

OUR CITY CENTER CHURCH

LOCAL · REGIONAL · GLOBAL



IN 2019, WE PRAYED AROUND BERKELEY AGAIN AND AGAIN. ON ONE OF THOSE WALKS GOD TOLD ME, "HELP THEM SEE ME THROUGH THEIR FOG." THAT IS STILL OUR ASSIGNMENT.

PASTOR RAYMOND HUDSON

A WORD FROM PASTOR RAY

LOOK BACK. LOOK AROUND. IMAGINE MORE.

Family,

Every fall, we take time to look back at what God has done, be honest about where we are, and ask Him to help us imagine more of what's next.

This book does all three. It tells the story of five years of God's faithfulness in Berkeley. It shows how your generosity makes a difference through our local, regional and global partners, including missionaries sharing the hope of Jesus Christ in Chicago, France, Spain and Poland. And it shares what we're believing God for next: 50 committed members and a permanent home at 3201 Shattuck, where we can continue loving and serving Berkeley for generations to come.

Here's the thing. None of this is ours. It's His. He keeps doing more than we ask, and He keeps inviting us to be a part of it.

Can I be honest? We cannot do what is in these pages without you. Read it slowly. Pray over it. Then ask God what your part is.

For the city,

RAYMOND HUDSON

Lead Pastor & Co-Founder, Our City Center Church

WHAT GOD HAS DONE

PRE-LAUNCH 2019 TO 2026

FIVE YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS.

396 SALVATIONS & REDEDICATIONS

227 BAPTISMS

200K+ PEOPLE LOVED AND SERVED

$335K GIVEN TO IMAGINE MORE



2019
THE CALL
After praying around Berkeley, the direction was clear. 32 people came together to bring that vision to life.

2020
THE CITY FIRST
Helped organize and assemble school supply kits for students across Berkeley, launched services online on Easter, and celebrated our first baptisms at China Beach.

2021
THE DOORS OPEN
Became the first church recognized as a top partner by Berkeley Unified School District, raised $200,000 in just 4 weeks with the support of church partners across the country to transform 3201 Shattuck, and opened our doors on October 3.

2022
SHOWING UP
Welcomed more than 600 neighbors to our first Eggstravaganza, launched the Playground Pals mentoring program at John Muir, and helped make Christmas special for over 100 families.

2023
GROWING
Welcomed more than 1,300 neighbors to Eggstravaganza, brought a worship night back to the UC Berkeley campus after many years, and shared over 6,000 Christmas gifts with children in our community.

2024
DEEPER ROOTS
Introduced The Hub, opening our church building for community events and rentals, shared more than 5,000 Christmas gifts with local children, and began conversations about purchasing our building.

2025
REACHING FURTHER
Expanded Playground Pals to a second Berkeley school and continued building a stronger Dream Team.

2026
FIVE YEARS
Welcomed 362 people on Easter Sunday, celebrated our first official church members, and marked our five-year anniversary on October 4.

Salvations, rededications, and baptisms counted through summer 2026. People loved and served through 2026. Imagine More giving through 2025.

WHAT GOD IS DOING · OUR 2026 THEME · BECOMING

WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

101+	362	100+
Salvations through the summer	In the building on Easter Sunday	Active Dream Team members

- **22 people said yes to Jesus** in one Easter service.
- **22 baptisms** so far this year, including 7 on May 31.
- **The first membership** in our church's history.
- **Dream Team Shepherds** (elder team) caring for our church family.
- **YA Worship, Kids Camp, City Groups and EatUps** launched.







SOME OF IT WAS HARD. MOST OF IT WAS HOLY. ALL OF IT WAS GOD.

2026 was a year of becoming.



WHERE WE ARE GOING

OUR 2027 THEME

2027 IS OUR GROW YEAR.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

G **GROUNDED IN CHRIST**
Jan–Mar · Know Him · The Gospel of John

R **ROOTED & RISING**
Apr–Jun · Follow Him · Easter through Pentecost

O **OVERFLOWING OUTWARD**
Jul–Sep · Filled by Him · Acts 1–10

W **WITNESSING TO THE WORLD**
Oct–Dec · Sent by Him · Acts 11–18 and Advent



OUR HOME · 3201 SHATTUCK AVE

MORE THAN SUNDAYS.

We're believing God will make 3201 Shattuck our permanent home. And our vision goes beyond a Sunday service. We dream of a space that serves our community throughout the week, whether through a preschool, a community kitchen, or simply a place for people to gather and connect.

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

01 A PRESCHOOL

02 A COMMUNITY KITCHEN

03 A PLACE TO GATHER

LOVING BERKELEY. BELONGING TO BERKELEY.

Our vision is to impact every child at every school, and for every family in Berkeley to know they are seen and loved.

CITY CARES · FAMILIES IN THE CITY	Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts, and support when life gets hard.
BERKELEY UNIFIED & BERKELEY SCHOOLS FUND	Working together to support Berkeley students, teachers, and families.
PLAYGROUND PALS	Mentoring at John Muir and Emerson Elementary, week after week.
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT	Partnering since 2019 to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas joy to local families.
TEEN CHALLENGE · OAKLAND MEN'S CENTER	A safe place where men find freedom and new life in Jesus.
DOUBTERS' CLUB - RELAUNCH	Friendships across belief, pursuing truth together.











