

A wide-angle photograph of a two-lane asphalt road curving through a vibrant green field. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is bright and hopeful.

2020 VISION

The Generosity Initiative

A word from Dr. David Anderson

As we move rapidly toward 2020, our vision has never been stronger to reach our community, our culture, and our world for Jesus Christ. With your generosity, I know that together we can expand the impact that Bridgeway Community Church is having all over the world and right in our back yard. We desire to expand campuses and minister to even more people by extending our reach to other areas in the region, starting with Owings Mills/Reisterstown, MD.

Thank you, in advance, for contributing your most generous gifts to help build the dream of multicultural ministry. Come on! Let's labor together for Christ as we advance the cause of the gospel through Bridgeway Community Church!

Pastor David



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The Bridgeway Timeline

1986

God gave Pastor David Anderson a vision to plant a multicultural church

1992

On Easter morning, Bridgeway was born, and journeyed from small home gatherings to Slayton House

1996

Moved to the campus of Howard Community College

2000

Expanded to two services

2001

Expanded to three services

2006

Moved to the current location on Red Branch Road

2011

Signed lease for Bridgeway's Ministry Center

2014

Signed lease for Nexus Youth Center

2015

Launched Online Campus

2017

25th Anniversary Easter Service at Merriweather Post Pavilion

Fall 2017

First Multi-site campus in Owings Mills/Reisterstown, MD

1986

At the age of 20, David Anderson was formally “licensed to preach” by his father, who was a pastor. At that time, God gave David a vision to plant a multi-cultural church. David would soon pursue his pastoral training at The Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. During his undergraduate years, he pastored at an urban church in the notorious Cabrini Green housing projects while simultaneously doing a pastoral internship at Willow Creek Community Church in the affluent Chicago suburbs. This experience greatly shaped David’s thinking about the kind of church he would plant one day.

1991

David, his bride, Amber, along with Rich Becker and his fiancée Beth Mason—moved to Columbia, MD to lay the groundwork for a multicultural church. This was the core of a team of young visionaries who struck out to establish a church unlike any they had ever experienced. It would be one of family and community, of creativity

and imagination, and of truth and authenticity. Each Sunday service would be a celebration of all colors, classes, and cultures doing life and worshipping God together!

1992

On Easter morning, 1992, the adventure began. Stepping out in faith, David and his team began building a church. Through meeting in peoples’ homes, singing without instruments, and sharing the Gospel with co-workers, the vision of Bridgeway started to spread. God moved in this little church and lives were being changed. Soon afterwards, the church moved to Slayton House in the Wilde Lake Village Center in Columbia, remaining there until 1996.

1996

In the summer of 1996, the church moved onto the campus of Howard Community College, stopping at the Outback Theatre for a short stint before moving into the much larger Smith Theatre in October.

2000-2001

At the turn of the millennium, Bridgeway went from one Sunday service to two as the congregation continued to grow. Less than two years later, in October of 2001, Bridgeway added a third service.

2006

In the autumn of 2006, the church moved to the current 65,000 square foot facility on Red Branch Road. There were actually 4 weeks of transition where the church needed to be out of HCC and yet the facility was not ready for occupancy. So the congregation actually met in large event tents in the parking lot! Upon occupancy, for the first 18 months, Bridgeway met in what is now the lobby and also had a Video Cafe in Faith auditorium while the worship theater was being completed.

2007

Bridgeway opened its 1047 seat theater for Christmas services in 2007 and two Sunday services continued.



2010

A third service was added to accommodate attendance for Easter and three Sunday services have been the norm since then.

2011

Bridgeway signed a lease for a “Ministry Center”, a space just shy of 5000 square feet on the property adjacent to the main parking lot. This allowed for more dedicated space for BridgeKids, while adding adult classroom space, counseling services, meeting space, and a fellowship area for smaller events.

2014

Bridgeway signed a long-term lease after an extensive custom build-out of 15,000 square feet of warehouse space for “Nexus” which is next door to the main facility. With a large meeting room, game room, cafe, and basketball court, it is a premiere facility for Bridgeway Student Ministries, other community events, and Bridgeway’s Overflow service.

