

UNHINDERED

forward in faith and freedom



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Acts 28:30-31

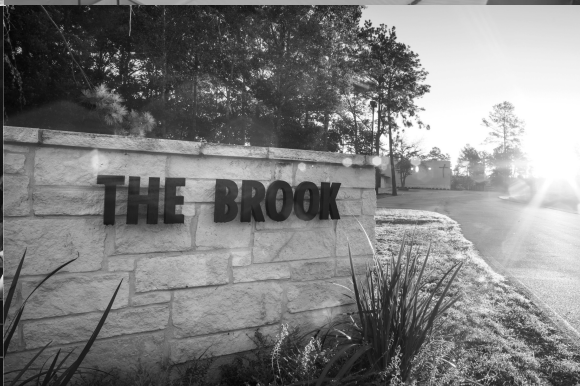


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A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

We are on the verge of a defining moment in the history of our church. From the first prayer meeting in my living room in 1995 when Jesus called me to launch The Brook, to the hundreds of baptisms since then representing people's lives changed forever, through different locations, some trials and many victories... we are an amazing story of GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

Over the last 18 months, our leadership has prayed for the Lord to move in such a way that we will realize and fulfill the amazing future that God has before us. Our prayer is that we will move past the status quo and embrace the UNHINDERED church community that God wants us to be... and that He alone will receive all the glory.

This prayer has been answered, is being answered, and through our UNHINDERED initiative, will be answered over the next two years and beyond. The Brook Church is uniting as ONE CHURCH around ONE FUND for ONE VISION.

Through this season, our staff and elders have affirmed God's calling and vision for the future. Our UNHINDERED initiative is HIS VISION. Our vision as a church hasn't changed in 25 years and it's not changing now. In fact, it is that vision that compels us to NOW intentionally take steps into our future. In the coming weeks, you will receive more details about how we can do this together. Our leadership has already been praying and sacrificing as a response to this vision. Together we will present some incredible opportunities on how we are going to Expand Our Reach, Deepen Our Connections and Depend on Christ.

This is a moment where we can look back on all the great things God has done in the past and know He has even greater things planned in the future. This is our time to realize we are... UNHINDERED!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor Mike

REAL *people*
FINDING REAL *hope*
IN THE REAL *world*

OUR VISION

Our vision, what we dream of becoming: **Real People, Finding Real Hope, in the Real World.** (Acts 2:42-47). Since 1995 this vision has driven our church to develop authentic faith among all who attend The Brook. It's more than a slogan to us — it's who we are and what we're becoming together.

Our vision means...

- ...**discovering God's presence and power** by integrating our faith into every dimension of life.

- ...**connecting in life-giving relationships** with others who grow together and care for each other in authentic Christian community.

- ...**growing as an authentic disciple of Jesus** by learning, loving and living the inspired Word of God in a way that provides hope and guidance for life in the real world.

- ...**serving with joy** in our church, in our community, and around the world.

OUR MISSION

Our mission, what we commit to do: we exist to reach people with the love of God and develop all into authentic disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)

We are an authentic community of believers called together for the purpose of introducing unbelieving people to the love of Jesus Christ, developing believers into fully devoted followers of Jesus and assisting them to find purpose and meaning in their church and world.

JAN 1995

First meetings in the living room of Pastor Mike and his wife Tammy



NOV 1995

The Brook moves to renovated retail space at Grant Rd. and 249



MAR 2009

First building opens at new campus



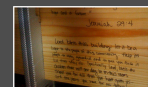
JUN 1995

Worship services begin in Yeager Elementary on Champion Forest Dr.



