



NEXT STEP

2018–2020

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly
trained will be like his teacher — Jesus

Solano Valley Church
Next Step Campaign 2018



a letter from Pastor Gary



I have had the privilege and joy of pastoring Solano Valley Church from being a small group Bible study of a dozen people meeting in our home to the church we have become today. In the past two-years we have helped launch four new churches by giving away two full Sunday offerings of over \$20,000, and this summer we mobilized dozens of people in our church to love and serve the people of our community through Week of Hope. Also, in our Celebration of Hope BBQ and concert, we shared the gospel with 190 people. Solano Valley Church is a disciple-making church that is planting disciple-making churches.

Our community is strategically located between San Francisco and Sacramento. It is the home of Travis Air Force Base and is the seat of the Solano County government. It is part of the most ethnically diverse metropolitan area in the nation. For many people, it is a bedroom community where they sleep at night while commuting to another community for work by day. And it is one of the most unchurched communities in the entire nation. It is filled with tens of thousands of people who need the hope we have in Christ.

The people of our community struggle with many things including: busy lives and over-extended schedules, financial pressures, strained relationships, inner turmoil, emptiness, loneliness, shattered marriages, fractured families, broken hearts, and many people have little or no connection with God.

This community needs our church more than ever. It needs us to be healthy. It needs us to be faithful in loving them, serving them, praying for them, and reaching out to them. Our community needs us to be Next Step followers of Jesus – people who are eager to take the next step in following Jesus and living His mission in our community.

Our Next Step Campaign has a financial component that will help us take an important step in being able to purchase a future home for our church. But Next Step is about so much more than raising money to purchase a future home for our church.

It is about each of us individually and all of us collectively being eager to take the next step in following Jesus and living His mission in our community.

When each of us individually and all of us collectively are willing to pray, “God, how do you want us to invest our lives in building your kingdom?”, then we are truly willing to take the steps necessary in becoming more like Jesus.

Jesus said, “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.” (Luke 6:40) This is what our Next Step Campaign is all about. It’s about us becoming more like Jesus in how we love, live, serve, and give for the honor and glory of God.



Senior Pastor
Solano Valley Church



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a letter from Steve Acord



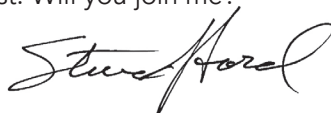
Solano Valley Church was started by Pastor Gary and Joy Rounsavall for the purpose of bringing light to the community of Fairfield. Their passion and faithfulness for the Lord created the foundation of what we call SVC. Through the ministries of SVC, the teachings of Jesus have become alive and relevant to the lost. This is especially true in my life, and how I accepted Christ as my Savior at 53, while attending SVC.

Many residents of Fairfield and Travis Air Force Base have been reached through the ministries of SVC. Our rented store-front facility on Oliver Road has served us well, but we need a church home that is not restricted by nearby businesses or landlord rules. Therefore, we need to be watchful and prudent to take advantage of our seven-year lease to lay a permanent cornerstone for SVC and focus on life changing ministries. I'm asking all who call SVC their home church to take the next step with me in helping us make a difference in our community and world.

**In a world at war with God, our community needs hope,
not only today but for future generations.**

We have an exciting opportunity to take the next step to ensure SVC has the ability to serve and welcome people and families, just as Sandi and I were welcomed, for many years to come. It will be a difficult challenge to raise the money we need, but the Lord has blessed us

with seven years to bring our best offerings to the storehouse. With careful thought and consideration, we have come up with the plan to reach our goals. Now, it is the time to carefully and prayerfully consider how SVC has impacted our lives and consider what each of us can do in taking the Next Step in our walk with Christ. Will you join me?



Campaign Director



Pastor Gary once asked me why I kept coming to SVC, and I told him it was out of obedience. An introvert by nature, I am quite comfortable in solitude, and I tend to isolate myself. Gary preached on the importance of community, and I made a promise to myself to be obedient to God's word. I pushed through every uncomfortable part of my natural self to say "yes" in every opportunity available. Through my obedience, I found community and friendships like none I have ever experienced before. The Next Step may be uncomfortable, but when we are obedient to God's instruction, we will only find reward.

