

January 18, 2011

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the NEW NORMAL PROJECT

Greetings Friends!

I'm following up on the letter I sent last week regarding [The New Normal Project](#). Over the past 12 months we've been dreaming together as a church about what could be and should be different, how we would be different, if there were no lids on the love of Christ in our homes, neighborhoods and community. And now, the results are in. The picture is clear.

Sheila and I are looking forward to spending time with you at one of our gatherings:

- Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Monday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

I promise this evening will be one for the books and you won't regret this night away from home. Childcare will be provided.

Don't forget to RSVP at GCCwired.com/newnormal or to Julie Smies at 574.243.2014 by THIS Friday, January 21 so we're prepared.

In His Grip,



Mark Beeson

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January 27, 2011

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Greetings Friends!

More than 500 people showed up last night for our first of two gatherings of the core leaders of the church. It was electric in the room!

Check out a couple comments made on Twitter during the event...

"My heart beats faster just listening to mark beeson talk about the next 5 years!"

"The #newnormal vision @gccwired is massive and exciting. Did I say massive and exciting??? Up there down here like never before. Here we go!"

There is still another opportunity to get a sneak peek at the vision on Monday, January 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sheila and I are excited to share with you the picture that has been painted about what could be and should be different, how we would be different, if there were no lids on the love of Christ in our homes, neighborhoods and community.

If you haven't yet, **don't forget to RSVP at GCCwired.com/newnormal or to Julie Smies at 574.243.2014** by THIS Friday, January 28 so we're prepared. Childcare will be provided.

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March 8, 2011

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Greetings Friends!

Last week you received an invitation to a dessert with Mark Beeson to hear fresh stories and details about The New Normal Project that won't be covered in a weekend service. This message is just a friendly neighborhood email with a refresher about the specifics.

There are two dates to choose from, pick the one that works best for your schedule.

Sunday, March 13 or Tuesday, March 15
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Childcare provided.

We thought you'd want to know, talented dessert artisans are frantically preparing for a crowd. In three days, the people count and the sweets count will be final.

If you haven't already, **be sure to RSVP by Friday, March 11** at GCCwired.com/notyournormaldessert or to Julie Smies at 574.243.2014.

We'll make sure your plate is set.

Free childcare and free dessert. No brainer.

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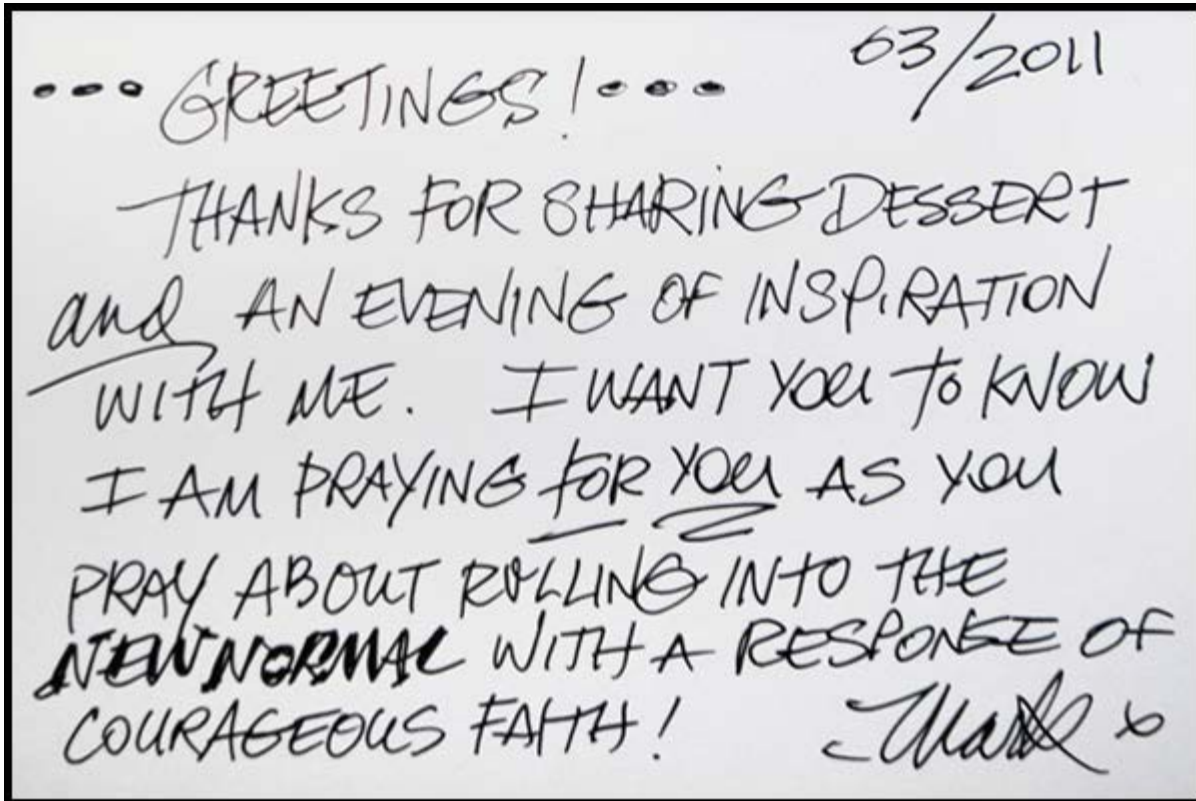
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March 14 & 16, 2011

