Our Vision...

...to be a community of believers dedicated to the glory of God by extending radical grace for the broken, sharing revolutionary compassion for the hurting and leading people to a passionate relationship with Jesus through the gospel.



New Passion Family!

It is with great joy I get to share with you all some exciting news about the opportunities and direction our leadership team feels God is leading us to.

Two weeks ago one of the pastors at Stevens Creek contacted us to let us know that they would no longer offer a church campus in Grovetown. They asked us if we would be interested in moving our Sunday morning worship service to Grovetown High School when they moved out and if we'd be interested in fulfilling some of their mission's opportunities with the school.

Jonothan Powell, Billy Wilson and I have met and discussed this opportunity on several occasions since the opportunity was offered to us. We have been asking you to pray with us for some potential opportunities that were on the forefront for our church. On Friday, Billy and I met with a representative at the school and took a tour of the facility to see if it would meet our needs.

Nick Carnes, Lead Pastor

Jonothan Powell, *Worship Leader*

Billy Wilson, Missions Director

Our Values: "G6"

God's Glory [The] Gospel Grace Generosity Growth Going I am excited to announce that we have unanimously agreed to notify Grovetown High School of our intent to rent the school beginning on our 3rd Birthday Service, Sunday, September 9, 2012. We have been given a list of prices for each space available to rent. I am meeting with Ms. Jackson on Monday, August 19, to submit an offer based on our space and time needs.

This is going to be a great opportunity for our church to expand our influence for the gospel both in worship services and in community mission's projects with and through the school.

There's a lot for us to accomplish in the next three weeks as we prepare to move into the school and we need all of the help we can get from our church family. The school will provide many benefits to our church, but those benefits will require some sacrifice and investment on our part. We have always operated on faith and we will continue to take each step by faith, trusting in God and his wisdom as he leads us.

Our move will require us to update some signs and promo cards, as well as replace some of our equipment and supplies that have broken down over the last three years.

We have always operated with the belief that if the people support the vision of the church and the direction of the leadership, we will not have to beg for money or do fundraisers to meet the financial needs of the church. Thankfully we have not had to do any of that up to this point.

Our estimated expense for moving is **\$7,000**. We trust that God will provide for this need through his people. If God has blessed you in such a way that you can give *above and beyond* your normal tithes and offerings to help provide for this need we ask that you prayerfully consider a financial gift towards this expense. Some of you have invested greatly to help us get where we are today, but some of you who are newer to NPC have missed these opportunities that God has brought our way for joyful and sacrificial giving as we've had opportunities to expand our gospel influence in Grovetown. If any of you feel led to participate in giving towards these expenses, please memo your check or envelope with "NPC Expansion."

In addition, the school rent will cost **30% more** than what we currently pay at Patriot's Park. This is approximately **\$150 more per week** (it could be less if the school accepts our proposal). My family is committed to increasing our giving to help with this added expense. Would your family be willing to increase your tithes and offerings to help meet these expenses? If you and your family are not currently giving, this is a great opportunity to not only worship God in your giving, but to help invest in his kingdom through the expansion of New Passion Church. Would you consider leading your family down the right path by becoming a regular giver at New Passion Church?

How will the school benefit New Passion? Here's a few ways...

- 400 seat auditorium with stadium style seating (Provides room to grow & a better environment for a church service).
- Service time will change from 10 am to 10:30 am (You can sleep later)
- State of the art technology with lighting, sound and video all available for the church to use. This will help with less set-up/breakdown for the band and more time for pre-service rehearsal.
- Large cafeteria for *the Ridge*. We've almost outgrown the room at Patriot's Park. The cafeteria is equipped with 2 video projectors & space to split age groups up.
- Many increased mission's opportunities through the school. Providing avenues to connect with parents, teachers and students for the sake of the gospel.
- GHS is located in the middle of several growing, new neighborhoods. This will place us in the heart of where God has called us to minister to as a church.

As you can see, this is going to be huge for our church! I am excited to see how far God has brought us as a people and as a church in three short years. We will announce other ways you can be involved very soon. Immediately, you can help by 1) Praying 2) Spreading the word 3) Investing financially and 4) Inviting others to join us in our new place of worship.

If you have any questions concerning this move, please feel free to talk with me personally or email me: <u>nickc@newpassionchurch.com</u>

Nick Carnes Lead Pastor