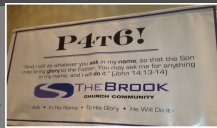
JUN 2006

Purchase four acres on Spring Cypress Road



OCT 2012

The Brook purchases additional six acres on Spring Cypress Road



APR 2018

New baptism pool on The Brook Church campus



JAN 2017

Kids Ministry building opens



OCT 2019

UNHINDERED vision launches

UNHINDERED VISION

unhindered (adjective) / un·hin·dered | \ən-ˈhin-dərd

“not restrained or held back”

syn. abandoned, unbound, unrestrained

As we step into an exciting new chapter of our story, we do so with unified vision and purpose. UNHINDERED is the title of our two-year discipleship and ministry initiative that allows us to Expand Our Reach, Deepen Our Connections and Depend on Christ.

**Our vision for the next two years is to present the gospel
UNHINDERED and move forward as a church in faith and freedom!**

EXPAND OUR REACH

Objective #1: We must EXPAND OUR REACH to fulfill the great commission and reach people who are far from God.

- By providing more adult worship space through the expansion of our current worship facility. This includes enlarging the existing lobby for more fellowship and greeting areas, increasing worship seating from 225 to 347, and giving our worship building a quality facelift.
- By creating more hospitality for guests with a larger reception area, restrooms, coffee and information center.
- By increasing our missions involvement, funding and personnel.
- By completing the back half of our Kids Ministry building to make more room for families.
- By constructing more parking, drainage and utility infrastructure.
- By further enhancing our worship, media and online live stream services.

DEEPEN OUR CONNECTIONS

Objective #2: We must DEEPEN OUR CONNECTIONS to build life-giving community so that Christian friendships develop and spiritual growth occurs.

- By providing a more functional reception display in our lobby for community group signups and information.
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- By hiring a full-time Community Pastor.
- By increasing resources for both our Connections Ministry and our Community Ministry.

DEPEND ON CHRIST

Objective #3: We must DEPEND ON CHRIST so that we may witness a unique work of God in our church and community that is beyond our own strength and power.

- By discipling our people in challenging them to pray, read and study God's Word, and join others in an UNHINDERED faith journey.
- By inspiring our people to Depend on Christ in the area of financial stewardship and develop a generous heart.
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- By providing increased weekly discipleship opportunities through midweek studies, workshops, and seminars.
- By teaching our church about bold faith in Christ through our sermon series UNHINDERED.



Enlarging the existing lobby and greeting area for more fellowship.





Expansion of current worship center; increasing seating.
Completing the back half of our Kids Ministry building.



OUR GOALS

Primary Goal: 100% Participation

We want 100% of those who call The Brook home to join God
and us on our UNHINDERED journey.

Secondary Goal: \$5.4 Million

Our total goal over the next 24 months is \$5.4 million. This represents the
resources that it will take to make UNHINDERED a reality.



THE YEARS AHEAD...

We now stand at the outset of an exciting new season in the life of The Brook Church! Our UNHINDERED generosity initiative to fund the vision will be a huge endeavor; one that relies on every person in this church family to be fully engaged, involved, and responsive.

Over the next two years, it will require \$5.4 million for The Brook to mobilize and fund this vision. This number includes current operating expenses, as well as additional dollars to fund the expanded vision God has given us.

While the Christian life extends far beyond the walls of our physical structures, we also see amazing things through the facilities God has given us. The land, buildings and rooms dedicated to ministry become “sacred spaces” as God uses us to connect people with Him, and with each other. We believe that our buildings should not only allow sufficient room for people to assemble, but should also allow room for true, unhurried community and connection. While we are very thankful for what we have, the reality is that in the last two years we have seen our space become inadequate for worship in our peak services, as well as for guest reception and fellowship in the lobby. This is causing misalignment with our vision to welcome people, reach them with the gospel and foster community. By expanding our space, we will allow our people more opportunity to grow in relationship, and will also create space for the untold hundreds of people yet to come.

WHY NOW?

Because of what is happening now, and what will happen within the next two years!

NOW we are unable to accommodate the current number of people who come to The Brook at peak services. This lack of space will only intensify in the next two years.

NOW we are crowded in our lobby... and are without adequate hospitality space for guests as well as adequate room for fellowship, sign-up, kid's check-in, communication, etc. This crowding will only increase in the next two years.