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THANK YOU



Pray about your [commitment](#) and make your pledge official by March 20.
Your example will lead and inspire others.

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March 23-25, 2011



Praying In GCC's New Regional Chapel

Dear Leaders,

Author Dallas Willard said, "The most spiritually dangerous things in me are the habits of thought, feeling and action I regard as *'normal.'*" As I write this, **over 100 of you** have boldly demonstrated abnormal faith, vision and generosity with your faithful *advance* lead in funding The New Normal Project. (By the time you receive this, there may be more. [See for yourself.](#)) When we have vigilant thoughts about the principles guiding our families, church and community you can be sure those principles guide our *actions*. And, friends, you are vigilant. I am **thankful** for you. I am **proud** of you. And, I just wanted to let you know that. Personally. **From me to you.**

Remembering truth reproduces faithfulness in those who follow our lead. And, this weekend, **the rest of the church will be following your lead** by making their pledge to The New Normal Project. Even though you and I have pledged in advance, we'll have the opportunity to participate in the corporate worship expression with everyone else. Just fill out another card and write "duplicate" so we know it represents a pledge already turned in. Continuing praying with me as we approach this weekend. I'm looking forward to **celebrating this sacred step** in the life of our church with you.

In His Grip,



Mark Beeson

[Isaiah 64:5](#) - *YOU come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember YOUR ways.*

April 15, 2011


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Your pledge to The New Normal Project is a catalyst for life transformation.

- **Because of you, someone might find deeper meaning in a quiet moment.**
On behalf of the individuals, couples and families that will experience God's presence in these spaces, thank you.
- **Because of you, children will find their value in God.**
On behalf of those children's future friends and neighbors, thank you.
- **Because of you, the world will be our church.**
On behalf of the thousands of future GCC members in California, New Zealand and Africa, thank you.

And, now it's time to launch this thing with gusto. The more we invest up front, the further and faster we can go. Keep praying and preparing for your first offering this weekend (April 16 & 17). We're coming together as one church and it's amazing what we can accomplish when we don't hold back.

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Now that you've pledged, the hardest part is over. Don't forget to set up your [automated giving](#).

