



I'm in.



Dear AFA Family,

I HOPE you are ready. The next season for God's vision at AFA is upon us. Can you feel it? We've got a pretty spectacular story, and we're just getting started!

What our church family does in 2022 may outlast everything we've ever been a part of. We are people that bring HOPE. Our priority in 2022 is to reach the next generation with the HOPE of Jesus. From local ministry to worldwide mission, we are going to make a tremendous Kingdom impact for the next generation.

We will worship God together and make our commitments for the next year. Read through all the projects in this booklet. And then, do three things:

1. **Talk to God:** It's a big decision and prayer is critical. Talk with God like you would a friend. Ask Him how HE wants to help give HOPE through you.
2. **Stretch:** Leave room for God. Trust Him to provide what He impresses on your heart to give. If the amount is greater than what you can currently see, then trust He will provide. He loves doing miracles.
3. **Give Sacrificially:** The Bible never says we should give under guilt or even equally-- what it does say is that we each sacrifice equally. For one person, \$100 a month is a HUGE sacrifice, while someone else might give \$1000 a week. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

Our HOPE FUND is an annual way that God will work through us to cast vision and HOPE in big and exciting ways. Thank you for talking to God, stretching your imagination, and for giving sacrificially.

Your fellow image bearer,

Pastor Nate

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NEXT-GEN MINISTRY

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I have been to camp twice. Both times it was the best week of my life. So many fun activities, so many fun people. Overall just an amazing experience! I loved the feeling of God's presence, it was like no other time. When I went for my first time to camp I received the gift of the Holy Spirit. That moment was great! Every time I go to camp I feel like I am changed for the better!

-Eva Claire Helms



We were at kids camp and I felt God talk to me and I have had a stronger relationship with God ever since.

-Trinity Carriker



I felt called into the ministry at age 15 or 16. I felt so grateful for my salvation and loved Jesus so much that I could help and dedicate my life to Serve Him in any way He might use me.

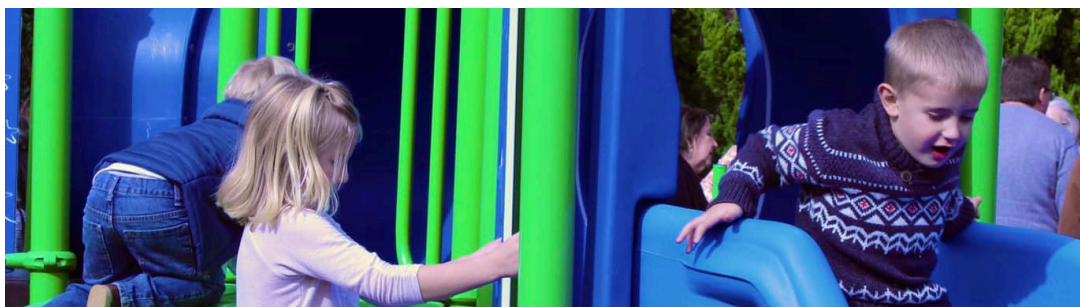
I began by volunteering in the kids' ministry wherever I was needed. I served as the Sunday school director, Bell Choir Director, and Wednesday night preschool teacher. I was asked to be a Junior Bible Quiz coach and then later the VBS Director. In January of 2012 I began to serve as the Kid's Pastor. And it has been incredible!

What I love about being AFA Kid's Pastor is how children genuinely love God and trust He will take care of them like He promised in His Word. During the COVID pandemic, our kids have grown immensely in this trust as well as in learning how to pray for their family's health.

At AFA kids, we try our best to teach our kids the truth found in God's Word, to lead them to salvation, to teach them how to pray and worship, and to teach them how to hear the Holy Spirit. We believe our children can hear from the Lord and reach their world for Jesus.

Finally, I would encourage you all to keep as close to God as you can and to practice daily Bible devotions with your kids.

Pastor Lilly



PARTNER CHURCHES

God has richly blessed AFA over the years, and we are a church that sends out ministers and empowers other churches. We are blessed to come alongside to partner with Pastor Stacy Sanders at Sandhills Church (Southern Pines) and Pastor Angela and Brandon Pierce at Restoration City Church, a new church plant in Kannapolis.

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God is on the move at Sandhills! We have heard several testimonies from our folks of how God is working miracles in their families. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we had “testimony service” and a lady stood to testify that God had reconnected her with her son who has been estranged for several years. Recently, another lady messaged me to say that her daughter has not spoken to her in over 11 years. Then God spoke to her through worship and let her know that He was working...her daughter called her that very week. There are a lot of other stories of how God

is moving among the people of Sandhills Church. We thank you, our Albemarle First Assembly family, for partnering with us. This coming year, we will open more ministries within the church (Wednesday Night Bible Study, men’s and women’s ministries). We hope to complete some major refreshing of the property and create ways to invite the surrounding community to use our facilities all with the hope of making valuable connections and ministry opportunities with those around us. We’re believing God for great days ahead at Sandhills Church and we are grateful for the love and support from AFA. Your faithful support in prayers, encouragement and resources are making a difference in the Southern Pines area. I’m so glad we get to do this together!