NOW is the time to reach people in our community and disciple them! We are blessed to be located in one of the fastest growing areas in Harris County with residential and economic projections for the future at all-time highs. We are poised for unbelievable opportunities to reach and minister to untold hundreds of people yet to come.

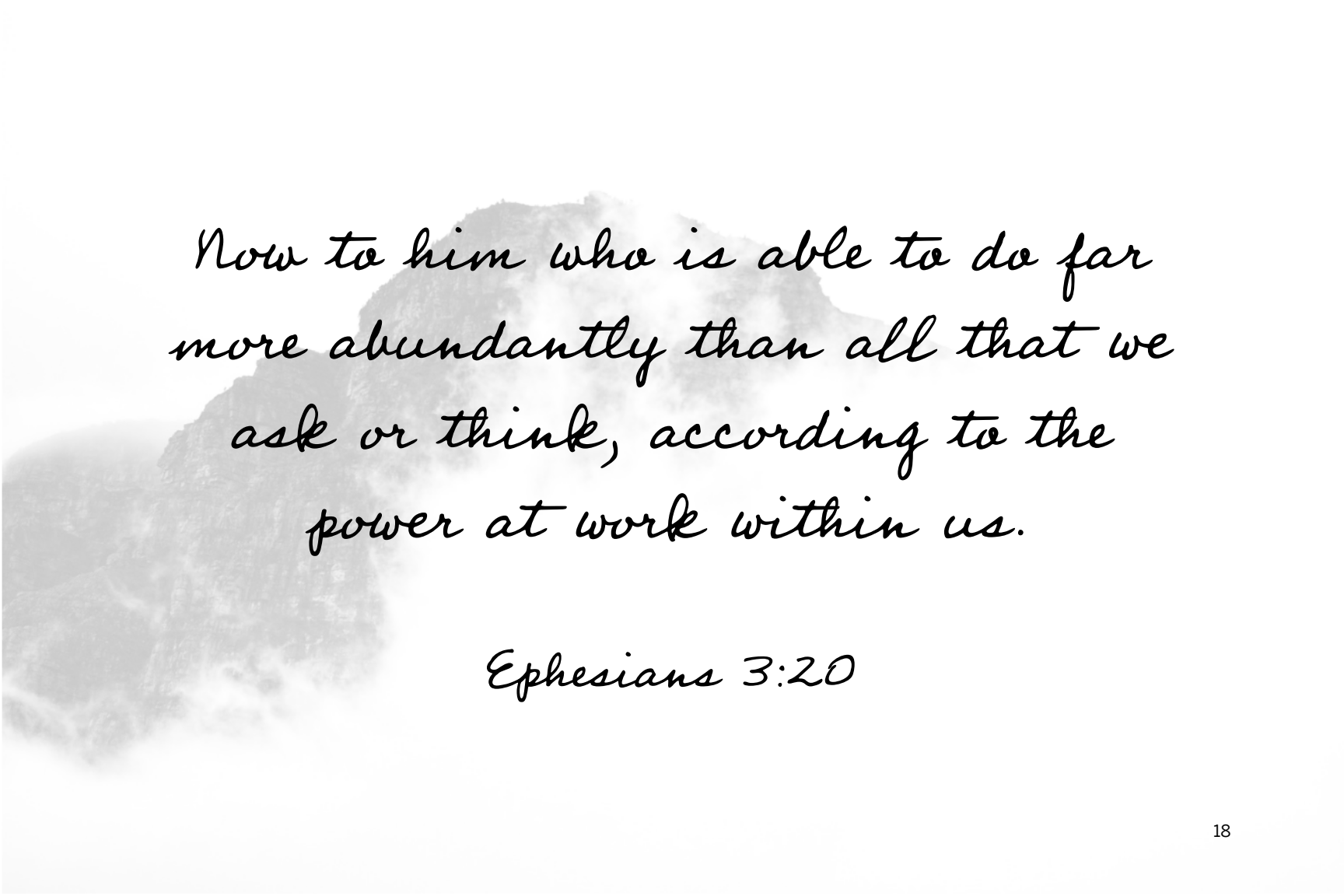
GENEROSITY

Why is generosity so important?

