

What Does Love Require?

Here we go.

Obviously, COVID-19 is having a major effect on campus this fall, including how we gather as a church, what events are possible or prohibitive, what precautions and procedures will be needed, and the overall mental, emotional, and physical health of students and staff. As we've gathered information, spoke with campus authorities, waded through the complexities and fine print, discussed strategies and plans, and processed various opinions and emotions, we have been praying to align with the will and way of Jesus, as well as prayerfully support and honor the decisions of our city and campus leaders. Thus, the driving question cannot simply be, "What can we legally and organizationally do?" but rather, "What does love require?"

The question jolts us out of the cultural milieu and into the Gospel. Christ-centered love must be our impetus and motivation. As the collective Body of Christ, we cannot be driven by fear, pride, or self-centeredness, but instead we must emulate the posture and attitude of Jesus through self-sacrificial compassion. We must be mindful of those who are at risk, hanging on loosely to our own opinions and comfort. We believe that God doesn't waste anything, including this cultural moment; and thus we must seek to see through the lens of His Kingdom in a way that is infused with the joy of His living hope and brings grace and truth to the gravitational pull and pain of this chaos.

We have an opportunity—a necessity, even— to rethink and reframe the House and prayerfully ask what a church community can and should be like. If we can get past our grief, discomfort, and desire to cling to prior normalcy, I think we can begin to see the magnitude of God's invitation.

This is a "What if?" moment that calls for caution and clarity, but also creative imagination:

A restricted gathering invites deeper intimacy, thoughtfulness, and commitment.

A smaller staff invites more ownership and leadership from students and community people.

A larger vision invites deeper faith, trust, and reliance on God as the builder of this House.

This will likely continue to be a wildly strange journey. And yet, in the midst of so many unknowns, we are reminded once again that we have a God who knows, who sees, who loves, and who goes with us. iving Word.

Rob Schrumpf, Lead Pastor

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CAMPUS HOUSE

Ministering to Purdue in the "In Between"

Campus House is in a liminal space this year geographically, while the Church at large resides in the "already-not-yet" of Christ's restoration of all things. Read more about the opportunities we have to keep pointing students to Jesus amidst the challenges.



Welcoming New Students

We hosted three "Living Faith on Campus" sessions for freshmen during orientation week and welcomed internationals to campus with care packages.



Worship With Us

Join us for Sunday worship this fall in-person at 320 North Street (register on our website) or via Facebook live-stream at 9am & 11am.



82%

OF CONSTRUCTION

COSTS RAISED

FOR THE NEW HOUSE

Financial Update

2020 Annual Fund

Last month: \$82,648
Next month's need: \$91,667
Where we should be: \$641,667

God does not waste anything. Your gifts and prayers breathe life and power into this cultural moment as we—together—shepherd students through a pandemic and equip them for Kingdom living on campus. Thank you for joining the good work God is doing at Purdue!



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"Each year brings with it new spaces, new friends, new classes, new experiences [and a] reminder to ground ourselves in what never changes: God's Word and His community. The faces may change here and there, but the constant message of His love and purpose for us to overcome, soar, and love others will never falter."

Zurum Okereke, Alumn



From Rendering to Reality

The new House's exterior walls were completed on schedule! View more construction photos at reframingthehouse.com.



Come Alongside Greyhouse

Below are some ways you can help keep Greyhouse serving the Purdue community. Your continued support in this season is deeply appreciated!



Place online orders for pick-up using the Toast TakeOut app (we retired the Greyhouse app this summer).



Purchase coffee, tea, merchandise, and gift cards online at greyhousecoffee.com.



Follow Greyhouse on social media and share the latest news and posts.



If you're local, stop by the shop for a cup of coffee and a doughnut.

Greyhouse Update: Hope in a Hard Season

The predominant narrative among local, small businesses is unsurprising: it's been a hard year. Greyhouse Coffee was not exempt from the challenges of COVID-19. Proactive measures to keep customers safe meant limiting the menu and fulfilling to-go orders only. We saw a significant decline in sales, as Purdue lost most of its population from March through August, requiring Greyhouse to lay off most of its staff.

It's been a hard year.

However, this season has also provided yet another opportunity to trust God—for wisdom and business acumen, financial provision, employee health, and ways to keep living out the mission of demonstrating extraordinary love and hospitality. We know that, much of the time, He uses His people to bring about His good plans.

So, in March we asked for your help at one of our lowest points, and you came through.

The Lord used your gracious donations and purchases of coffee to help Greyhouse continue serving the community with precautions from the corner of State and Northwestern. While many restrictions and limitations are still in place, Ali Wisthuff, Greyhouse's General Manager, said recently, "Especially right now, a friendly smile (if only with our eyes) seems to be a light in the community. We're happy to be a place where people can safely gather and be in relationship."

With students' return to campus this fall, we seem to be past the worst of the economic downturn. The Greyhouse management team was delighted to invite baristas back to work, as well as hire an additional 25 new employees this semester.



A New Partnership in Downtown Lafayette

In a "beyond all we could ask or imagine" kind of way, God opened the door on another opportunity for Greyhouse in the midst of this difficult season. We're excited to partner with Downtown Lafayette's newest restaurant, Ripple & Company, to open a specialty coffee bar inside the restaurant! Ripple & Co. is currently under construction and scheduled to open in October.

"We are thrilled to be collaborating with a like-minded team that values community, high-quality food and drinks, and exceptional hospitality." -Ali Wisthuff

Will You Pray for Purdue This Fall?

Several local Christian churches and ministries gathered on the first night of classes to pray for Purdue. Small groups of socially-distanced, mask-wearing Boilermakers offered hundreds of prayers of praise and intercession on every corner of campus. We invite you to join us in these prayers throughout the school year. Check out prayforpurdue.com for a prayer map of campus with specific prompts and resources.

"There is a future that is better than what we can imagine...so glorious that the pain suffered now won't be what's most important for eternity. It was the joy set before Jesus that He endured the Cross. As we come into times of shaking and suffering, there is a joy also set before us: the return of Jesus and the establishment of His Kingdom for all eternity here on earth." -Dave Shockey

