



Expanding **Our** Tent

GHOP

*A Vision for establishing
a Global House of Prayer*

Isaiah 54:2-3
Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.
³For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.



Dr. Chris & Dahlia



Pastor Bob (Associate Pastor) & Beth Fox

Hello Beautiful People,
This year, 2021, GO Church celebrates ten years of ministry. It is always great to celebrate what God has done in the past and to highlight a vision for the future. It took faith for us to launch out and faith has kept us

on the journey. Last year, God expanded our ministry by joining us with the former Abundant Life Fellowship. We welcome our new members and our journey together is only just beginning.

When our group of 39 launched out, it wasn't practical for us to be able to sustain the expensive lease at Crowne Plaza Hotel. But God did it. Three and a half years later, when we leased our present facilities, it wasn't practical that we would be able to meet all our new obligations, but God did it again. God has never failed to meet us at our point of faith.

God has refined our vision and given us a mandate to expand our tent and establish a Global House of Prayer. God has given us a game plan as to how to accomplish it. In this booklet, we share the plan. I am excited about what God is about to do. Thanks for journeying with us.

Walk good,

Dr. Chris,

Lead Pastor

Expanding Our Tent—Establishing a House of Prayer.

GO Church has a unique place in the Kingdom of God. He has us here for a specific purpose and while we make no boast about any achievements, innovation has been a hallmark of GO Church from the very beginning. Why? Because God wired us a little differently from everyone/everywhere else.

While this is true, there are some things that ought to remain constant in all churches, such as a love for the Word of God, authentic worship, prayer and outreach. As we have fasted and prayed, we believe that God is showing us that we need to **“Expand our Tent.”** This means several things, but one important aspect is that each and every one of us need to stretch ourselves more to reach out to those outside our tent.

When we first learned about the facilities at 333 Edwin Drive, it was being offered for sale at the cost of \$1.2M. We felt a particular call to these facilities, because for three years prior, our congregation hosted the Hampton Roads Prayer Walk, just across the street at Mt. Trashmore. Little did we know that as we “claimed the territory” surrounding the park, God would plant our congregation just a few feet away from the park. Approximately a year later, God opened the doors for us to lease the facilities. We have now been at this location for almost 6.5 years.



When we first visited the facilities, our elders felt it was a bit small for the work God has called us as a congregation to do, but having a burden to one day establish a House of Prayer, we felt it was the ideal location for this. The lease was expensive, but we knew it was an investment in God’s Kingdom.

Over the years we have negotiated with the owners and eventually locked in the purchase price at \$675K, which is way below their initial \$1.2M asking price. We have also paid a non-refundable option price of \$75K, which goes towards the price of the facility, when we purchase later this year.

What's the Big Picture Plan

The **Expand Our Tent** plan in brief is that we will be purchasing our present facility and then donating it to the community to be used as a 24-Hour Global House of Prayer. We are trusting God to provide us with an alternate location to host our weekly services, classrooms and office space. Our first option is to move everything to an off-site location (with the exception of Dr. Chris' office, which will remain in the House of Prayer). All sound equipment, etc. will remain in the HOP. GO Church will be the custodian of the House of Prayer, but it will be available for the entire region to utilize for prayer.

Why are we moving the church into an alternate location?

From the very beginning, our elders felt that our present location would be temporary. Our present facility has a maximum capacity of 150 seats. We believe God has a significant role for GO Church to play globally, that exceeds the capacity of our present facility. There is also presently a lack of space for classrooms for children and teens, and a lack of space to serve the community outside of our Sunday morning activities. We continue to trust God for an alternate location. In the meantime, we are making plans to develop a structure at the back of our present facilities to house our congregation, but this would be a transition facility, until God opens the door to a new place.

Why is there the need for such a large House of Prayer?

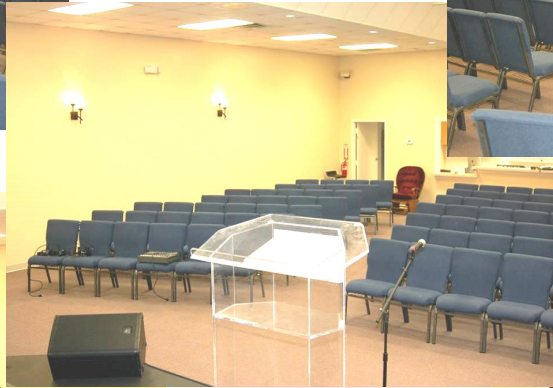
God is going to bring revival to the Hampton Roads area and at present, there is no dedicated place large enough to house a prayer movement that will foster such a move of God. We have also shared our vision for this house of prayer and it has been embraced by THOP, which presently hosts weekly prayer meetings in our facilities. Finally, it is also an unfortunate fact that many churches are hesitant to support prayer ministries at another church. Because this will be a dedicated place for prayer, the **Global House of Prayer** will avoid many of these hang-ups.