Think about it, there is very little we do that does not require some type of financial decision. Do we go out to eat? Do we grab a Starbucks on the way to work? Do we buy the newest and more expensive athletic shoes or the ones from the clearance rack? Do we buy a new car or a used car? If we are honest with ourselves, we would all agree that we have experienced the allure of money at some point in our lives.

For this reason, Jesus spoke often on the topic of our treasure or possessions, our attitude about them, and in the end, who really owns everything. We only need to look to the story of the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-22) to realize that the stewardship of our resources is very important.

During our UNHINDERED initiative, we will talk a lot about generosity. It is important to understand that generosity impacts much more than just our money. Generosity is a by-product of our spiritual transformation. Jesus, who we know had little in the way of possessions, was the most generous person to ever live. The stronger our relationship with Jesus grows, the more generous we become. Generosity is, without a doubt, a matter of the heart.



Now to him who is able to do far
more abundantly than all that we
ask or think, according to the
power at work within us.

Ephesians 3:20

THE JOURNEY OF A GIVER

As you begin your journey of giving, you need to identify two things: where you are and where you are going.

The Journey of a Giver is a tool designed to help us think more about our generosity journey. This journey is an intentional effort that starts with a transformation of the heart. This journey is not about us. It is about moving closer to God.

Over the next few weeks, as you look at and think about this journey, ask yourself, “Why is my generosity important to God?”

1. PIONEER GIVER

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Someone who launches out into the faith adventure of giving for the first time. They give out of a response to what God's Word says about generosity. They start to give and begin to learn the joy of leveraging resources to God's Kingdom.

2. PLANNED GIVER

Luke 14:28-35

Someone who decides to give on a regular basis with an advanced plan or system in place. They do this with a scheduled, consistent and recurring gift. They plan ahead making sure they include God in their resources. They begin to see their consistent gifts at work in the church, community and world.

3. PROPORTIONAL GIVER

1 Corinthians 16:2

Someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my car payment each month?" This giver allocates a percentage/amount of their income to the Lord and His work (such as a tithe), and reflects upon giving in proportion to other spending in their lives.

4. PRIORITY GIVER

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Someone who is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources. Giving to God and His church is their priority above all other uses of their money (purchases, debt, acquisitions, etc.). They make a conscious and intentional decision that their spending will no longer determine their giving, but rather their giving will come first and determine their spending. Their giving is systematic, proportional and sacrificial.

5. PINNACLE GIVER

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Someone who believes in leaving a legacy of generosity from their lifetime resources. They think about the long-term effects of generosity and what lasting value their giving could bring. They consider all purchases and investments (what home they buy, car they purchase, how much savings to keep, investments, etc.) in relation to their generosity capacity. A Pinnacle Giver might be someone who makes a lifetime or longer-term legacy giving commitment.