Pastor Stacy Sanders
Sandhills Church



Restoration City Church is a new life giving church plant in the heart of downtown Kannapolis. We are all about seeing people's lives restored back to what God intended. We believe there is hope for every situation. We strive to live real, authentic lives with one another; sharing our hopes, dreams, struggles, and burdens. Our focus is people, loving them unconditionally, providing for needs, and sharing the hope and love of Jesus.

Pastor Angela and Brandon Pierce
Restoration City Church



Kannapolis
Outreach



Sandhills Church



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MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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Pastor Beau Linker has been the Area Director of the Stanly & Montgomery County Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes since September of 2020. Under his leadership the ministry has grown by leaps and bounds. There are student huddles in almost every middle and high school in Stanly County. On Thursday nights over 175 students in the County attend SK8 City for fellowship and prayer.

This is a large, diverse gathering of students. The best part of the ministry is that we are reaching the unchurched with the gospel and may be the only opportunity that some of these kids have to hear

about the love of Christ. Our growth is currently outpacing our funding! Over the last year dozens of young people have given their lives to Christ because of the faithful ministry of FCA.

Pastor Beau Linker





In March of 2003, I did my first medical mission trip to India. On the last day I had the privilege of meeting Koshy Baby and his wife Joicy. They talked about their faith and how they act that out personally and in ministry. He told me his God was a God who said the just would live by faith.

At that time Koshy and Joicy had a small school of about 350 children. His dream, however, would be to give each one of these kids something to eat every day. Many of the kids may only eat once every 2-3 days. While at school, kids would regularly faint or have seizures.

When I heard this, I knew I had to do something. The Bible says in 1 John 3:17 that whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother in need and shuts up his heart from him, how can the love of God be in him? That same year Koshy was able to come to our small country church and, while he was speaking, the Holy Spirit started moving on our hearts. Spontaneously people began coming to the church, dropping off financial gifts trying to help. In that one day, because of the move of God on our hearts, we were able to feed the children at that school for an entire year.

Aaron's Hands ministries began from that moment. Scripture tells us in Exodus 17 that as long as Aaron held the hands of Moses up the Israelites would win the battle. It is my job to hold up the hands of Koshy and what he is doing in India with prayer, finances, mission visits, and holding clinics to support the local pastors in their communities. Koshy and Joicy are operating over eleven schools now with over five thousand children! More than two hundred churches have been planted in the last decade out of Koshy's church. The children we first worked with are now computer engineers, teachers, and pastors.

Dr. Ken Shank

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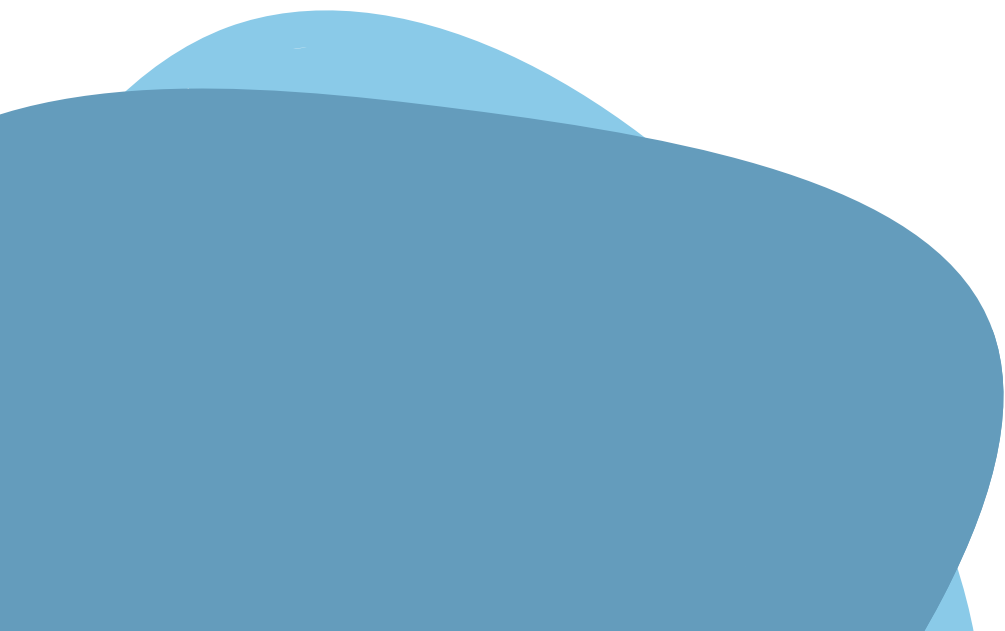
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TOTAL:
\$100,000



HOW WILL WE DO IT?

LEAD GIFTS

- 2 gifts of \$10,000 (\$20,000)

LEADERSHIP LEVEL

- 20 gifts of \$2,000 (\$40,000)

CHURCH COMMITMENTS

- \$40,000 in new commitments

TOTAL: \$100,000

2022
HOPE
FUND



MY PLEDGE: (CIRCLE PLEDGE)

\$10,000 \$5,000 \$500 \$50

\$7,500 \$1000 \$100 other: \$_____ (CIRCLE ONE) Monthly / One Time

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