

REDEMPTION HILL COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

THE GOAL OF THIS DOCUMENT

Redemption Hill is calling for partners to join us *financially* and *prayerfully* to help us *purchase our church building* and continue to live out our mission for the Kingdom of God in Lewiston/Auburn, ME.

The Lord is doing amazing work in our church and in our city.
We are excited to invite you to partner with us and help us move into a new space.
Allow us to tell the story of why we believe this is where God is calling us and how you can help.

WHO WE ARE

REDEMPTION HILL COMMUNITY

OUR STORY

12 years ago, a group of Christians caught of vision of what God could do if they lived like missionaries in the downtown area of Lewiston, ME (an area without a strong gospel presence). They planted **Redemption Hill Community** with the goal of living life together, on mission, for the city and the glory of God. That vision has never changed.

The church has been through some trying seasons and met significant obstacles in pursuit of this mission; however, God has been faithful to preserve the values and vision of the church, establish it in the community of Lewiston, and grow it in depth and breadth.

Redemption Hill Community averages about 125 people gathered on a Sunday morning, representing the culturally and ethnically-diverse Lewiston population. At our Launch Service, 170 came to hear about Jesus and witness the baptism of 2 individuals who have been transformed by Him. However, we are less concerned with numbers. We are more concerned that people encounter Jesus in word and deed through God's people living lives that declare and display Him in the everyday stuff of life.

OUR MISSION: *Why do we exist?*

We exist so that every man, woman, and child in the Lewiston-Auburn area would have a daily encounter with Jesus in word and deed.

OUR VISION: *How will we accomplish that?*

We will be a family of missionary servants, united around the gospel, that gather together, give together, grow together, and go together for the glory of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES: *What defines all we do?*

Gospel

Everything we do is shaped by the gospel, which is the good news of what God has accomplished in the person of His Son (His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection) to secure forgiveness and life for all who repent and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Community

The Gospel creates a redeemed and transformed community. We are committed to living life together and helping one another to grow as disciples of Christ. We commit to pursuing biblical health and faithfulness in our structures and life together.

Mission

We have been rescued & redeemed by a loving missionary God through the gospel. Therefore, we seek to reflect who He is and join in His mission together. We proclaim and picture the gospel together for the increased worship of God in our city and the nations.

HOW DO WE LIVE?

1. Like a family

We live life together. We believe the gospel of Jesus Christ forms a people of God that are to live like a spiritual family. We are not content to live like a “club” or view the Sunday morning service as what “church” is. We know each other deeply and live together, as a gospel-formed family.

2. Like servants

Jesus is our role model. He came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. We seek to follow His heart and posture by having the same mind as Christ, serving one another and our community with sacrificial, joyful, practical, and humble service.

3. Like missionaries

The church is a people formed from and for the mission of God. God is a missionary and He has welcomed us into His mission to saturate the world with His glory. That means we live in light of God’s calling for us to be ambassadors of Christ in every area of life. And we do so together.

4. In kingdom-minded unity

Our life together is unashamedly devoted to unity through commitment. Commitment to the gospel of Jesus. Commitment to the scriptures. Commitment to each other. Commitment to the mission of God. Commitment to God’s kingdom over our own. And that unity is deep.

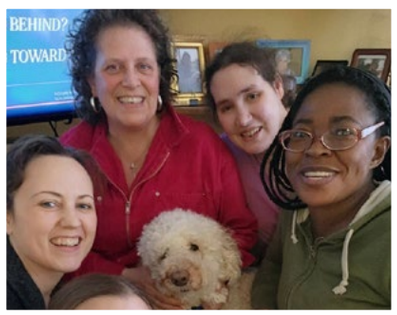
5. In mission-minded small groups

To disciple one another and live on mission means living life together. Our small groups are called Missional Communities and they are groups of families that pursue God together (Upward), pursue one another relationally (Inward), and pursue the lost world intentionally (Outward).

6. In scripture-saturated DNAs

The goal of our fellowship is to help each other follow Jesus. To do so, we see the value in following scriptural examples of discipling relationships. A DNA is a group of 2-4 men (or women) that gather regularly to Discover God through His Word, Nurture love for Christ, and Act in response to the gospel.









WHY LEWISTON, ME?





The 2nd most post-Christian city in America ...

According to Barna's recent study, our area of Maine is the 2nd most post-Christian in the country. That means most people have little interest in religion, have never heard the gospel of Jesus, and have never experienced a healthy church environment.

Multicultural and quickly growing ...