Why Establish a 24-Hour House of Prayer?

1. God is worthy of night and day worship. He deserves it—after all, He gave Himself for us
2. When we pray “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” we need to remember that in heaven there is eternal worship— we are simply mirroring what is happening in heaven.
3. United prayer has a way of bringing churches together in a way nothing else can
4. Jesus said in Matthew 21:13 “My house shall be called a house of prayer.” He was quoting the scriptures in Isaiah 56: 7 “For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Non stop prayer helps to fulfill that mission of Jesus
5. Prayer has always preceded great moves of God such as revivals in society. The history of revivals is filled with examples of consistent and non-stop prayer
6. One of the greatest thrust for international missions happened in the wake of a non-stop prayer meeting that lasted for more than 100 years. This happened among the Moravian Community of Herrnhut in Saxony, in 1727, when they commenced a round-the-clock “prayer watch” that continued nonstop for over a hundred years. By 1791, 65 years after commencement of that prayer vigil, the small Moravian community had sent 300 missionaries to the ends of the earth
7. Non-stop prayer most often precedes practical work in the community. The most well known HOP in the United States is the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. On September 19, 1999, IHOPKC began non-stop prayer and worship (which continues to today). Since then, they have developed ministries and outreaches which includes increasing current inner-city outreach with on-site food distribution, discipleship programs, provision of food and clothing for children’s outreaches, street clean-up. Other outreaches include Children’s Justice Initiative to serve orphans and children at risk. They partner with Women’s Life Center, a local crisis pregnancy center helping women who refuse abortion and choose life. They are also working to provide homes and restoration programs for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence, and prostitutes who respond to the gospel.

Global House of Prayer Facilities

The aim of the plan is to donate all of our present facilities, furnishing and equipment to the Global House of Prayer



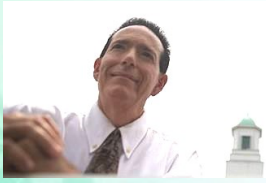
Where Does the Plan Stand Now?

- ⇒ *The owners are ready to sell and we have the right of first refusal*
- ⇒ *We have paid a \$75K option price, which goes towards the purchase price (\$675K)*
- ⇒ *We are assembling a team of leaders and intercessors from our region (both Southside and Peninsula) who have a track record of serving the region in prayer, to spearhead the Global House of Prayer.*
- ⇒ *Intercessors from around the city have already been praying at the Global House of Prayer.*
- ⇒ *We are in the process of getting the word out about the plan to the community.*
- ⇒ *We still have a far way to go in terms of the funds we need for the deposit to acquire the facility. Please consider making a sacrificial gift towards this effort. Thanks for your partnership.*

Where Will the Funding come from for all of This?

**Our God has never failed to provide for the vision He has given us
and we believe He will do it again.**

What others are saying about the Global House of Prayer



Pastor Miguel Dabul,
Director, Tidewater
House of Prayer

The Tidewater Regional Prayer Network was birthed in 2004 in an event where Dr. Chris Cunningham (one of our Founding Leaders), was the Prayer Coordinator at New Life Church. The vision was birthed, filling for a while 50-60 hours per week! When the THOP building was sold in 2018, where would we go? Talking to Dr. Chris, he shared about Global HOP. We had complementary visions! We thank, with much gratitude, GO Church for opening the facility for THOP. We look forward to continue working together to raise for the Lord the house in Tidewater where He can dwell in fullness according to the heavenly pattern of 24/7 worship and prayer.



Pastor Neverett Yarbough
Director, Hampton Roads
National Day of Prayer

One of the most important things in a community, from a Christian perspective, is prayer. United prayer not only mobilizes faith but it also creates a reliance on the spiritual communication with God. Global House of Prayer has taken the bold initiative to establish 24/7 prayer in the Hampton Roads area. It is my honor to support GO Church and the Global House of Prayer ministry and their endeavors. Houses of Prayer, across the area, have become sanctuaries or fortresses that harness spiritual warfare. During these troubling times, prayer for our nation and community have become mandatory and Global House of Prayer has become a beacon of hope and light radiating in darkness.

