This vision is not ultimately about growing Ransom Church. It's about reaching people for Jesus. It's not about building our castle. It's about building God's kingdom. We envision a future where, as we (together) take spiritual responsibility in our region, we see:

1. Thousands of people set free in Jesus.
2. Families finding biblical community and a church home.
3. Ministry to hundreds of students who are hungry for truth.
4. A culture where inviting someone to church is normal.

Thank you for taking spiritual responsibility in your spaces and places. Thank you for being part of this exciting moment in Ransom Church's history and preparation for the future. Thank you for helping Set Captives Free to be who God made them to be.