

prayer note

Here's the short story: *There's a church building in our neighborhood that's going to be gifted to a church plant (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!). We are a church plant; we do not have a building; and we are submitting a proposal for consideration.*

Here's the longer version: After moving into our neighborhood, we immediately took note of the churches within walking distance. Four blocks away, on the same street, was a beautiful church building that stood proud but empty. It didn't take long for Caitlyn and I to begin dreaming about the potential for that building to one day be the home for our yet-to-exist church plant — and we immediately began praying that God would bring new life to this building, redeeming it as a sacred and flourishing space in our neighborhood. On occasion I would build up the nerve to ask God to *give us* this building. Two years later and the building is still empty, and despite multiple attempts to connect with someone in/through the church, I knew as much about the building as the day I moved in. Until Saturday night.

I received a text from a friend that's planting a church in Denver on Saturday night asking if I needed a building. As you can imagine, that's a pretty easy question for any church planter to answer. Of course we are! He then connected me with a pastor that's helping a church in Longmont **gift** their building to a young church plant. And the building? Well...it's the one in our neighborhood that we've been

praying about!

I've had two days to process this information and I'm just as stunned tonight as I was Saturday night. This is an *uncommon* and *incredible* opportunity. And I'm understating this significantly!

This morning I spoke with the pastor responsible for finding a church plant to make this building home. We had a wonderful conversation and he's very excited about a church plant like ours being in this space. But we're not the only church plant they're talking to right now. So they've asked me to submit a proposal outlining our vision as a church and our vision for a building. With the help of our team, I'll be working on this proposal over the next week!

Here's how you can join us in prayer:

- Thank God that he's planting [this church](#), and that he's holding this process together
- Ask God to give myself and our team patience to savor this opportunity, and wisdom to be good stewards
- Ask God to give the committee in charge of gifting the church wisdom, clarity, and conviction
- Ask God to help me trust his leading/provision, and to stay primarily and steadfastly focused on *vision* throughout this process
- Thank God that he's in the business of redeeming spaces and buildings; and ask that *this* space would be a catalyst for blessing and flourishing in Longmont
- And, ultimately, would you ask God to *gift us* this building?

ALSO! We have a church name! That was supposed to go out in a more general update today, but, as you can imagine, I got a little distracted. You can read about

it [here](#).

Grateful to have your prayerful support! I'll keep you updated as we go along.

Merry Christmas!

Justin & Caitlyn

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