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Benjamin Atkinson
Full Time Missionary
IHOPKC, Richmond

I can not say enough good things about Global Outreach Church, Drs. Chris & Dahlia Cunningham, Pastor Bob and Beth Fox and their vibrant church community. They are called from the nations to reach the nations. This community is answering the call by strategically investing time and energy into day and night prayer through GHOP. As a leader in the prayer movement, I met Dr. Chris in 2003, when he was filming strategic prayer communities and their global impact at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. He has been and is a resourceful leader who is called for such a time as this. Now is the time to pray, now is the time to act, now is



Denise McCleese
Worship Leader
GHOP

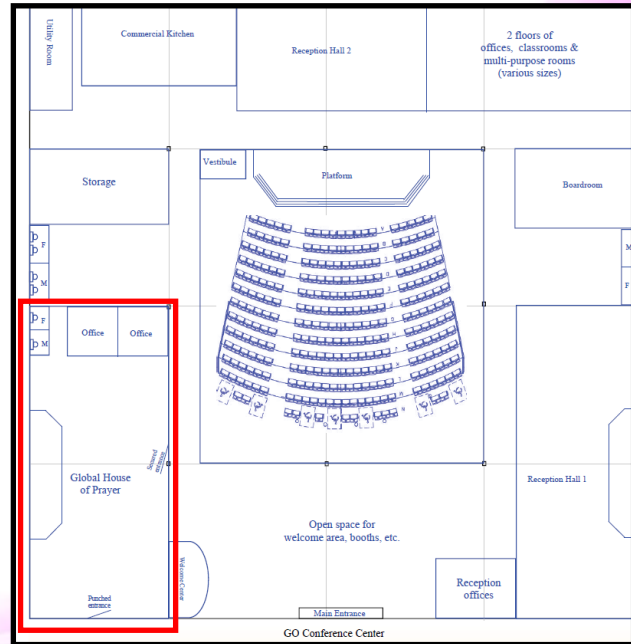
I am a worship leader at GHOP. Leading a watch one time weekly, is a privilege. I get to do this. My heart's desire since 2002 is that there would be a dedicated place in Hampton Roads where Jesus is worshipped corporately 24/7. Why? It was 2003 that God through the hearing of His Word in song over and over, began the healing of my Heart, restored my marriage and created in both of us a love for the Word of God from a place of 24/7 prayer. Furthermore Jesus is worthy. May the fire on the altar never go out.

Why GO Church can be trusted as custodian of the House

1. Long before GO Church was a church, from our very first negotiations for a facility, we have carried the dream of one day establishing a House of Prayer. Pictured is the blueprint design for use of space for the first building we were in negotiations for and the 24-7 HOP (indicated by red square) was always a part of the plan. In other words, the establishment of a 24-7 House of Prayer is a part of our DNA.

2. From our very first service, GO Church has devoted 10-15 minutes in each service to pray for a different nation/people group. To date, we have prayed for every nation on earth and are now praying for unreached people groups worldwide.

3. We have paid the price—our congregation has knowingly made the sacrifice of paying a much larger sum for our facilities than a church our size should bear, because we know it's a down payment towards establishing the Global House of Prayer



4. Our leaders and congregation are on board—it is not everyday a congregation decides to give everything away to the community and then start again. That is essentially what the GO Church team has decided. We are seeking God to provide the funds to purchase our present facility, transition it to a 24-7 House of Prayer for the entire region, and continue to pay for the upkeep of that facility. Then start from scratch by moving into a new facility, furnishing it and continue to take care of both facilities.

5. We are already doing the work. Our facilities are presently open to the entire community for prayer. We house the Tidewater House of Prayer and there are presently teams of intercessors who pray in our facilities at various times. Up until mid-way into the COVID-19 pandemic, our facilities were opened at no charge to the community for up to 53/168 hours per week. We have not pursued adding much more hours to the schedule, because we want it to be a totally independent facility, not a specific “church facility.”



Marching out from Global House of Prayer: 8th Annual Hampton Roads Prayer Walk.



Intercessors meet to pray at GHOP.



