

Ready For More
VISION GUIDE



YOU WERE MADE FOR MORE

Our God is a God of more.

He loves you more than you could possibly imagine—so much so that you are invited to all that He has and all that He is.

You are invited to more purpose, more love, and more transformation in your life and your community, in your city and your world.

You don't have to *do* more. You just need to make *room* for more.

When you're suffering the unspeakable, God shows up with more strength.
When your mind is at war, He brings more peace.
When our city feels hopeless, He calls us to more healing.

And *just* when you've finished setting the table of your life. . .
He asks you to make more room.

Don't worry how few loaves and fishes you've got—
with Him, they are more than enough.
In Him, there is more than you can imagine.

Your transforming has no finish line. Your unfolding never stops.
You are always invited to more.

This is why we're thrilled to invite you into our church's next great
faith adventure.

God is ready to work wonders in you and through you.

Are you ready for more?

Ready For More

*We Have Never
Seen Anything
Like This Before*

MARK 2:12

BAPTISM



SOUL CITY KIDS



Leading People into a Transforming Relationship with Jesus

SMALL GROUPS



WORSHIP



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A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTORS

As we look back on the story of our church, one phrase comes to mind: “Only God!” God has provided for us above and beyond our wildest dreams. And as we look ahead to where God is leading us, we sense yet again that He is calling us out into greater faith. He is inviting us to make room for more people to find and follow Jesus.

Starting Soul City Church has changed our lives forever. We are not the same people we once were. We are beyond grateful to God for the privilege of being a part of this great faith adventure. And we believe that every follower of Jesus deserves the opportunity to experience the same.

We are inviting you to join with us, and with God, as we expand the vision and ministry potential of our church. We believe God has given us the vision to launch **two new Soul City churches** over the next two years—one to the west and one to the north. We sense He is inviting us to build a **House of Hope** at our West Loop church to provide a safe and sacred space for help, hope, and healing for people inside and outside the walls of Soul City Church. And we believe God is inviting us to develop a **Soul City Studio** to create new resources to be shared with you and others around the world.

Our greatest desire for Ready for More is to see our church grow closer with God by praying bigger prayers than we’ve ever prayed before. Our hope is to see your faith grow like never before as you partner with God in this great faith adventure.

Love,
Jarrett & Jeanne Stevens
Founding & Lead Pastors



LAUNCH PARTY

October 24, 2009

Parties have been in our DNA from the very beginning. Pastors Jeanne and Jarrett gather a group of friends and prospective Soul City families at the Wit Hotel in downtown Chicago. For the first time, the vision is shared publicly, and people are invited to join in prayer and participation in the vision of Soul City Church.



WORK & WORSHIP

September 26, 2010

The first group of Soul City volunteers come together to clear out and clean up the building in preparation for public gatherings to launch. They initiate a legacy of sacrificial serving that continues in our Soul City volunteers to this day.



FIRST CHRISTMAS STORE

December 2010

We hold our very first Christmas Store to serve under-resourced friends and families on the west side of Chicago. Our church gathers new gifts, books, coats, and more and makes these items available at a greatly reduced price. This kicks off a meaningful partnership with Brown School that continues through the Back-to-School Bash and future Christmas Stores in years to come.

THE STORY OF SOUL CITY

WEST LOOP WAREHOUSE

June, 2010

The Searls Family feels led by God to participate in making Soul City a reality. They generously make their property available rent-free for two years—an Only God miracle!



LAUNCH DAY

November 7, 2010

With a Sunday night service, we open our doors to the city of Chicago. We worship together and introduce our mission of leading people into a transforming relationship with Jesus. Those gathered are invited to let God wreck their lives with His amazing love and grace.



FIRST BAPTISM WEEKEND

March 6, 2011

Joel and Kate Miller are the first couple baptized at Soul City Church in a powerful demonstration of what transformation looks like in public. Hundreds and hundreds more would soon follow.





1150 W. ADAMS
2012

At the two-year mark, steady growth allows us to put a down payment on our building. A faithful group of angel investors also purchase the land next door, believing that God will continue to grow our church and move us to serve the city beyond our current capacity.



TRANSFORMATION CENTER
November 4, 2017

Together we celebrate the completion of our new 780-seat auditorium and the beginning of the new ministry that will happen in and through this space. In our effort to be the church seven days a week, we also make these new facilities available to our community for a variety of small groups, events, recovery meetings, and more.



WORLD VISION CHOSEN
February, 2019

Soul City Church pioneers a new child sponsorship relationship with World Vision. For the first time in World Vision's nearly 70-year history, the power to choose is in the hands of children. Kids in Mwala, Kenya choose their sponsor from more than 650 Soul City Families that step up to be CHOSEN.

FOR THE LOVE
November, 2015

At our fifth anniversary, Soul City Church begins a faith-raising adventure to build a Transformation Center on the adjacent land. Together we pray and begin to build a space that is designed to love our community, this city, and the world.