Lewiston is an old mill town, populated by many 3rd and 4th-generation Irish and French immigrants. However, Bates college has brought young students from all over the world. Lewiston/Auburn has also become a haven for refugees and immigrants. There is a growing number of immigrants from Africa, many of which are Muslim. Some parts feel like a city and other parts feel like a small Maine town.

With great spiritual needs ...

Lewiston/Auburn is home to many below the poverty line, including hundreds of homeless teens. Poverty, addiction, mental illness, and spiritual skepticism are common in our city. Many are seeking to satisfy their souls with idols, distractions, and vain ambitions. Few know the life that Jesus offers.

And very little gospel witness.

We are well connected with other healthy churches; however, we are one of few trying to minister with presence to those that live in the downtown area of our small city: the poor, the addicted, the immigrant, the orphan, the searching. To reach our post-Christian city requires Christians willing to live "uncomfortably" for the sake of reaching those who don't know Jesus.

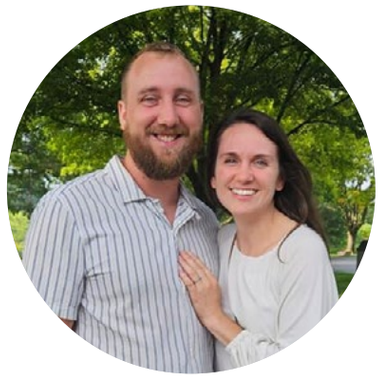
WE LOVE SERVING LEWISTON: *MINISTRY STORIES*



Laura | Embrace Grace

Laura and her husband Rodrigo are members of our church. They have a huge heart to serve single moms with unexpected pregnancies. Laura helps run a ministry out of our church that supports single moms that feel they have nowhere else to go. Our church financially assists them and provides a support group to nurture relational and spiritual support.





Damon | Common Grounds

Damon and his wife Vicky are members of our church. Vicky is a teacher at Lewiston High School and Damon serves our immigrant community through the Root Cellar. Damon started a free cafe for the community in the downtown area where all the workers are local teenagers that learn business and work skills and give back to the community.





Kimbre | Salt & Light

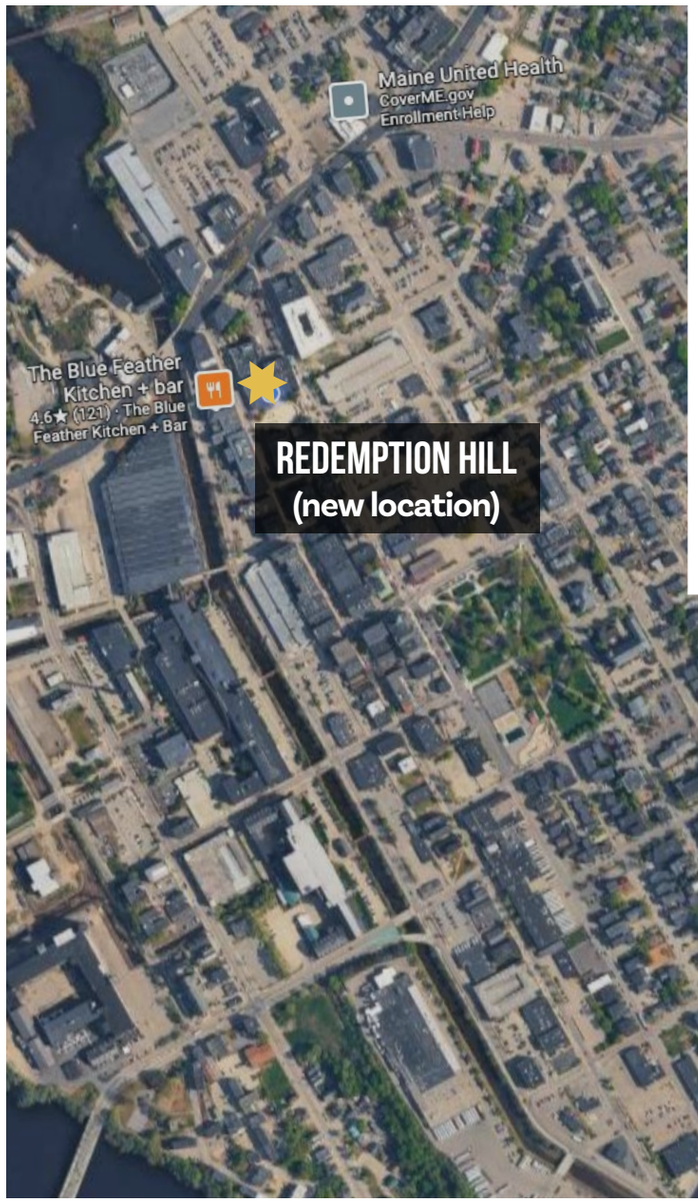
Kimbre and her husband Matt are members of our church. Kimbre works at the YMCA in Auburn and is on the board of Salt & Light Community Center, a nonprofit that serves the Hampshire St. neighborhood in Auburn. They proved a variety of programs such as youth sports clinics, after-school tutoring, teen youth groups, and grandparents-raising-grandkids support groups.