Ruth DuCharme



Raised as a Catholic, I have believed in God my entire life, but I never knew I could have an intimate relationship with my Savior until I joined SVC. At SVC, the Word came alive and became a part of my daily life. SVC became a part of my life, and in a way, saved my life. On August 6, 2000 my husband, Brennan, had a massive debilitating stroke. From that evening in the emergency room and through everything these last 17+ years have brought our way, my Lord and my SVC family have been by my side.

Noreen O'Regan

testimonials



Cory and I have both known Jesus since we were young. We went to a Christian college and were married in 2014. That's when we came to SVC. Even though we both came from Christian backgrounds, we were overwhelmed with the love and community we found at SVC. It was unlike anything that we had ever known. Our brothers and sisters in Christ have really shown us by example how to love each other better and how to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

☞ **Cory and Heather Peterson**



My two sisters, my brother, and I attended an Episcopal church, where my dad taught Sunday school and my mom was part of the alter guild. As we reached junior high, we all fell away from attending church. My wife, Kathy, attended Catholic school, and our kids went through a traditional Catholic upbringing. Though I attend church, I did not feel necessarily connected to our Lord and the Bible. At the encouragement of a friend, I came to an SVC service in 1999 and then was asked to join a Men's group. I felt a transformation had occurred in my life since that day.

☞ **Dave Tyner**



I grew up attending church but turned away from God in college. I based my worth on my education and career and struggled with depression. We moved to Fairfield because the Air Force sent us, and I hated it. My turning point came when a friend invited me to a Growth Group. The ladies were so kind, supportive, and accepting. Since then, my family has been regularly attending SVC. I thank God for sending us here. I know my worth doesn't come from my job or education - it comes from the price that Jesus paid for me. While I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Romans 5:3).

☞ **Katie Roberts**



In 2011, my Ohana (Family) and I moved from Hawaii to Fairfield, CA. One of the first things we wanted to look for was a church to call home, thus the search began. We looked around for a couple of months with no luck. Then one day I checked out a local cycling shop in Vacaville and ended up having a great conversation with the shop worker. While we talked I mentioned I was looking for a church, and he suggested I check out the church that his sister (Tessa Valle) goes to in Fairfield called Solano Valley Church.

That following Sunday, we went to SVC and found what we were looking for: a Bible-based teaching, Christ-centered worship Church whose members were welcoming and friendly, and last but not least that aloha spirit feeling. In fact after service ended, Tessa was the first person to come up to us and say hello. Six years later, our walk with the Lord continues to grow as members of SVC. I'm so grateful for our church ohana and most of all, my ohana has been blessed.

☞ **Brandon Gatan**



After receiving orders to transfer to Travis AFB, we began a search for a new church family. It was very important for us to find a Bible preaching, community-focused church. It was also important that we find a place to serve in that church. We were invited to SVC by Mari's Uncle, and here we have found a wonderful Pastor and an amazing church family that blesses our lives. SVC has been welcoming to us, as well as the other military families in this community. We are thankful we are able to use the talents God has given us to serve this family of believers.

☞ **Cody and Mari Tysar**

the vision & goal

The Vision

Making disciples

The vision of Solano Valley Church is to invite people to follow Jesus so they become more like Him. When we invite people to follow Jesus, we make disciples that help to plant disciple-making churches. We wholeheartedly want God to continue to use all of us together to reach the lost in our community. It's about us taking the Next Step as we worship, grow, serve, and reach others for Christ.



The Goal

The goal of the Next Step Campaign is a two-part goal:

1.Spiritual

The goal of the Next Step Campaign is to see people grow in their relationship with Christ: to know Christ, discover their purpose, grow into His image, and make a difference. We want to see everyone involved in the Next Step Campaign through a process of sincerely praying...

**“What is the Next Step you want me to take in following Jesus?
How do you want me to invest my life in building Your Kingdom?”**

2.Financial

The goal for our church includes having our own permanent home that will exponentially multiply our effectiveness in our community and leave a legacy for future generations.

Through our Next Step Campaign, we hope to become followers of Jesus who are eager to take the Next Step in following Him wherever and whenever He leads.