NEXT STEPS

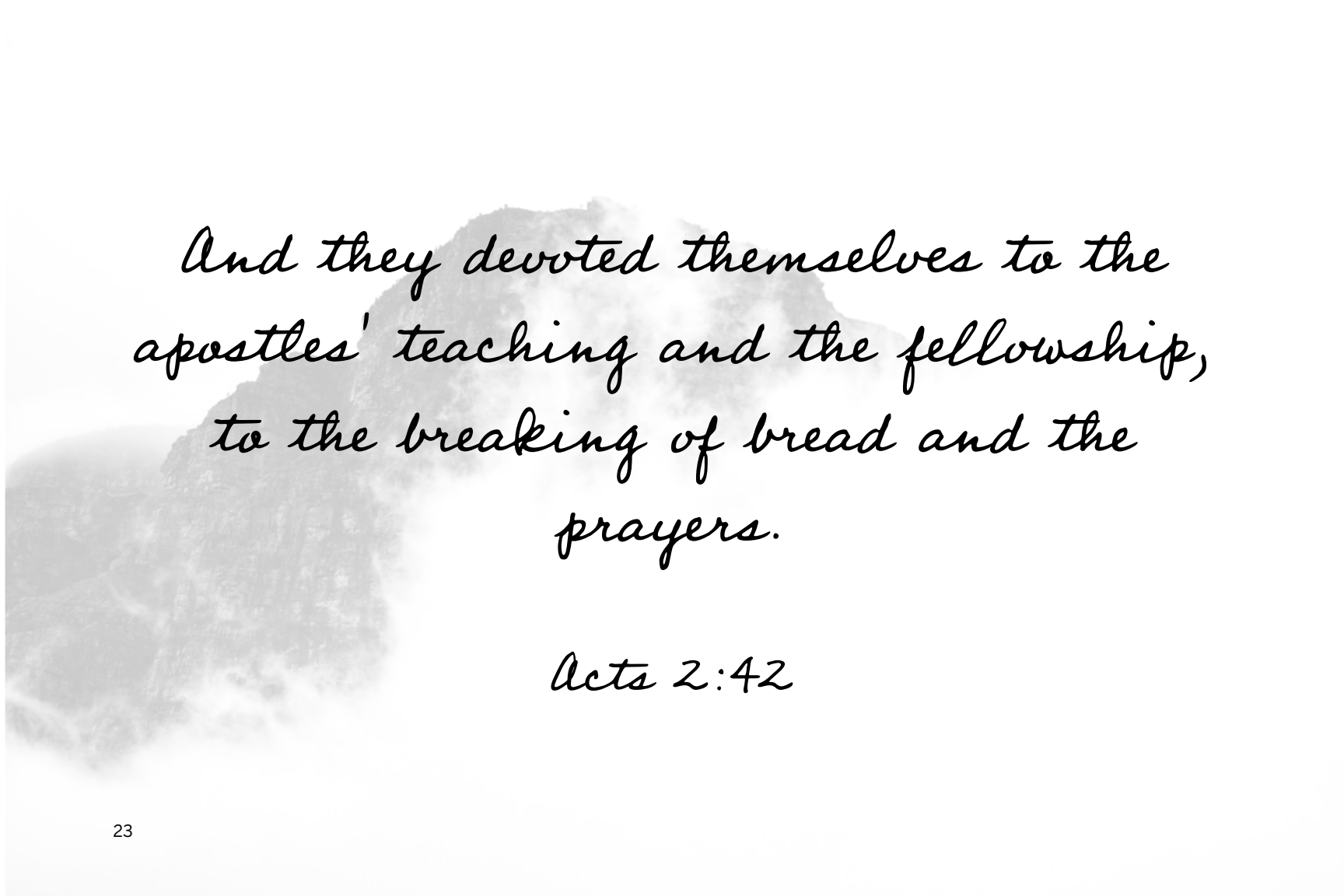
We are asking for a commitment to UNHINDERED—your participation at The Brook, your prayer life, and your generosity. In order to accomplish our God-sized vision for the future, we need everyone involved! Here's how you can help:

- 1.** Prayerfully determine how God might be calling you to develop in your spiritual life. Pray, "God, what is my BEST NEXT STEP in growth and generosity?"
- 2.** Join us for worship gatherings over the next several weeks. Wholeheartedly participate with us, utilizing the sermon notes section and prayer guide, found in the back of this booklet.
- 3.** Engage in the discussions within your Community Group over the next six weeks. To do so, keep up with your sermon notes, share with your group members, and use the group discussion prompts as your discussion guide.