2015

While Bridgeway began broadcasting Sunday services online back in 2009 with a handful of viewers, in 2015, Bridgeway launched an online campus that engaged people and ministered to them during the broadcast. Consequently, over the course of a year, approximately 2000 devices per week are tuned in from over 100 countries.

2017

Easter of 2017 marked 25 years of public ministry for Bridgeway Community Church. For the first time in 17 years, Bridgeway was able to worship as one church in one venue for one service—all the while having plenty of room to invite family and friends to attend. Merriweather Post Pavilion became home to Bridgeway that day, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus with the community.

What's Next?

Our values of practical Christian teaching from the Scriptures, authentic prayer, and quality creative arts through dynamic Spirit-led worship have resulted in consistent attendance of approximately 3,000 people. For several years, multicultural worshipers from all over the region have come each Sunday to take part in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. But . . .

Bridgeway, we have a problem! We are at capacity on Sunday mornings; so much so that we regularly turn people away. While we encourage attendance at our Overflow service, we cannot reach more people for Christ by doing things the same way we've been doing them. It's very difficult to invite a neighbor, friend, or co-worker to a Sunday service when seating is so cramped, or not available at all.

Therefore, we're launching an additional campus!

Becoming one church in multiple locations allows us to hold church services and create community where our people already live. This strategy allows for people to not only attend church closer to home, but it affords them an easier path for inviting their unchurched family and friends to Bridgeway! Because we are decreasing the distance from home to church for many of our attenders, it makes room for family and friends to find space at optimal times. Thanks to technology, those who attend this campus will experience the excellence, heart, and DNA of Bridgeway right in their own community—with every campus experiencing the same life-changing message!

We are ready to launch the next campus! After significant prayer, planning, and research, we've found the perfect location and facility. However, additional resources are needed for the customized buildout and the operating expenses of this campus. That's where you come in.

What is this all about?

The goal of the Generosity Initiative is to encourage a giving commitment from people who believe in what God still wants to do through Bridgeway. This includes everyone—from new givers making first-time commitments to current givers who choose to increase their generosity.

How will you increase your generosity?
Will you give to Bridgeway's 2020 Vision?

We are asking for 100% participation, which means equal sacrifice, not equal giving. We ask everyone who calls Bridgeway "home" to give so that we can keep reaching our community, our culture, and our world for Jesus Christ.

We are asking God to provide 2 million dollars as he moves you to give the types of gifts reflected in our gift chart over the next 18 months.

Calculate your commitment

My/Our Above and Beyond (cash) Intent
\$ _____

+

Gifts from stored (non-cash) resources

\$ _____

=

My/Our 18-Month Total Intent

\$ _____

(June 2017-December 2018)

Gift Chart

Please pray and plan for how God would lead you to give. Use this gift chart as a tool to see how your gift fits into the big picture. Allow it to inspire and challenge you to be a more generous giver, contributing to the 2020 Vision of Bridgeway Community Church for God's Kingdom impact!

Bridgeway 2020 Vision Gift Charts				
18 mo. Commitment	Monthly Gift	# of Givers	Category Total	Cumulative Total
\$100,000	\$5,560	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
\$50,000	\$2,780	3	\$150,000	\$250,000
\$36,000	\$2,000	5	\$180,000	\$430,000
\$18,000	\$1,000	10	\$180,000	\$610,000
\$9,000	\$500	20	\$180,000	\$790,000
\$4,500	\$250	75	\$337,500	\$1,127,500
\$1,800	\$100	180	\$324,000	\$1,451,500
\$900	\$50	275	\$247,500	\$1,699,000
\$450	\$25	375	\$168,750	\$1,867,750
\$270	\$15	490	\$132,300	\$2,000,050
Your Best Gift	?	?	?	?
TOTAL		1434		\$2,000,050



FAQ's

What is the vision?

Bridgeway Community Church was not built to just impact Howard County. Our desire has always been to reach out and impact those in our surrounding communities, and one community in particular has flocked to Columbia. The Owings Mills / Reisterstown area brings around 700 worshippers to Howard County each week, and we have filled out our 10am service! We envision providing a local worship location for those in the Baltimore County region where Bridgeway can be right in the community. Not only does this extend our mission to that area, but it allows us to further our mission right here in Columbia with more seats!

