## **Letter from Pastor Scott**

Although the public phase of the Cannonball journey began with Vision & Worship Nights in September 2018, followed by the Cannonball message series in October and November, the seeds for Cannonball were actually sown in early 2017 when our Elders and Leadership Team were challenged with a new God-sized vision for the future of Community Christian Church. The goal of the Cannonball generosity initiative was to challenge our church family to go "All In" in their relationship with Jesus Christ. To "Jump In and Make Waves" inside our church family...in our local community...and around the world.

At the end of that first Cannonball message series, you and I as a church family made Cannonball commitments totaling over \$16 million to help us fund three waves of generosity:

- The Wave of Ministry to fund the regular ministry that happens at Community, including our programming for adults, children and students, our local outreach efforts and our giving to mission organizations all around the world.
- The Wave of Expansion to make possible the building of the new NextGen Building for our children and students that would allow us to add 800 - 900 additional seats in our Auditorium to reach more people with the message of hope in Jesus Christ.
- The Wave of Outreach to open doors for greater influence in our community and around the world through new and expanded missions giving and greater participation in planting new churches.

## WAVES THAT GO BEYOND-WALLS

As we near the end of the 2-year Cannonball journey at the end of December, I want to thank you for your faithfulness to your commitments that you made two years ago. I want to encourage you to follow through on those commitments and let's finish strong!

I want to encourage you to mark your calendar **for Sunday, December 13**. This will be our *Cannonball* **Celebration Day** on which we will celebrate the entire Cannonball journey and how God has worked IN us & THROUGH us for His glory! And what better way to bring the Cannonball journey to an end than with a Grand Opening Celebration for the completion of our Auditorium renovation and the new NextGen Building!! See the other side of this newsletter for all the details. It's going to be such a great day and you don't want to miss it!

Let's continue to jump in and make waves!





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## **Special Tax Rules for Giving**

The CARES Act encourages taxpayers to increase their giving this year to Churches in 2020 by increasing charitable deduction

thresholds. Taxpayers must normally limit their current year charitable deductions for cash gifts to no more than 60% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). For 2020 only, the CARES Act removes the ceiling, allowing a deduction for up to 100% of AGI for cash gifts to a nonprofit organization, like Community. This is an opportunity for those planning major cash gifts to eliminate or greatly reduce income taxes in 2020. We suggest you contact your tax professional for more information about this special tax deduction available for 2020 only.

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## G O A L U P D A T E

before or after the worship service you attend. Plan to wear your *Cannonball* t-shirt and join us for this exciting day!

Total Cannonball Commitments: \$16,565,648

Total Cannonball Giving to Date: (12/1/2018 - 10/25/2020):

**Actual to Date:** \$11,362,425

**Goal to Date:** \$14,496,814

First Time Givers to Date: 3,326

Total Givers to Date: 12,572

Note: All gifts to Community Christian Church from December 2018 - December 2020 count toward the Cannonball goal. **Thank you for being part of Cannonball!**