

In the upcoming months we are praying that God's presence will cover our congregation's times of connection and worship in an unmistakable way. My goal is simply that we will:

Pray. Listen. Respond.

When you respond to God, you take something you have and give it back to God to be used for his purposes. While you might imagine what God will do, God often does FAR MORE with our obedience and resources than we ever dreamed possible. Consider what Jesus did with five loaves and two fish!

In these next two years we are looking to respond to God and ask him, who is able to do FAR MORE in and through our church, to do more than we could ask or think, so that he would get the glory in the church throughout all generations of our church.

Because we believe he is able to do FAR MORE, we don't want to fail to boldly dream of what God might do through us in the next 2, 10, and 50 years. If we are honest, failing to dream boldly could be a temptation for a great church like First Nazarene. It might be easy for us to slip into safety and comfort. I say this because we have no debt, our finances are steady, and we are seeing growth both spiritually and numerically. While I am the first to give God the credit for what he is doing through our church in recent years, I wonder if he is desiring us to imagine more.

What is God imagining for our future? Could it be FAR MORE than what we have imagined for his church? I believe if we pray, listen, and respond together, we will see God do FAR MORE than we could ever ask or think.

-Pastor Galen Ryman

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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Far More Vision KEY DATES

Nov 10 Vision Night -

All ministry team members

Feb 9 Vision Series (5 Sundays)

Feb/Mar Life Group Vision Focus

Feb 23 Advance Commitment Night

Mar 9 Commitment Sunday

Apr 6 Celebration Sunday



Two Year Giving Goals (2025-26)

- Operations \$4M (see chart below for details)
- Remodel Project \$4M

Far More Vision Remodel - Initial design to \$5.5M project. Board allocating \$1.5M towards project, coupled with goal of \$4M in increased giving, with goal of completing the project with no debt. (see project priorities)

Guiding Priorities for Remodel

- 1. What has not changed since 1974?
 - Children's Ministry areas
 - Weekend ministry focus
 - Preschool & community connections
 - Elevator access to Loft & surrounding rooms
- 2. Multi-use gathering space/classroom close to Lobby for groups and connecting
- 3. Exterior update/impact appearance from Bell Road (has not changed since 1974)

Operations
Budget

Leadership/Support Staff 25%

Adult/Community 9%

Facility 12%

Operations 13%

Family 13%

FIRST NAZARENE CHURCH

2025-26

Worship 14%