TWO YEAR GIFT CHART

As you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be UNHINDERED, use this tool to think about your commitment. Ask Him to make it clear. Ask Him to help you trust Him. What commitment could you make that would help you **DEPEND ON CHRIST** in this area of living? We encourage you to pray and to expect God's provision as you follow His lead.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
1	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$150,000
2	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$5,208	\$250,000
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
4	\$85,000	\$42,500	\$3,542	\$340,000
8	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$600,000
10	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$500,000
12	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$360,000
15	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$375,000
20	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$300,000
30	\$12,500	\$6,250	\$521	\$375,000
35	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$350,000
50	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$250,000
65	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$125	\$195,000
many	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$83	\$150,000
Total Gift Goal: \$5,400,000				



And they devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the
prayers.

Acts 2:42

SERMON NOTES AND GROUP DISCUSSION

On the following pages, you will find sermon notes and group discussion guides for each week during our UNHINDERED series. Bring this booklet with you on weekends so you can take notes and reflect on all God reveals to you during this season.

SERMON NOTES

OCT 10, 13 UNHINDERED GOD

ACTS 28—The Story of Paul's Suffering and the Gospel Spreading

THE BIG IDEA: Nothing can hinder God's plans and purposes!

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

What's hindering you from joining the journey and getting in on what God is doing in the world?

GOAL: 100% participation by all those who call The Brook their church home

Objectives: Expand Our Reach, Deepen Our Connections, Depend on Christ

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 28

In the beginning of the chapter, we read about hardship. A shipwreck. The snakebite. Yet God was able to use Paul's circumstances to reach the islanders with the Gospel.

Then we read about persecution once Paul arrives in Rome. The Jews refused to believe. Some refused to even listen. And again, God used Paul despite his circumstances to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

In our own lives, we often find ourselves in difficult circumstances, facing challenges — and even hardship. God can (and does) use those experiences to spread the love of Jesus, and to draw us closer to him.

Discussion Prompts

Do you believe God causes difficult circumstances in our lives?

Describe a time when God used difficult circumstances in your life to grow you spiritually.

Has God ever used your experiences or circumstances to allow you to be an encouragement to others?

SERMON NOTES

OCT 17, 20 UNHINDERED OPPORTUNITY

“And Paul lived there two whole years at his own expense...” Acts 28:31

THE BIG IDEA: God's will, done God's way, will not lack God's resources!

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

What resources are hindering you from achieving the will of God?
Depending On Christ...

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 28:30a

Read Acts 28:30a. [30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense,
Other translations read, “in his own rented quarters or dwelling.”

Paul worked hard and earned wages as a tentmaker, and he freely gave of his time and resources to share the Gospel.

This provides a great example for us today. God gifts all of us with unique skills and abilities, and the opportunity to leverage them for financial gain as well as many other forms of affirmation or reward. As believers, we are to share the Gospel (See Matthew 28:16-20), and God has gifted us each uniquely to do so, which includes the resources with which we can carry it out.

See also Luke 6:38, Acts 20:35

Discussion Prompts

Why do you believe God have given you resources?

Do you depend on Christ more during lean times (when resources are tight), or abundant times?

Where in your life are you most generous — with your time, with your finances, with your things?

SERMON NOTES

OCT 24, 27 UNHINDERED HOSPITALITY

“... and welcomed all who came to him” Acts 28:31

THE BIG IDEA: The gospel is for all! We are here to reach all!

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

Will you make room in your heart for others?
Will you make room in your church for others?
Expanding Our Reach...

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 28:30b

Read Acts 28:30b. [30 ... and welcomed all who came to him,]

Last week we looked at how Paul was generous with his time and resources for the sake of sharing the Gospel. This week we look at the middle part of verse 30, which shows Paul's hospitable nature — which was gift given to him by God.

Paul opened his house jail to make it a house church. Welcoming ALL! The Gospel is for all.

Hospitality is woven all throughout scripture, especially in the New Testament. It is literally at the center of Jesus' ministry and the Gospel message — it is how we as a church and as individuals share the love of Christ with others. The second part of the greatest commandment says to love your neighbor as yourself, which underscores the importance of hospitality.

See also Hebrews 13:16, John 13:34-35, Matthew 22:39, Matthew 25:40

Discussion Prompts

How are you uniquely gifted? Describe some of the ways you show hospitality.

