



The **Hope for the City** offering is our annual Christmas Offering to continue the ministry efforts of LifeConnection in the upcoming year. This is an opportunity for us to hit a home run for the Kingdom by giving above and beyond our normal tithes and offerings. This offering helps us to support key priorities and initiatives as we head into the upcoming year.

It's our desire to see more and more men and women glorify God through transformed lives by the power of the gospel.

This vision guides everything about our church and the Hope for the City offering. Each of these strategic initiatives will help us focus on our pursuit of glorifying God through transformed lives by the power of the gospel. I want to invite you to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond toward our Hope for the City offering this year.

A New Hire in the New Year - Family Ministry Pastor

In the city of Independence it is estimated that more than 80,000 people are not involved in any church of any kind. This means that nearly 70% of our community does not know Jesus. It's always been our heart's desire to put a measurable and tangible dent in that number. And this will be accomplished as we equip a legion of disciple-making disciples living ordinary lives of gospel intentionality.

A strategic opportunity is before us in the coming year and we want to take a step of faith to hire a **Family Ministry Pastor**. In short, this person will allow us to more fully care for our church needs and strategically reach out to our city. The Family Ministry Pastor will serve as our point person over KidsCo, Student Ministry, and more. He will not be a children's pastor or a student pastor, but he will give oversight, training, and care for leaders and volunteers within these areas. And more, he will help us strategically reach out to thousands of families and individuals within our city who need of Jesus.

Imagine having someone who is helping us make more gospel connections on high school campuses in our city. Imagine having someone dedicated to help us equip students for the work of ministry on their high school campuses. What could it mean for the next generation to have someone investing in families, equipping mom and dad to disciple their children in the Lord.

The Family Ministry Pastor will work tirelessly to help men and women glorify God through transformed lives by the power of the gospel. The Family Ministry Pastor will expand our ability to equip our church for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12). The Family Ministry Pastor will directly impact our ability to reach more men and women, affecting families all throughout our city.

Facility Needs - Roofs & Renovation

There is great blessing to having a permanent, physical presence within our community. It shows that when we say we are "in the city for the city" we intend to be here tomorrow. It continues to open doors for us to serve our city in unique ways like Affordable Christmas. But with such a blessing comes a cost.

We have some impending costs in our future with our facility. We need to replace several roofs and finish our simple renovation project. While we do not anticipate that we will accomplish all of this through our Hope for the City offering, our gifts above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings will help us take a step toward this goal.

We are receiving our last estimates and bids for the various roofs. Once these come through we will more definitively know our costs. We know that these repairs and renovations will be in excess of





\$100,000. Our gifts together through the Hope for the City offering will allow us to have a continued physical presence in our city for decades to come.

Our facility is a great blessing and tool for ministry. And through these simple repairs and renovations we will steward this resource for God's glory. This will allow us to continue working to see men and women transformed by the power of the gospel through the ministry of our church.

In the City for the City - Mother's Refuge

As a church we stand as God's ambassadors to our city. We don't stand against our city, we truly want to live for our city; that is, we want to live as gracious disciples extending the love of Jesus through his gospel word.

Mother's Refuge is a local ministry that we have partnered with for several years. Mother's Refuge helps provide help and hope to teen mother's throughout our community. Helping more than 1,300 pregnant teens since 1987, LifeConnection wants to continue partnering with this important and valuable ministry in our city.

A portion of our Hope for the City offering will go directly to Mother's Refuge to bless them and their ministry in 2016. What a great way for us to continue caring for these young mother's, meeting physical needs and pointing them to the love of God through gospel of Jesus. We want to come alongside these young mother's help care for them and them grow in the gospel of Jesus. What an opportunity to invest in the next generation.

Our Goal

It's our desire to hit a home run for the Kingdom this Christmas. What we're asking is for you to prayerfully consider giving above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings so that we might reach our goal of **\$35,000**. This is the largest goal we've ever had. This is the equivalent of one month's worth of regular offering at LifeConnection. So this is huge goal that we will never reach individually, it will only happen as we band together as a church family. As each of us plays our part we know we can reach this goal **together**.

Our desire as a church is to continue to grow in our generosity as individuals and as a church family. We want to take significant steps to grow our stewardship together as we head into 2016. Our financial partnership together is a meaningful way we can continue to advance the gospel in our city and beyond. The more we give the more we will be able to invest into these Kingdom initiatives in 2016.

Will you prayerfully consider jumping in and participating in our Hope for the City offering December 20 by giving a gift above and beyond your normal and regular giving?

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at jason@lifeconnectionkc.org or message me on the City.

For the City,
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