A small group of intercessors meet at a midday prayer meeting at GHOP

Prayer Meetings at the Global House of Prayer

Pastors Prayer Meeting at GHOP



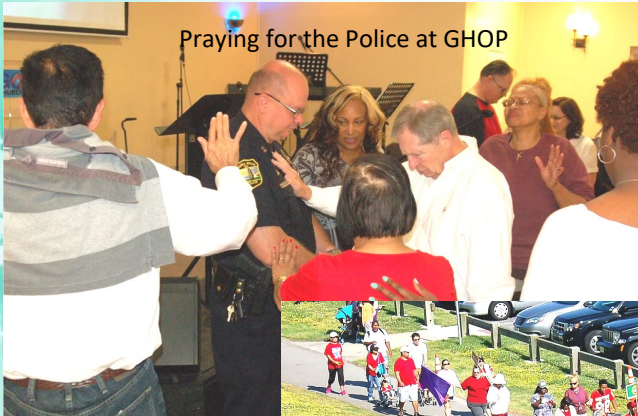
United Prayer Meeting



An evening prayer meeting at GHOP



Praying for the Police at GHOP



Annual Hampton Roads Prayer Walk—starts and ends at GHOP



Financially Speaking...

GO Church has a track record of financial trustworthiness, in that for 3.5 years we paid a monthly lease of \$5,000 and for almost 6.5 years, we have paid a lease of \$6,000 monthly, plus utilities and maintenance.

Purchasing the Global House of Prayer Facilities

Total Cost: \$675,000 Deposited: \$75,000

75% Loan: \$506,250 Balance: \$93,750

80% Loan: \$540,000 Balance: \$60,000

Unless required by our lending organization, GO Church will not be having a traditional building fund pledge campaign. We believe that as our members and friends recognize the importance of the Global House of Prayer to the region, and see the need for our expansion to meet God's call on our congregation, that you will give generously. Thanks for partnering with us.

	Income
2020	\$247,631
2019	\$145,949
2018	\$144,014
2017	\$178,556
2016	\$157,045
2015	\$129,353
2014	\$105,597
2013	\$111,228
2012	\$123,960
2011	\$117,994

**Your support is not for an individual congregation;
when you invest in this project, you are investing in a
greater vision to bring non-stop prayer to the
Hampton Roads region.**

All funds donated towards the Global House of Prayer are being held in a special account different from the GO Church credit account, and will not be used for any purpose apart from the purchase of the building for the Global House of Prayer. Should the facilities for any reason not be acquired, all funds will be promptly returned to donors.

A Letter to Hampton Roads Intercessors



My wife and I have been serving in missions since 1978 and have seen the need and result of persevering, united prayer. From 1995 until 2010 we lived in Virginia Beach and attended various missional prayer groups but also participated in several 24/7 worship and prayer events. In 2010, being convinced of the need for more Houses of Prayer, we relocated to Kansas City to be part of the International House of Prayer (IHOPKC). From here we planted and nurtured various sites for Houses of Prayer in the Mediterranean region.

When the Kansas City House of Prayer launched in September 1999, the host suburb of Grandview, Missouri was listed in the top ten quickest dying cities of its size in the US. Twenty-one years later the transformation is noticeable in the desirability of abstaining a house and in crime statistics. The region of Kansas City has become increasingly known as “a city on a hill” because of the church’s leadership. Before 24/7 prayer unity was “impossible.”

The idea of a 24/7 House of Prayer in Hampton Roads has gripped our hearts. We envision for Hampton Roads, a place that would grow into a united expression of love and faith, lifting praise and prayers to the Lord hourly to increase and empower His plans, presence and purposes.

The vision that some are putting forth now is so much in line with what God wants. The building simply houses people who pursue a vision that, without God, will be impossible to realize. A building is not everything, but it is substance to an eternal vision where worshippers of the Lamb unite in extravagant expressions of love and desire for the Lamb on the throne and the collaboration of God’s good purposes. This vision is so much needed.

For the Lord of the harvest,
Norman and Debbie Przybylski
International House of Prayer

Global Outreach Church is a multiethnic, multigenerational body of believers called from the nations to reach the nations at home and abroad with the message of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated to bringing people together from all ethnicities in an environment of acceptance and freedom to worship Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. We are a non-denominational Christian Church that is evangelical in doctrine and charismatic in practice. We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are essential for our daily walk as Christians.

Philosophy

Our philosophy of ministry is "the priesthood of the believer," which simply means that every Christian should be properly equipped to go and do the work of ministry. Come and experience... GO and share.

Values

Global – We are a multiethnic, multigenerational church.

Outreach – We reach beyond our four walls to the community and the world.

Church – Every believer is an important part of the ministry.



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