



# RISING TO THE CHALLENGE



## A Message From the Pastor...

Since 1999, River Run Christian Church has been a church that has risen to the challenge of God. These past nine years have been the most exciting and amazing years of my life. It has been life-changing for me to see hundreds of lives impacted and transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Nearly 700 people have committed their lives to Christ here at River Run and have been baptized.

In just nine short years, we have seen our weekly attendance rise from 200 in 1999 to an average of 1,250 between our Seminole and Brevard County campuses in 2007. That is an increase of 525% in attendance.

Friends, even with all the growth we have experienced and the blessing of moving into our current facility, I believe this is only the beginning of what God wants to accomplish through all of us. In February, we will launch into a capital campaign, called **RISING TO THE CHALLENGE**, that will allow us to begin the process of raising the necessary funds to build a new facility that will house a 1,200-seat state-of-the-art worship center, two children's worship centers, multiple children's educational spaces, an indoor playroom for children, a café with indoor and outdoor seating, a bookstore, two large adult educational classrooms, a full kitchen and a large commons area. This additional space also will allow the Student Ministry full use of our current facility.

**RISING TO THE CHALLENGE** will enable God's kingdom to be expanded through River Run beyond what we could ever ask for or imagine. Our new facility will allow us to see even more souls saved. With the additional square footage, River Run Christian Church will be able to grow to nearly 5,000 members, which translates into many more souls spending eternity with Jesus in heaven!

Each commitment made to **RISING TO THE CHALLENGE** will be a blessing toward the future of River Run Christian Church and our kingdom commitment to **CONNECT COMMUNITIES TO CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER** by being Relevant, Real and Relational.

In the love of Christ,  
Pastor Michael Andriano



## JUST THE FACTS

This FACT SHEET is designed to do just that...give you the specific FACTS on our new capital campaign **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**. It is intended to be informational in a concise manner.



## THE PURPOSE OF "RISE TO THE CHALLENGE"

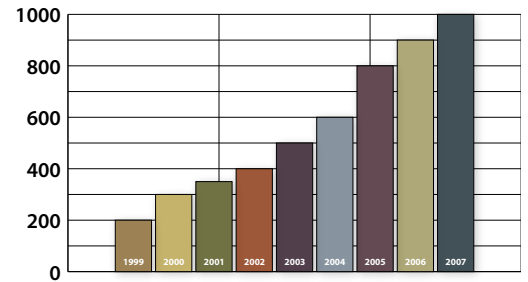
The ultimate purpose of **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE** is to equip River Run Christian Church to continue reaching unchurched people in our community in the most effective way possible. This is not just a building program, nor is it just an attempt to raise money. This entire effort is about winning people to Jesus Christ... **CONNECTING COMMUNITIES TO CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER**. It is about touching lives and families with the power of God to make a difference for all eternity.

## WHAT WILL ALL OF THIS COST?

The cost of our current facility was \$4.5 million (including the property purchase, architectural and site preparation costs, construction costs and furniture expenditures). The River Run Vision Team, along with The Beck Group architects of Dallas, Texas, have developed a preliminary sketch and the rough estimates to build are approximately \$10 million. We trust that God will continue to bless us

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN "RISE TO THE CHALLENGE":

This graph visually demonstrates where God is taking us. Since 1999, our Seminole Campus attendance has grown from 200 to more than 1,000. In that same time, our staff has grown from 4 to 15, our children's and youth programs have experienced tremendous growth, and our average weekly offerings have increased from \$2,500 in 1999 to more than \$27,000 in 2007. The numbers don't tell the entire story, but just as normal temperature and blood pressure readings imply physical health, these statistics indicate spiritual vitality and a future filled with God's blessing to make us all want to continue **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**



## WHAT WILL BE ASKED OF ME?

As part of our commitment to Christ and our ministry in His church, we will ask every family and individual related to our church to consider making a sacrificial financial commitment over and above their regular giving. This gift will be given over a three-year period of time. No one will ever be pressured to give, nor will anyone be told what he or she should give. This commitment is between you and God. We want every person to experience the joy of being generous to God in a sacrificial manner and the blessings that He always gives back to us. Our desire is for you to pray, pray, pray, and then ask God what He would have you do to **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**.

## WILL MY COMMITMENT BE MADE PUBLIC?

Absolutely not! This is between you and God. We will ask you to fill out a commitment card, but your specific amount will be a private matter. The total of all commitments in the church will be shared publicly in a **CELEBRATION** service.

## HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

The key word here is "SACRIFICE." Because everyone has varying income and assets, no set amount is appropriate. Instead, we request that each person would consider what God would have him or her sacrifice. "EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS." A good definition of "sacrifice" is "giving up something you love for something you love more."

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PRAY

We are calling on everyone associated with our church family to make this campaign a matter of serious personal and family prayer. Our church body is entering a time of great growth and potential, and we continue to need the Lord's blessing and direction.

## UPCOMING EVENTS – SPECIAL DATES

### February 3rd–February 5th | PRAYER AND VISION EVENINGS (P.A.V.E.S)

Our goal is for everyone connected to River Run to attend a one-hour session filled with information and prayer. These P.A.V.E.S will be on our campus and will be held at 7 p.m. each evening.

### February 24th | COMMITMENT SUNDAY

During both morning worship services, we will make our campaign commitments. Before each service, we will celebrate this great day with a special catered breakfast at the Sunday Cafe.

### March 9th | CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Commitments will be announced this Sunday, and it will truly be a day when we all **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE** and celebrate what God has done!



## PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYER WITH YOUR CHURCH & FAMILY

- Pray for our church leaders to have wisdom.
- Pray for the entire Capital Campaign steering team.
- Pray for our efforts to reach new people for Jesus Christ.
- Pray that our attention will continue to be focused on bringing the lost to Jesus.
- Pray that God will reveal to you and your family what sacrificial gift He desires for you to make.