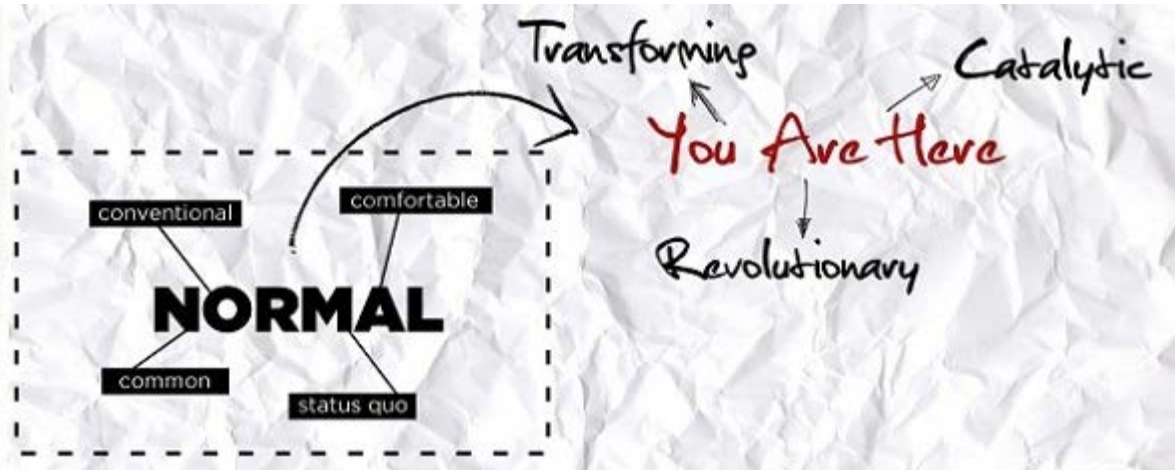


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April 22, 2011

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Vision always stands in contrast to the world as it is, and you are [part of a movement of people](#) funding a new normal. **Thank you again for your pledge to the New Normal Project.** (Yes, again. We can't say it enough.)

Don't stop now. Each person who is able to schedule consistent and regular giving creates a win/win scenario for every stakeholder in the movement. There's no break in the progress, no challenge to the goal. The world is your oyster. [Set up your automated giving schedule to keep the project momentum going strong.](#)

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 [Set up giving schedule](#)

Your gift is helping build environments, bring expansion and boost education—expressing God's love in new ways to the people that need him the most. It's amazing what we can accomplish when we don't hold back.

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May 25, 2011

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A movement started with your pledge. Whether it was \$10 or a million, you started a process to transform our community with The New Normal Project. **We kicked it off** with our first offerings on Easter weekend—how appropriate. And now **it's actually happening**. As of this past weekend, you've given \$1,633,700 (an astonishing 41% of the total amount pledged)!

Friends, your amazing faith and generosity is not normal. And it's because of you, we are going to **break ground on The Commons *this* summer (2011)** and **open our world-class child development center *next* summer (2012)**.

We are on our way. That's worth celebrating. Thank you.



You're busy. Too much to do and so many things to remember. Check one thing off your list with [automated giving](#).



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July 1, 2011

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10 Things Worth Celebrating By The Numbers Part One

Proof the people of Granger Community Church are rallying around The New Normal Project.

10. We've already received over \$38,000 in non-cash donations, such as stocks.

9. Over 1/4 of you have set up [giving schedules](#) online and 597 out of 686 households have already made contributions against their pledge. That's 93%. You're serious about this!

8. We're not just pledging and giving to the movement—we're sharing our story with others. [Hundreds of us.](#)

7. Even without the \$1 million pledge and gift, we gave 19% of our pledged amount in the initial offering.

6. We gave \$1,570,538 in our first offering. That nearly doubles any previous single offering. What!?

Look forward to the rest of the top 10 next week!

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*Surveying the site of
the commons*



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10 Things Worth Celebrating By The Numbers

Part Two ([Missed Part One?](#))

Proof the people of Granger Community Church are rallying around The New Normal Project.

5. In the first quarter of this year alone, more than 3,400 unique visitors have visited TheNewNormalProject.com more than 19,000 times. By far, the most visited page (26% of the total page views) was the "[How Are We Doing](#)" page. With more visits here than the home page, it's clear people are vested in the ongoing journey, watching progress unfold in real time.

4. Kids and students have already given over \$5,772 on their own to help build a new playground and purchase new toilets. That's inspiring (and funny).

3. All together we've pledged nearly \$4 million in an economy that's still down. That's faith in action—believing in the unseen.

2. One family was moved to pledge \$1 million and fulfilled that pledge immediately! That far exceeds any previous pledge or single cash gift ever given to GCC. That's miracle work—in hearts and finances.

1. Even after excluding the top three donations, the average household pledge was \$3,100 (about \$30/week). That's huge commitment!



[@timastevens](#): "Construction on the Commons likely begins in less than 60 days—the brains are meeting!"



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We just want to thank you for being a part of The New Normal Project and thought you would like a sneak peek at the update we will be giving the church this weekend. Click the preview graphic below for the full update.

ROUTE MILESTONES

Generous pledges and gifts to date have kicked off visual momentum we haven't seen since 2005 and we're just getting started!