FIRST ALPHA COURSE
2017

Alpha is introduced at Soul City with an 11-week course designed to create a space where people are excited to bring their friends for conversations about faith, life, and God. Our community responds with incredible enthusiasm. To date, more than 600 people have participated in Alpha.



READY FOR MORE
February, 2020

The vision is shared for the next chapter of Soul City: we're having twins! Together our church celebrates all that God has done and we declare that God's not done, He's only just begun as we set out to launch two new churches to the west and to the north. We commit to building a physical House of Hope and Soul City Studio at the West Loop Church.



QUILES FAMILY



“It was the El Salvador trip that changed my life, and I almost didn’t go,” says Tim Quiles. He and his wife, Shelly, along with their three kids, had been attending Soul City for about a year and a half when there came an opportunity to go to El Salvador and work with Love Works partner Enlace. Tim had lots of excuses (“I have a family! I have a job! I’m not a missionary!”) until he learned the kind of work they’d be doing in El Salvador—building schools. Tim is a construction worker, and sensing God was speaking directly to him, he signed up. “That trip totally changed my whole trajectory,” Tim remembers. “I had this wonderful encounter with God. He ignited me in El Salvador to use my gifts. Now, my family serves in so many different ways here at Soul City, and now I’m seeing that pure love for God grow in my own children.”

Tim and Shelly serve on the production team, and their kids love being a part of Soul City. When Tim was invited to chaperone a Soul City Students Retreat with his kids, he had been out of work for a few months. Going on the trip would mean passing up a contract project he had just been offered and desperately needed. But Shelly encouraged him, “When else are you gonna get this opportunity to serve and be with your kids?” Tim turned down the work to go on the retreat and was so glad he did. They made meaningful memories and experienced spiritual growth that he says money could never have purchased.

As soon as he got back and started looking for work, he found it. “A side job here and there, and all these projects started coming together,” Tim remembers. “God started supplying—not in the way I thought He was gonna provide, but He did. This is truly a faith walk. We talk about that, but I really found out what walking by faith looks like.”

And now? Tim and Shelly are ready for more! They just joined their first small group despite thinking that “wasn’t really their thing,” and they are loving it. They feel God calling them into a season of going deeper into intimate connections with people in the church. They are entering the Ready for More chapter at Soul City with great enthusiasm and courage.

And they are also facing real challenges: Tim’s work continues to be inconsistent, and a relative’s devastating health diagnosis has their world spinning. They sense God once again challenging them to rely on Him.

“Soul City is allowing me to move in faith, even when I don’t feel like I have enough,” says Tim. “And that dynamic of having to tap into a resource that I don’t have has really blessed me more than I could ever realize. In my life, I usually say no before yes. But God is providing these opportunities through Soul City, and we’re going to keep saying yes in the ways that we can.”

PRIMARY GOAL

100% PARTICIPATION

Your transformation is the primary goal of Ready for More.

Our desire is for everyone at Soul City Church to see their faith grow through praying bigger and bolder prayers than ever before. Our hope is for you to experience the goodness and faithfulness of God as we delcare together that we are **READY FOR MORE!**

SECONDARY GOAL

\$9 MILLION

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We are inviting you to take your next step toward transformation and generosity with prayer and faith as your starting point. As you go to God in prayer, use this three-step, faith-forming process:

ASK, BELIEVE, COMMIT.

ASK

Quiet your heart and mind, and ask God: How are you leading me to be ready for more? The first step in your journey toward transformation is to ASK for it.

BELIEVE

Trust God to guide you in your transformation journey. He can do more than you have ever hoped or imagined. BELIEVE He *will* provide you with what He's invited you to give.

COMMIT

Decide to bravely step into this faith-raising adventure. COMMIT to giving in a way that stretches and deepens your faith like never before.

RACHEL
ANDERSON



"Giving has always been something that has been important for me, and now that I'm married, it's even more important. Even in seasons that are tight, our giving doesn't waiver. It's not ours. It's God's. And we want to be a part of what God is doing here and see the transformation He has for us and for countless others."

MARCUS
MARSHALL



"When I think about this next season at Soul City, I can't decide if I'm more excited or nervous! I hear God saying, 'I'm definitely going to stretch you,' but I also sense peace knowing God is walking with me!"

TWO NEW SOUL CITY CHURCHES | \$6 MILLION

The vision of Soul City Church has always been to be one church in multiple locations. God has made it clear that it is time for Soul City to make more room for more people to find and follow Jesus. We will launch two new Soul City churches over the next two years—one to the west and one to the north. The resources raised through Ready for More will be used to secure and renovate space for each of the new church buildings, hire staff for each location, and provide ministry expenses for the initial launch phase, after which both churches will become financially self-sustaining.