HELP US PURCHASE OUR NEW CHURCH HOME

The Lord has providentially led us out of our current location and has opened the door to meet in an even better gathering space, which will increase our capacity to live on mission in Lewiston/Auburn together. But we can only do so with your help.

OUR NEW LOCATION: 64 LISBON ST







A gospel-centered presence in the downtown

Although there are some healthy, gospel-preaching churches in our area, there are none that meet in downtown Lewiston proper that are actually seeking to reach those who live in the heart of the city. Progressive, universalist, and prosperity gospel messages are the only ones being taught by the few, dying churches that remain. Few people have heard the good news of the biblical Jesus and what he has done.

An area saturated with brokenness & need

Most of the crime, drug abuse, homelessness, immigrant resources, subsidized housing, and communal life happen in this area. Often those who live in this area are secluded and remain primarily within their neighborhoods and local areas of interest.

We want to remain here in the Downtown

We do not want to move away from the areas of greatest need, we want to press further in. We want to remain within walking distance of Kennedy Park, a central location in the downtown area where many go to talk, play, and commune together. **We want to be a gospel presence in the heart of our city for the next 200 years!**

POSITIONED TO REACH THE CITY

We have already seen many profess faith in Jesus, be baptized, and brought into God's family. This is why we are here.







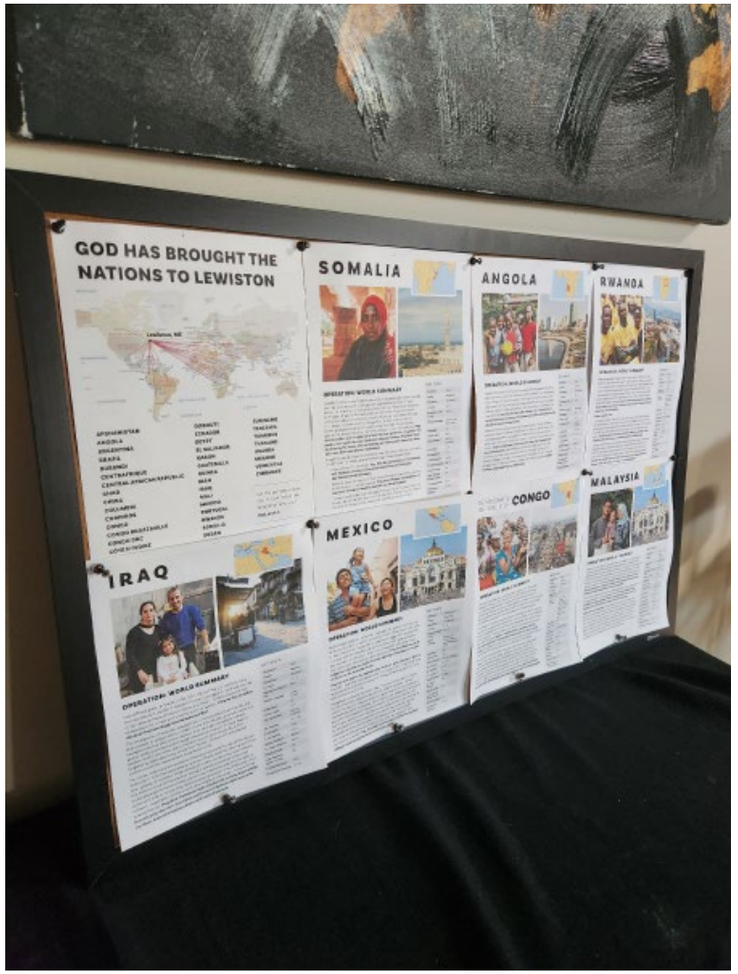






GOD HAS BROUGHT THE NATIONS TO US

20% of our church family are immigrants and refugees. God has blessed our city with many cultures, and Jesus loves them all. Our city is home to those from several unreached people groups, including around 10,000 Somali Muslims and hundreds of Afghan refugees. There are over 30 countries represented in our small city. We are dedicated to living as a family of missionaries for all the people God has brought to our community.