This journey of faith that we are embarking upon will impact the life of our church far into the future. While becoming Next Step followers of Christ, we want to raise \$350,000 above and beyond our regular giving toward the following:



A future down payment on a permanent home for Solano Valley Church.



To partner with Next Gen Churches in launching four new churches in Northern California.



To invest in the leadership development of pastors and church-planters in Mexico through the ministry of Jim and Annie Culp with World Venture and Western Seminary.

We believe with God's help our church can make these plans a reality. We want to move forward in trusting Him and see our future through His eyes.



**“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us”
Ephesians 3:20**

the Next Step Campaign

Facts and Figures

Why do we need a campaign?



In the early days of Solano Valley Church, we met in Pastor Gary and Joy's home. Through God's blessing, we were able to reach an agreement with the school district to use B. Gale Wilson Elementary School for our morning services. However, certain aspects of our ministry were limited due to us not having a space of our own. That's when we recognized that God was leading us to make a bold move in our walk of faith to relocate to our leased facility on Oliver Road.



We have been in our current leased space since 2003. The Landlord has been most gracious to allow us to lease our current space for the next seven years through 2024. However, our landlord has expressed his desire to sell his California properties in the future. With the seven years ahead of us, we feel God is leading us to prepare now and accumulate enough money to make a down payment on a permanent home for SVC.



In order to have room for growth, we have reconfigured our current location, but we are limited in our space to expand. Expansion will allow our ministries and outreach to grow in our ability to impact our community.

Some may feel our church is the perfect size and think, "Why do we need to grow?" The answer is simple. Jesus said in Mathew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In addition, Luke 12:48 says, "...to whom much is given, much is required". We recognize we have been given much...grace, love, talent, and the call of God to do far more. As long as there are people far from God in our community, we have the opportunity to invite them to follow Jesus to be more like Him.

We know the church isn't a building; our members are the church. However, a permanent church home will enhance our ministry work.



Success with The Next Step Campaign, starts with everyone coming together in seeking God daily through our 40 Days of Prayer guide. In addition, we are embarking on a 24-month journey of a whole new level of trusting God. Through sincere diligent prayer, willingness to be used by God, and simple obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we believe God will see this goal come to fruition.



We also know there are steps of self-discipline, faith, and obedience required in preparing and saving for what God has in store for us. Let us not shy away from what God wants to accomplish in us. This is an exciting time of seeking God's will, obeying His direction, and watching Him work in us and through us.



Our new church home will require funding. In order to fulfill the goal of growth and reaching people for Christ, we as a church body will make a financial commitment. It is important to remember who provides. God is our great provider, and everything He entrusts to us should be viewed as His provision.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19



Though we don't currently know where SVC's permanent home will be, we do know God is calling us to prepare. Together we can give the resources needed as we walk in faith and obedience. We know a building does not change lives-but what happens inside the church does.

the Next Step in the journey



prayer

First, we are asking every person to commit to pray through the 40 Days of Prayer guide. The most important aspect to the Next Step Campaign is prayer. The goal is spiritual growth, so we would like to see each person take time each day to be still in God's presence over the next 40 days. The 40 Days of Prayer guide will help you through your personal journey of prayer and devotion in pursuing God.

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:5**



humble obedience

Hearing from God starts with a commitment to humble obedience. As you commit to prayer, orient yourself toward a posture of obedience from the beginning. Approach God with a willing heart to say "YES" in how he leads you to respond to the prayer, "How do you want me to invest my life in building your Kingdom?"

"The world steers you to your strengths; God works through your weaknesses....Human reasoning instructs you to know your limitations and live within them. God says He will do the impossible through you."
-Henry and Richard Blackaby

And My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27



document your journey

Documenting your personal experience is an important part of this campaign. There are multiple ways for you to do this. Record your journey in your 40 Days of Prayer guide. Also, take notes from Pastor Gary's sermon series and record them on pages 17-25 of this brochure. Open your heart to God and ask Him what your Next Step should be.



