




# Crossing the Lines

Moving on through God's will



First Baptist Church  
Aztec

Leading people to Jesus, building spiritual  
champions out of ordinary people,  
and establishing multiplying churches.

## Amanda's Experience



It's early spring in 2014. Amanda, 23, sought us out. She visited our worship service, her first ever. Waves of hesitation plagued her all the way to her seat. The start of the service brought peace; she was committed, now. In the music, prayers, and preaching she felt God touching her. The God she came to find. At the end of the service, she awkwardly stepped into the aisle and walked forward to that man, the preacher. She barely uttered her words, "I need God. Can you help me? Can I come here again next week?" Those words climbed from the depths of her soul. They traveled toward God from a great distance.

The pastor prayed with her and raised his head toward the congregation, full of questions. Who would be her friend? What Sunday School group would build a relationship with her? Was there any space left in any of the rooms? Whose circle had room for her? Was anyone ready for her journey? "Yes," he thought, "We're ready." Crossing the Lines is a calling for us. It revisits

## Ready...

a challenge God has spoken to us for several years: "Be ready." It focuses our attention on three critical pieces of our immediate future. First, we must be ready personally. Second, our ministries must be ready. Third, our new property must be ready. With these three lines to cross, we can't hesitate. Amanda is coming.

We must pray: patiently listening, faithfully hearing, and humbly conversing with God about our hesitations and His strength. In that conversation, we must ask both what He wants of us and how He wants us to obey Him. Then, we'll act. It's simple. Our faith matters to Amanda.

When we obey, Amanda will benefit from our personal growth. She will experience our ministries. Finally, she'll have a place because of the generosity of our giving.

Amanda found God because we crossed the lines.

Let's make it reality.

*Pastor Kevin*



# The Vision

God desires that the 46,000 lost people around us not perish and that they come to repentance. Yet, that's only ten miles of God's desire. We can easily reach people from all across our county. So, the numbers grow. Trickle of information from the new census indicate that these figures will grow even more. God's mission, for us to lead people to Jesus, then to build them into spiritual champions, is enormous.

**Beginning to Grow** - Our first goal is to reach 400 of them, less than one percent. When we do, we'll have already stretched our current campus beyond its 350 person capacity to around 600 on a weekend. We'll use creativity to do it. But, we won't be able to sustain it for long. Congested parking lots and streets, crowded hallways, and limited seating will strain everyone.

**Current Campus Improvements** - Before we can move to our new property, we'll make enough limited improvements and adjustments to our current campus to keep us reaching people and to keep us on mission.

**Preparing for the Future** - With plans to grow spiritually as individuals and plans to grow our ministry, we also need a plan to grow our space. We clearly need a bigger place, one that will

take us well beyond 600 on a weekend. It's clear that we can't stay where we are and go where God is calling us. We'll need to prepare our new property for construction and use. The first step is to build a roadway onto the property and bring in appropriate utilities.

The Crossing the Lines campaign leads us to face these challenges: to begin growing and begin preparing for our future... so we'll be ready.



# The Mission

God's vision for our church is simple. 46,000 lost people reside within ten miles of our church. Many more live beyond that boundary, but still within our reach. Focused ministry and creative use of our church facilities will allow us to reach about 600 on a weekend in worship and Bible study. It will stretch us to reach them with our campus over capacity. We can only sustain such a ministry in our current space for a short time. That ministry will touch less than 1 percent (we already have 200!)

of our harvest field. God is calling us far beyond 1 percent. He's called us to lead people to Jesus, to build spiritual champions out of ordinary people, and to establish multiplying churches without limitation. Relocation is a consequence of ministry thrust upon us by God's vision! A larger campus is essential for us to continue following God's call into our future. That's where Crossing the Lines can help.



# The Plan

## ... At Our Present Campus

- Education-wing roof replacement \$35,000
- Parking lot maintenance \$16,000
- Worship Center maintenance & modifications \$32,000  
Replace deteriorating seating, adapt floor to new seating, add door, paint, window treatments, relocate platform and technical support locations
- Directional signage \$3,000
- Landscaping - NW corner of property \$5,000

**Present Campus Total** \$91,000 (8%)

## ... On Our Future Campus

- Paved driveway off of Main Street and rough road to our property \$150,000
- Property development approval process \$55,000\*
- Engineering studies & architectural plans \$45,000\*
- Utility infrastructure \$300,000\*
- Begin final roadway construction \$500,000\*

**Future Campus Total** \$1,050,000 (92%)

\* Estimated cost, actual amounts may vary.

**Total Current Needs \$1,141,000**

# Commitments

Commitments	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$150,000	\$150,000
1	\$100,000	\$100,000
2	\$75,000	\$150,000
3	\$50,000	\$150,000
3	\$40,000	\$120,000
3	\$25,000	\$75,000
4	\$18,000	\$72,000
4	\$15,000	\$60,000
5	\$12,000	\$60,000
5	\$9,000	\$45,000
7	\$7,500	\$52,600
7	\$6,000	\$42,000
8	\$4,500	\$36,000
8	\$2,700	\$21,600
9	\$1,800	\$16,200
10	\$1,200	\$12,000
Many		\$37,600
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

## Faithful Steps In Sacrificial Giving

**Pray** for God's guidance with an open mind

**Ask** "What does sacrificial giving mean to me?"

**Study** Bible examples and principles of giving and stewardship

**Develop** a tentative list of possible gifts

**Consider** God's will with continual prayer

**Decide** to honor God in a sacrificial way

**Rejoice** in the satisfaction of finding and following His will

**Make** your commitment cheerfully

**Follow** through as God provides

**"I will not offer to God that which costs me nothing" ~ 2 Samuel 24:24**



**46,000 lost...**



**Can you see them?**