BENEFITS OF OUR NEW LOCATION

- √ High-traffic area in the heart of downtown Lewiston
- √ Wonderful parking solution (public garage)
- √ More than enough space to grow to 3x our current size
- √ Handicap accessibility
- √ Public park outside that can be used for events/ministry
- √ Ability to purchase the building
- √ Newer building with plenty of bathrooms/offices/classrooms
- √ Close to Kennedy Park/immigrant community
- √ Ability to sublease or rent space, if desired
- √ Large basement for storage and potential future renovation
- √ Complete freedom to build/renovate as desired

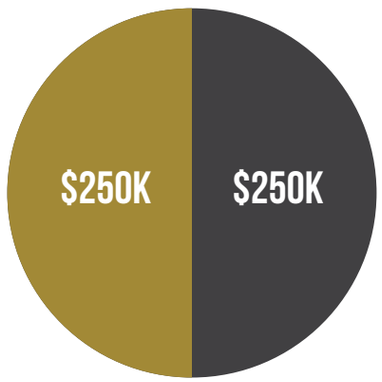
FUNDRAISING PLAN

2 PHASES OF FUNDRAISING TOWARDS $400K

We need immediate financial help to renovate the space to make it ready for church-use. Then, we will raise funds to put a down payment on the space and purchase it, as church.

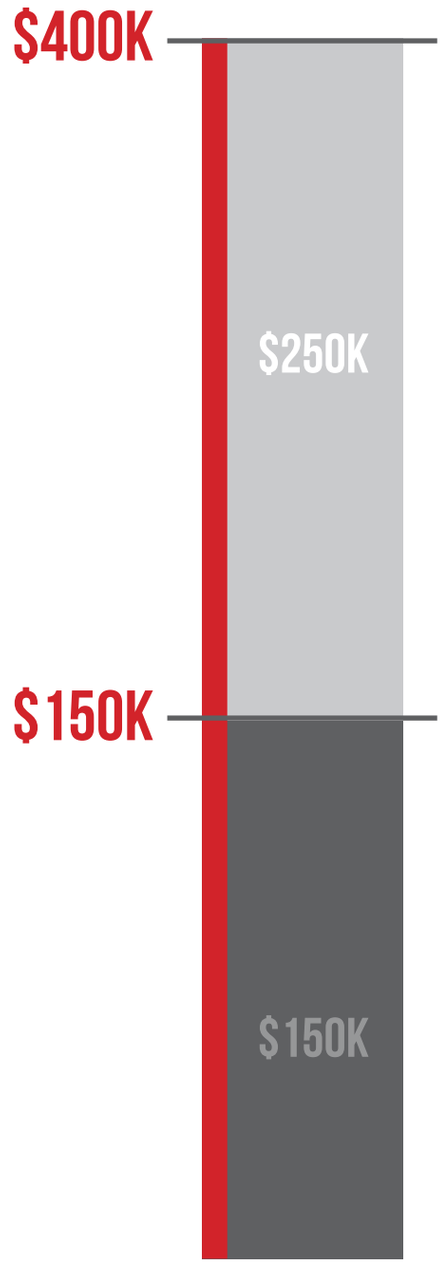
WE ARE COMMITTED TO A 50/50 FUNDRAISING PLAN

We are a small church; however, our members are dedicated to give above and beyond their normal giving to raise $200k internally. However, we also believe that God invites others in God's Kingdom to give to this mission and support us as a young, smaller church living on mission in a city in need of the gospel.



Internal: $200k (50%)

External: $200k (50%)



Downpayment

In order to purchase the 10,000 sq ft space at the end of our lease, we would need to raise $250k for a downpayment to set us up well for a long future in the downtown area of Lewiston, as a church.

Renovations

We are raising $150k to renovate the space to be accomodating for our current desires/needs. Several skilled contractors in the church body are volunteering their work to keep this cost low.