**These images are conceptual renderings and do not represent actual locations.*



HOUSE OF HOPE & SOUL CITY STUDIO | \$3 MILLION

God has given our church a vision to build a House of Hope at our West Loop church to provide a safe and sacred space for help, hope, and healing for people inside and outside the walls of Soul City Church.

This new space will also include a broadcast studio for Soul City to create and launch new resources like original worship music, podcasts, ministry training tools, and livestreams to be shared with our church, other churches, and people who might never be able to come to church.

**All numbers are approximate based on specific location needs.*



ALPHA



SOUL CITY VOLUNTEERS



You are the Soul of Soul City

LOVE WORKS

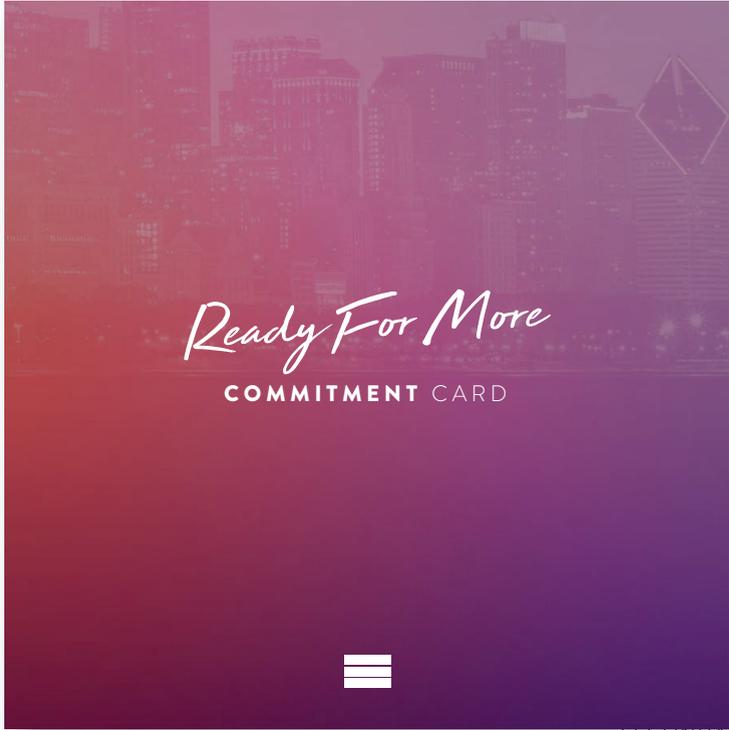


SOUL CITY FAMILIES



*Now Faith Is Confidence
In What We Hope For
And Assurance About
What We Do Not See*

HEBREWS 11:1



COMMITMENT

Are you ready to step into this faith-raising adventure? COMMIT to giving to God in a way that stretches and deepens your faith like never before. Complete a Commitment Card to make your financial commitment in faith to God and Soul City.

VISION

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YOUR COMMITMENT

I/We intend to give over and above our regular giving for the next two years in the following way:

Monthly gift \$

x 24 months

= \$

Gift from stored resources + \$

My/Our TOTAL commitment to Ready for More = \$

April 2020–April 2022

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email(s) _____

GIVING GOALS

Use this gift chart as a personal transformation tool to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity and faithfulness.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT LEVEL	MONTHLY GIFT LEVEL	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
2	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,000,000
2	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$500,000
2	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$300,000
5	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$500,000
7	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$525,000
10	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$650,000
15	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$750,000
18	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$630,000
25	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$625,000
40	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$600,000
55	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$550,000
80	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$600,000
95	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$475,000
Many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$295,000

TOTAL FUNDRAISING GOAL

\$9,000,000

(All numbers are approximate)

DOWNLOAD THE **READY FOR MORE DEVOTIONAL** WRITTEN BY SOUL CITY VOLUNTEERS!

JOIN US as we dive into Scripture and celebrate the faithfulness of God together.

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OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

We thank God for you.

For your faith, your generosity, your hope, and your love.

We thank God for weaving your story into Soul City's story as ONLY GOD can.

We thank God for every YES that brought you to Soul City Church,
and for every YES that you have said to God.

We thank God as you become more of who He created you to be,
and our church becomes more of what God calls us to be.

We pray that you know that you are ready for more.

We pray that God will expand your vision and stretch your faith.

We pray that you will pour yourself out for people you don't yet know and, when you do,
we trust our Father will fill you up with more than you had to begin with.

May you be captivated by what God is going to do in your life, in our city, and in our world.

May we celebrate that God still does miracles through ordinary everyday people like us.

May you move from managing your life to leveraging your life for HIS Kingdom.

May you grow to trust more, hope more, and love more.

We trust that God will move in you and when He does, that you would
experience the truth that the God of the universe is not done with you. . . and never will be.

We pray that God will wreck your life with **MORE** of His amazing love and grace.

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