A HEALTHY CHURCH WITHIN REACH OF EVERYONE.

If you reach Berkeley, you can reach the world. These churches and networks believe it with us.

NEW IN 2027 · STRATEGIC PARTNERS THROUGH BEYOND 26

NEW
ECHO CHURCH
Bay Area

NEW
MENLO CHURCH
Menlo Park

NEW
WESTGATE CHURCH
Bay Area

NEW
CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
Arizona

NEW **MissionCA**
Planting churches all over California.

CHI ALPHA · JAMIL & VANESSA STELL
Believing God for a student awakening and raising up student leaders.

STADIA
The network that launched City Center.

STRATEGIC LAUNCH NETWORK · CHURCH MULTIPLICATION NETWORK
Starting and strengthening churches in hard-to-reach cities.



FROM BERKELEY TO THE NATIONS.

Our heart is in Berkeley, but our love reaches far beyond it. Through generosity and partnership, we get to support people sharing the hope of Jesus around the world.



FRANCE

TIM & EMILY OLDENKAMP

AG World Missionaries planting university ministries



SPAIN

SONYA VELEZ

Missionary in Barcelona



POLAND

EARL & TAMMY SHORROCKS

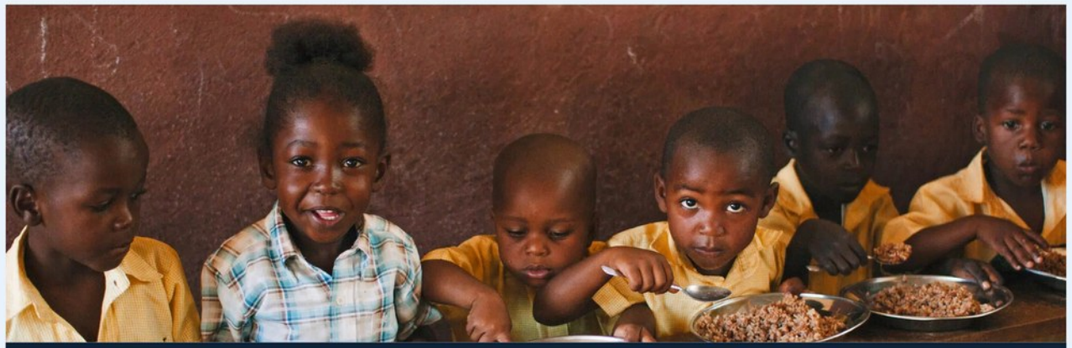
Training Polish believers to start churches



CHICAGO

DAVID & BRITTANICA WOMELSDORF

US Missionaries leading The Grid ministry outreach



ENHANCED PARTNER ONE DAY TO FEED THE WORLD

CONVOY OF HOPE

We're growing our partnership with Convoy of Hope through their *One Day to Feed the World* campaign. By giving one day's wages, we can help provide nutritious meals for children facing hunger and support families and communities experiencing poverty around the world. We're inviting everyone at City Center Church to take part as we look beyond our church walls to meet practical needs, bring hope, and share the love of Jesus with those who need it most.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.

ONEHOPE

God's Word in the hands of children and youth in more than 100 nations.

OPEN ARMS INTERNATIONAL · KENYA

Safe homes, education and hope for children who have been abandoned or orphaned.



50 CHURCH MEMBERS.

Fifty people who see this church as more than a place they attend. It's a family they belong to, a community they invest in, and a mission they're committed to.

Rooted. Serving. Giving. Growing Together.

WHAT ELSE WE ARE BELIEVING FOR

MORE THAN WE ASK OR IMAGINE.

250	**GATHERED EVERY WEEK** Room for more people to meet Jesus on Sundays.
$78K	**A MONTH, FULLY SELF-FUNDED** 30 new tithers and 50 new monthly givers will help us get there.
3201	**OUR PERMANENT HOME** The next step toward owning 3201 Shattuck Ave.
9	**PARTNERS ON MISSION** Three missionary families, four strategic churches and MissionCA, plus Convoy of Hope.
$100K	**IMAGINE MORE OFFERING** One-time gifts above the tithe, by December 31, 2026.

THREE STEPS. ONE FAMILY. ONE MISSION.

YOUR NEXT STEP.



1 **START THE JOURNEY**
Commit to a consistent monthly gift.

2 **TAKE THE TITHE STEP**
Give the first 10% back to God.

3 **GO ABOVE AND BEYOND**
Give an Imagine More gift above your tithe.

HOW TO GIVE

ONE LINK. EVERY NEXT STEP.

SCAN TO GIVE

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Give, sign up for the Next Steps Breakfast, join a City Group and more.

Sundays: use a giving envelope at any gathering.

By mail: City Center Church, PO Box 5591, Berkeley, CA 94705

QUESTIONS

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM MY REGULAR GIVING?

Your tithe is the first 10%, given all year. An Imagine More gift is an offering above the tithe.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

That is between you and God. For some, it may be thousands. For others, $25 is a real sacrifice. The goal is equal sacrifice, not equal giving.

WHEN SHOULD I GIVE?

Please bring your gift by December 31, 2026, so we can step into 2027 together.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN.



OUR CITY CENTER
CHURCH

Sundays 10:30AM
3201 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley
ourcitycenter.com

YOU ALREADY BELONG.

FOR THE CITY