Environments: Construction starts on The Commons in less than 60 days—we're finalizing ground-breaking dates now. And while we haven't reached our pledge goal to break ground on the chapel yet, we did meet the goal to finalize all of the blueprints and plans. We're ready to pull the trigger on the rest as soon as funding is available.



Education: We've hired a director for our early learning center! Chris Whitmire has been part of Granger Community Church for nearly 15 years, has a master's degree in education and over 20 years experience as an early childhood consultant to more than 650 families and 800 preschoolers. With registrations opening in Spring 2012 and the school opening in Fall 2012, she is going to be very busy. But, it's obvious there is no one more qualified in mission, education, experience and passion to run point developing and leading this part of the project.



Expansion: We've just released a new mobile site that makes our video clips and full length services available 24/7 on the go and have begun curriculum plans to lay the groundwork for missional communities and essential churches. All of these things will help us offer hope, encouragement and faith resources to anyone, anytime, to those who may never step on our campus or come to a weekend service.



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"We engage in community transformation.' This belief is what drives my work as an educational leader. It is what I envision for the early childhood programs at Granger Community Church. This project will go far beyond crayons and swings to a long-term commitment to developing minds and hearts for the work of Jesus Christ in the community... The responsibility is both terrifying and wonderful all rolled into one, given the high stakes for children and the big payoff in community development for Christ." --Chris Whitmire, Director of Early Childhood Learning & Development

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*Chris Whitmire
Director of Early Childhood
Learning and Development*

If you're a parent of a preschooler, or are planning to be someday, we want to plan for the future with you. [Weigh in](#) with your thoughts and opinions.

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August 16, 2011

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The weekend of August 27-28, we will celebrate with hundreds of people as they go public with their faith and [get baptized on the lawn of the Granger Campus](#). That very same weekend, on the same holy ground, we'll celebrate another significant milestone in the life of our church. You heard that right. We reached our [giving goal](#) to **start construction on The Commons, where we'll express God's love in new ways to hundreds more.**

Way to go church! Do you think we should come together for a quick celebration to capture this moment in history? Yeah? Us, too!

What: Break Ground on The Commons

When: Sunday, August 28 at 6 p.m. (It will be a short celebration. We'll be in and out in an hour or less.)

How: Bring your own shovel and a smile. We're capturing the moment—every face, every shovel, every footprint—with a special 360 degree photo of everyone who's there 'moving the dirt'. (Yeah, technology's cool like that.)

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[Zoom! Find yourself and your friends who were at the groundbreaking on 8/28.](#)

We did it! We reached our [giving goal](#) and broke ground for the 12,200 square foot Commons addition on August 28, 2011. We're finishing up the paperwork and will **begin construction sometime in October**. Yeah. *Bummer news*: there's always paperwork. *Better news*: here's a list of what we all can look forward to in the new space to keep us celebrating. *Best news*: October will be here before you know it. **Your continued faithfulness is making this all possible!**

Community— This new expansion allows us to seat four times as many people as our current atrium with a mixture of soft seating, café tables, and outdoor patio seating. This communicates it's okay to hang around, meet a friend, and sit down for a discussion.

Bookstore— The new bookstore will provide approximately three times as much space as our current bookstore to display products. It will be much more accessible, going from being open a few hours on a weekend to regular weekday hours and visible from the street.

Connection Café— The current café will be expanded into the new Commons, offering an expanded menu for three meals a day, seven days a week.

Bathrooms— There will be more. For men and women. And as you know, we always build great restrooms.

Chapel Access— When we reach our giving goal to begin construction on the Chapel in a few years, the new Commons space will serve as the connection between the existing building and the Chapel.

Renovation— We'll bring the floors, walls and ceilings in the existing Atrium together with the new Commons aesthetically. The existing corridors won't be neglected because they'll get a makeover as well.

Internet— With the expansion of the new Commons, the upgrade we've installed for internet

speed parallels the upgrade from scooter to Ferrari. Looking for the geek speak specifics? Prior speed: 10Mbps up/down with bursts to 100Mbps down. Upgrade: 100Mbps up/down with bursts to 1Gbps! Bonus tip: take advantage of the free public WiFi anytime.

This movement isn't slowing down. Stay faithful. We're getting there!

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