commitment to grow

We are asking you to spend time with God every day, reading His word and praying. Above all, we want the people of Solano Valley Church growing closer to God and positioning themselves to take the Next Step in their relationship with Jesus.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**



commitment to give

Beyond praying, we are asking you to consider how God wants you to trust Him in giving toward the Next Step Campaign. We are asking every person to make a two-year financial commitment above and beyond what you are already giving in tithes. As you talk with God about what's on your heart and mind, be open and honest, especially in relation to this giving commitment. This should not be about guilt or obligation but about God's perspective.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Solano Valley Church two-year commitment

See what can happen when we pray, posture ourselves to obey, and say, “YES” to the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

Gifts needed	Monthly Gift	Annual Gift	Gift Level	Gift Level Total
1	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
3	\$833	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
8	\$417	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$80,000
10	\$333	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$80,000
16	\$167	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$64,000
Many	\$50	\$600	\$1,200	\$26,000
Total				\$350,000



Exodus 35:20-21 Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses’ presence, and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments.

Exodus 36:3-5 ...and the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.”

The journey continues from here as we faithfully bring our gifts over the next two years.

Ways to Give to the Next Step Campaign:

1. **Cash or check.** If giving by check, please make check payable to "Solano Valley Church" and note "Next Step" in the memo line.
2. **Go to www.solanovally.org.** Click connect and drop down to "Giving." Select option #3, Online Giving. Enter amount and select Next Step.
3. **SVC app on your smart phone.** Select the 'Give' button and select the Next Step.
4. **Text the word GIVE to (707) 833-3019.** Follow the prompts and select Next Step.



*Contributions are solicited with the understanding that Solano Valley Church has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. (IRS Publication 526)

dates to remember

February 6th - 19th
Focus Groups*

Sunday, March 11th
Celebration Sunday

Sunday, February 25th
Evening of Prayer

Saturday, March 24th
Neighborhood
Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, March 2nd
All Church Banquet**

Sunday, April 1st
Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 4th
First Fruits offering***

July 16th - 19th
Week of Hope



Important information:

***Focus Groups**

Focus Groups are small home meetings where we share the vision of the Next Step Campaign, provide key information, and answer any questions.

****All Church Banquet**

We will be hosting a church wide Next Step banquet at the Fairfield Hilton Garden Inn from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This will be your opportunity to respond to how God directs you to give in this campaign. As a church, we will be turning in our Next Step commitment cards together. In addition, there will be an opportunity to give a portion of your commitment up-front on March 4th, as well as over the next 24 months. Invitations will be sent church wide to attend this special evening together.

*****First Fruits Offering**

The Sunday following the banquet, we will have a special First Fruit Offering where each person can bring a special one-time financial gift. This gift will be a portion of what they have committed to give as we begin this 24-month campaign.

My Next Step in Prayer is _____

My Next Step in Bible Reading is _____

February 11, 2018

Next Step - serving

My Next Step in Serving is _____

Next Step - generosity *~*

February 18, 2018

My Next Step in Generosity is _____

My Next Step in Reaching is _____

My Next Step in Connection is _____

My Next Step in Worship is _____

note from Pastor Matt & Carolyn Skinner



Imagine what God can accomplish in and through us. We are trusting that as you listen, pray, read and journal, God will make your Next Step clear. We love the people of Solano Valley Church and are excited to take this Next Step in our walk with Christ. We are excited about the future of Solano Valley Church and its impact in our community. We know God will do amazing things, and it is very possible He will do far above what we have asked, hoped and prayed for. Because He is able!

Matt Skinner

Associate Pastor

closing remarks from Pastor Gary

Imagine that one day we have a permanent home for Solano Valley Church that we own outright. Imagine being able to put more of our money toward reaching people in our community who don't currently know Christ and don't have a church home. Imagine future expanded outreach events like Week of Hope in our community serving the people of the Solano Valley area and pointing people to the reason for our hope in Christ. Imagine leading dozens or perhaps even hundreds of people to Christ like the testimonies earlier. Imagine partnering with Next Gen Churches to plant churches in northern California. Imagine partnering with World Venture and Western Seminary to train a hundred or more pastors and church planters in Mexico in years to come. Imagine Solano Valley becoming a church that makes disciples, making disciples that plant churches, and planting churches to reach our world. Imagine God doing immeasurably more than all that we can ask or imagine for the honor and glory of His name.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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