

# FORWARD In Mission

"THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, 'WHY DO YOU CRY TO ME? TELL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO GO FORWARD.'  
-EXODUS 14:15



## OUR CASE STATEMENT

On August 14th, 1977 the founding members of our Church gathered to dedicate the building that originally served as our sanctuary. Since then, that building has been an integral part of the growth and development of Gethsemane and our mission in our community. Over the years we have responded to that mission call by adding new members and new buildings for our church and school which provide the foundation for where we stand today. Our buildings host our traditional and contemporary services. Our walls provide space for acts of service that reach as near as Tempe and as far as Guatemala, Africa and Indonesia. Now we are being called to build upon that foundation: moving **Forward in Mission**. In 2014 we celebrated our 40 year history, the theme; United in Mission, church and school together. It is now time to consider how we are being called to spread God's love in the future. We are blessed to move forward with building plans that will allow us to continue to grow and reach greater numbers of people in our community, in our country and around the world. Additional space and campus improvements will help to remove barriers that hold us back from maximizing the opportunities that God is giving us.

**Forward in Mission** is a three year capital campaign to update, expand, and fully realize the awesome potential of our campus. This plan will dramatically improve the overall master plan layout of our campus as well as increase parking flow and capacity and open our doors to share God's Word with more people.

**Forward in Mission** has a Natural Abilities goal of \$1.5 million. This will allow us to make these much-needed improvements to our campus, and make our campus much more accessible to our community members. While reaching this initial goal would enable us to make the improvements we envision, we have set a secondary Beyond Our Abilities goal of \$1.8 million, and a final Above & Beyond goal of \$2.1 million, which will allow us to make these changes while expanding resources to use for other missions. We believe that the Beyond Our Abilities and Above & Beyond goals will be possible through the working of God in us and a faithful response to His leading. We pray for the wisdom to carry out His plan for our congregation. We also pray He will touch the hearts of each of our members inspiring us to seek new ways to serve through financial contributions, dedication of time and service.

**Forward in Mission** will provide for the following:

- A new 16,800 sq. ft. building with worship, fellowship, meeting and classroom space. This building will incorporate the existing sanctuary. This will become the "heart" and gathering place, and symbolizes the commitment of this congregation to remain true to its original mission of spreading God's love to our Tempe community and throughout the world.
- Expanded parking capacity and parking lot flow, including opening up more parking to the west of our campus and creating a drop-off lane at the entrance. This will significantly increase accessibility to our worship spaces and offer an improved experience for those who need extra assistance.
- Campus layout and master plan improvements include moving our bell tower cupola, improving our courtyard function, creating a new garden, and moving the school playground. These will improve the overall flow of the campus and create areas that are both beautiful and functional from spaces which are currently being under-utilized.

May God bless this endeavor, as you prayerfully consider your contribution.  
Together, we move **Forward in Mission**.