If you are willing, share a God story. Describe a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone to show love to someone else.

Take a bold step this week and invite someone to church.

SERMON NOTES

OCT 31, NOV 3 UNHINDERED COURAGE

“...with all boldness” Acts 28:31

THE BIG IDEA: Courage is a prerequisite for faith and following Christ.

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

What’s hindering you from stepping out in bold faith to trust God like never before?

Deepen Our Connections...

The Journey of a Giver...

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 28:31

Read Acts 28:31. [31 proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness...]

George Addair is quoted as saying: “Everything you’ve ever wanted is on the other side of fear.”

“Fear not” or some variation of “Do not be afraid” are commonly said to appear 365 times in the Bible.

Paul boldly shared the Gospel despite his circumstances.

Stories of amazing courage are all throughout Scripture, and God shows up in the midst of fear again and again and brings great blessing to those who step into it with boldness, but in each and every moment it took trusting, believing, and most importantly — acting. And these moments were not without great resistance and Satan’s attacks. But God is bigger, and He offers joy and freedom to those who act boldly.

See also 2 Chronicles 15:7, Joshua 1:9, Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 23:4

Discussion Prompts

Do you consider yourself a risk-taker? What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?

How have you experienced fulfillment in your spiritual life by stepping into your fear (the unknown)?

Describe how you have deepened your connections with others through an act of boldness. Have you ever missed an opportunity by playing small?

SERMON NOTES

NOV 7, 10 UNHINDERED GOSPEL

“...and without hindrance” Acts 28:31

THE BIG IDEA: Faith requires overcoming great challenges, hardships and opposition.

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

What's your BEST NEXT STEP in faith?

What would it take for you to overcome challenges to take that step?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 28:30c

Read Acts 28:30c. [31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.]

Paul was free to share the Gospel because he would not let anything stand in the way of that purpose — not hardship, conflict, weariness, or resources.

There is a pretty good chance you have heard the phrase, “Life is hard” or some variation of it. And as we have already discussed, we have all faced challenges and experienced difficult circumstances in our own lives. Paul spent a large portion of his ministry, including the time we’re looking at here, in prison or under house arrest, which would hinder even the strong in most cases. Not Paul. We can look to Paul’s example again and again to draw the inspiration we need to share the Gospel unhindered.

See also 1 Timothy 1:4, Romans 8:9-11,26,27, Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:13-14; Colossians 4:3; Philemon 1

Discussion Prompts

What are the hindrances in your life?

What can we do to remain as steadfast through difficult circumstances as Paul did?

Share a story of how you overcame an obstacle to accomplish a goal. How did this impact you, personally, afterward?
How has it impacted others close to you?

SERMON NOTES

NOV 14, 17 UNHINDERED CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47

THE BIG IDEA: We are real people, finding real hope, in the real world.

UNHINDERED APPLICATION:

Our church has a history of life-change and impact.

What will you do to be a part of our next chapter?

Commitment Weekend is coming!

Our primary goal is 100% engagement and our secondary goal is \$5.4M.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 2:42-47

The Fellowship of the Believers

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

What characterized the Acts 2 church? Unhindered devotion, prayer, generosity, unity and love.

The result? God added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is what it is all about. This is what we are all about at The Brook. This picture of the Acts 2 church is at the center of who we are as a church. "44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common." This verse speaks to the importance of our unity as a body. Your participation is vital.

Discussion Prompts

Which part Acts 2:42-47 speaks to you the most? Why?

What does our vision statement 'Real people, finding real hope, in the real world' mean to you?

Will you commit to praying bold prayers about your role in the vision for our church?

FAQ

What is “UNHINDERED”?

UNHINDERED is the title of our two-year discipleship and ministry initiative that allows us to Expand Our Reach, Deepen Our Connections and Depend on Christ. Our vision for the next two years is to present the gospel UNHINDERED (Acts 28:31) and move forward as a church in faith and freedom!

What is the plan?

