

Special Announcement to all CCH members

Hi people,

If you're receiving this letter, it means that you weren't able to be with us last Sunday, 7th May. This month is going to be so strategic for us as a church, and I really don't want you to miss out on what's happening.

On Sunday, I highlighted where the Lord is leading us, particularly over the next three years. Jesus has an exciting vision before us that he wants us to step into. As part of that, I introduced our new "Foundations" project. It was SUCH a brilliant time together, in both our morning and evening services. There's so much that God has been doing in and through us over the last three years – it's exciting to see where he's taking us as a church.

As part of both our Sunday services, I handed out the first of our Foundations Newsletters. I've included it in this letter for you, so you can keep abreast of what's going on. There have been so many enthusiastic, faith-filled responses already, that I'd urge you as strongly as I can to pick up a copy of Sunday morning's message next week when you're at church. I've organised with our Tape Department for plenty of copies to be available, so don't miss out.

We're leading up to a spectacular finale on May 28. It'll truly be a service not to miss, and one that will stand in people's memories for years to come!

What a great church to be a part of!! I absolutely love working together with all of you, and I'm eagerly looking forward to see what the Lord is going to do through us in the years ahead.

See you next Sunday,

Ian Miller
Senior Pastor

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Hi people,

No doubt you're already aware that we're in the middle of a strategic month at CCH. Throughout the month, we're looking at our vision for the future, and what it is that Jesus is asking of us as we collectively reach out to partner with him to fulfil his dream for our district.

Because our Sunday services over this month are so crucial to our corporate purpose and direction, I'm not wanting anyone to miss out on being in the loop. On Sunday, we handed out to everyone our second Foundations Newsletter. I don't want you to miss out so I've taken the liberty to ensure that you've got a copy. That way you can keep up to date with what the Lord's doing through us at this time.

Both services on Sunday were powerful. It's truly an exciting time to be a part of CCH. Please let me encourage you to get a copy of Sunday's messages. You'll be able to get copies at the tape counter after the morning service on any Sunday.

We're building up for a great crescendo on Sunday, May 28. The momentum's already building. It'll be an event not to miss, and one that will most definitely be another historic occasion for CCH as we reach out beyond ourselves and put ourselves in position for Jesus to outwork his plan through us with great power.

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Hi people,

I'm so sorry you missed last Sunday. It was one of our best yet (if you can have such a thing!)! Get the tapes – I'm sure you'll want to hear them. A couple of significant things happened that I'd like to make sure you don't miss out on.

Tony Morgan gave a testimony on behalf of the Elders. The Foundations project we're looking at right now is a chance for all of us to make a new commitment towards God's vision for our church. He said in his own gracious way, that the slate is wiped clean in relation to the previous "Foundations for the Future" project. We don't want anyone to feel any obligation if they were unable to realise that previous commitment. Whatever people have given, has set us up for this present moment. He went on to say that the senior leaders of the church wanted to lead by example as we approach our climax week next Sunday. (In preparation for this, I asked the Elders – John Allison, Dave Dennis, Sarah Merrick, Tony Morgan, Peter Noulton, Rob Reeve, and myself – to let Shane Merrick, our Foundations Director, know what our individual 3 year pledges would be.) Tony asked Shane to let us know what the collective commitments from that team is, and he reported... \$117,220. How awesome is that! We're going to absolutely NAIL our goal of \$240,000!! That is SO exciting, because it means that God is gearing us up as a church to boldly take our next steps forward as we work towards outworking Jesus' dream for our district.

We also heard from Shane Merrick on the practical side of making our commitments this coming Sunday. Enclosed with Newsletter No 3 is our Commitment Card. We think the card is pretty self-explanatory. There's space for you to write down what cash offering you are bringing on Sunday, along with space to detail any ongoing gifts you are hoping to make, with room for a grand total that will represent your 3 year pledge. How awesome is this going to be...

Shane said that many people have appreciated having someone administering their regular Foundations gifts. They might easily lose track of where they are up to in their giving, and so find it helpful to be able to ask Shane for periodic updates. To help him do this, and also to maintain your anonymity, Shane assigns each of us a Foundations Number. (If you were a part of the previous Foundations for the Future project, your number will remain the same. If you weren't, he will assign a new number to you and tell you what it is.) Shane is the only person aware of who belongs to which number, as we believe the commitments and giving are between the giver and God. That way, week by week as you make ongoing contributions, the people involved in counting, reporting, and banking the offerings, are able to pass on to Shane how much

came in from your respective number. Shane then records this off his Master file.

We also introduced our new Giving Envelope which you missed receiving on Sunday and so I've taken the liberty to include one with this letter. There will be plenty available week by week at the back of the church for those who wish to use them. On the Envelope is space to identify where you want your week by week offerings to go. Either to the Foundations Building Fund (there's space there to insert your Foundations ID Number); or to General Tithes; or to Missions. (The Missions space is a new one for us. We commit 20% of our Operating Budget to Missions, but we've realised that we aren't giving individuals the opportunity to give directly towards missions.)

Next Sunday we've got a great day planned. After the service there'll be a free BBQ with organised 6 a side soccer games. We've got other elements planned for the service itself, but I won't give too much away! You won't want to miss it, it'll be a day to remember! Come along with your Foundations Commitment Card filled out. There'll be special time given to taking these up, along with your special upfront cash offering. I know people who are doing all sorts of things to increase their upfront cash offering, some of them working towards making a cash offering in the thousands! Pastor Sarah will be leading the meeting, and she'll make sure we all know what's happening. (We'll take up our regular tithes and offerings separate to the Foundations offering, which we're going to make a bit of a song and dance about.)

I honestly can't wait for next Sunday. This is truly an exciting church to be a part of, and I am constantly thankful to Jesus for the opportunity to be the Senior Leader! What an awesome team. So, see you next Sunday,

Ian Miller
Senior Pastor