What is the need?

Through your giving, we received and spent \$6m in the last 12 months to do ministry at Bridgeway. Our vision is to launch a Multi-Campus Movement, beginning with a site in Owings Mills / Reisterstown in the

fall of 2017. We are praying for Bridgeway to increase its giving by \$2m over the next 18 months in order to secure and prepare the building for services, which includes live worship and streamed messages. 18 Month Goal: \$2 Million/100% Participation

What exactly am I being asked to do?

We would like you to prayerfully consider what increase you may be able to give to Bridgeway over the 18-month commitment period in addition to your current giving. This would require you to complete an Intent to Give card and return it to Bridgeway during services on June 11th. We would like to begin renovations as soon as possible, so we are asking that you bring the largest possible portion of your 18 month intent on June 11th as a First Fruits Offering. For example, if you intend to give \$2300 over 18 months – what is the largest portion of that \$2300 that you could you give on June 11th? Perhaps you could give \$500 on June 11th, and then give the additional \$1800 over 18 months – or, \$100 per month.

• Pray with Intensity:

Ask God to bless Bridgeway as we continue to reach the communities where we live, work, and play. Ask God to direct you about giving for the first time or giving more generously to Bridgeway's 2020 Vision.

• Plan on Purpose:

Maybe you have financial resources that you've simply been waiting for an opportunity to give away; plan what you can give. Others may need to ask God for direction to re-arrange and re-distribute financial resources in order to be more generous; plan how to carry out God's leading.

• Give Generously:

Whatever God directs you to give – give it cheerfully! And as you give, pay close attention to what God teaches you and how He blesses you.

• Cheer Loudly:

Join us at each step of the way in praising God for what He does. Own the 2020 Vision for Bridgeway's future and be a faithful ambassador where God gives you influence.



Month of the October 2015

See For Yourself

See For Yourself

Month of the October 20

"YOUTH ALIVE" ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. SEE BridgeStudents.com FOR SCHEDULE

What else will be done with the resources I give?

- We will secure a long-term lease on an excellent 32,000 sq.ft. building in a very strategic location.
- We will follow through on renovations to include a new theater, lobby, and BridgeKids space.
- We will be in a position to purchase the building during the early stages of the lease.
- The funds will assist in sustaining the early months of ministry at the new site, as God gives the increase of attenders and givers.

Community and Global Outreach

A portion of the funds generated from the Generosity Initiative will be invested in projects to care for and reach our community locally and expand our outreach in other parts of the world.

- Locally, we are going to feed the community through an increase to the Community Cupboard, Bridgeway's food pantry.

- Globally, we are going to build libraries through Bridgeway's existing partnerships in Kenya.

Can I contribute something other than cash?

Absolutely. Bridgeway has a strategic partner to help you participate by liquidating non-cash resources, such as stock, vehicles, etc. To donate these resources during this initiative, please estimate the value on the intent card, and someone from the Office of the CFO will contact you.

How long is my commitment?

The Generosity Initiative for Bridgeway's 2020 Vision is an 18-month effort - June 2017 through December 31, 2018. We encourage everyone to make a commitment to an amount that can be met during this period.

What are the key dates?

- On April 23rd, we will launch the 2020 Vision: Generosity Initiative in Sunday services.

- In the month of May, informational meetings will be conducted to inform and Inspire.
- Also in May, we will all be asked to read a daily devotional on 'Generosity'.
- June 11th is Commitment and Celebration Sunday, as well as the collection of the First Fruits Offering.

What happens on June 11th? We will all gather, celebrating God's amazing grace in our lives and the vision He has given to us. Having prayed about this 2020 Vision opportunity, we will submit our written 18 month intentions.

What does "Above & Beyond" mean?

"Above & Beyond" means that your commitment and giving to the 2020 Vision should not replace your regular giving, but is in addition to your regular Bridgeway giving.

What if I don't have much to give? Each should give according to their ability [2 Cor 9:7] remembering that everyone is a part of the body [1 Cor 12:12-27], and it is the heart [1 Sam 16:7] and sacrifice [Mark 12:42-44] that God honors.



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