The Unhindered Initiative is a two-year financial plan that enables us to fund the expansion of our vision and mission. We are asking those who attend The Brook to make a two-year financial commitment to our new “One Fund” (see explanation further below).

What are the objectives?

Our objectives flow from the clear mission of Jesus for His church to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). Over the next two years, we want to pursue this mission with UNHINDERED passion and purpose! If we are able to reach our financial goals, One Fund will help us achieve The Great Commission through the following objectives:

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What are the resources needed?

Our 2019-2020 budget (began Aug. 1) is \$1,491,000. Our faith budget for the 2020-2021 year is \$1,775,000. The total ministry budget then for two years is \$3.3M. The funds needed for capital expansion (parking, lobby, worship space, children's building, etc.) over two years is \$2.1M. Therefore, our total One Fund (UNHINDERED) target in order to achieve the objectives above is \$5.4M.

This means we have two goals in UNHINDERED:

Primary Goal – 100% engagement! We want 100% of those who call The Brook home to join God, and us, on the UNHINDERED Journey.

Secondary Goal – \$5.4 million – this represents the resources that it will take to make the UNHINDERED vision a reality over the next two years.

Why is this important now?

- Because NOW is the time to disciple and grow our people spiritually.
- Because NOW is the time to reach more people with the gospel and expand our vision to do so.
- Because our peak services are overcrowded and exceed comfortable standards. At times, the space is inadequate now, but it will certainly be insufficient within the next two years.
- Because our lobby is particularly small and inadequate for fellowship and greeting visitors.
- Because the parking lot is full during peak services and special services.

What is the “One Fund Giving Initiative” and why are we changing to One Fund Giving?

ONE Fund is a stewardship model that more effectively unites The Brook Church to accomplish who Jesus has called us to be today and into the future. It is first and foremost about reaching and making disciples. There are several reasons for this change. First, this approach reminds us that we are ONE movement with ONE vision. With a God-sized goal of \$5.4 million, every dollar given will count as a part of our ONE vision. Second, when we give to different funds, we place greater value on some giving and less value on other giving. So, when we separate “missions giving” from “supporting the church,” it is easy to forget that support for the local church IS support for the mission that God has for us. Remember, we are all On Mission! Third, this approach allows us to pay for capital expenditures, both now and in the future, through our One Fund. One Fund giving enables us to see that everything we do is missional.

How do I give?

In October you will receive a Commitment Card and be asked to help us plan financially by filling out the card with the amount you intend to give over the next two-year period (includes regular budget giving and UNHINDERED). You may give weekly, monthly, annually, a lump sum, or a combination of the above. Most people prefer a system of regular giving. You should make your decision based upon God’s leading and seek to have faith and trust in God through this process.

I'm not comfortable with all this talk about money.

We understand. Money, land, buildings, etc. are not the most important things in a church. That's why UNHINDERED is not about them! It's about ministry and discipleship. A time like this is used by God to grow us closer to one another, grow us deeper in faith, and help the church be effective in its mission. We treat money matters differently at The Brook. We paint a compelling picture of the bright future God has in store for us as His church, the great opportunity before us, and the deep joy of giving... and then ask people to pray and be led by God. We promise- no guilt-trips and no "invoices" in the mail. Remember, this is not only about what God wants to do THROUGH us; but also, what He wants to do IN us!

I want to participate, what should I do?

Begin to pray right now and ask the Lord to reveal to you how to respond. If married and with kids, pray with your spouse and children about this. Talk to them about the blessing this will be to the church and to your family. Then, fill out your commitment card and hand it in on Commitment Day at The Brook.

How will I know how much to give?

The Bible says, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God, which He has given you." Deut. 16:17 (NKJV). Pray daily and allow God to open your heart and direct you. The amount is not as important as your growing faith and trust in the Lord through giving.

I still have questions, what do I do?

Contact our church office at 281-376-0275, send us an email at info@thebrook.net, or speak to an elder. We will be happy to help.