FUNDRAISING GOALS

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EXTERNAL GIVING

We understand that God is the source of all provision. And we see in scripture the blessing and benefit of going to God's greater Church and asking for financial partnership. We understand some can give more than others. However, we believe this breakdown is a faithful way of envisioning how God will bring partners to us. **We can not move forward without additional financial support; however, we believe with joyful confidence God will provide.**

BREAKDOWN OF EXTERNAL GIVING

(1) Legacy gift: >$50,000

(2) Major gifts: >$25,000

(4) Large gifts: >$10,000

(8) Medium gifts: >$5,000

(15) Smaller gifts: >$1,000

(25) Individual gifts: >$200

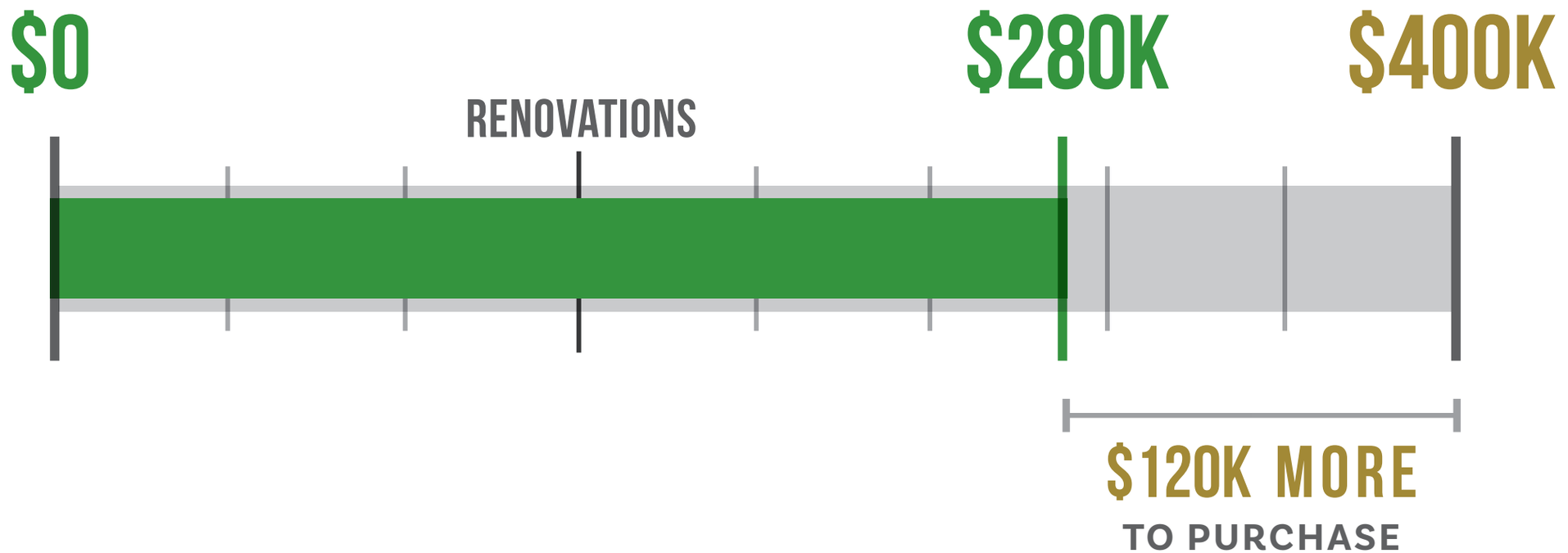
EXTERNAL TOTAL GOAL: $200K

One-time or ongoing commitments

Since our fundraising will be spread over the next several years, we are happy to receive either one-time gifts or a commitment to give monthly (or quarterly) towards a certain amount.

FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

AS OF OCTOBER 2026



WHY PARTNER WITH US FINANCIALLY?

1. Because Lewiston/Auburn needs Jesus

This is the 2nd most post-Christian area in the country. The fields are white for harvest and laborers are few. Amid spiritual darkness, Redemption Hill is committed to display and declare the light of Christ where He is not known.

2. Because Maine ministry flourishes with endurance

It takes longer to nurture trust and deep relationships with people who are estranged and skeptical of the church. That means younger churches in Maine often need ongoing generosity for longer than more "churched" areas.

3. So we can continue living as missionaries

Many in our church have sold their homes or changed jobs in order to be more present in our areas of ministry. We are living intentionally and sacrificially for the mission of God in our city. As William Carey expressed, "*I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the ropes.*"

4. We will be set up for greater gospel impact

This new location is even more strategic than our current location. We will have more space to use for a variety of ministry purposes, including ministry to immigrants, the poor, single moms, and college students.

5. We will be set up to be a lasting gospel presence

We believe this could be our permanent home. By moving into a space we can own in the future means this is an investment into the next 200 years and beyond. We want God's kingdom to be physically present in our city.

6. Because God loves Lewiston/Auburn (and so do we)

We see God working in powerful ways around us. We believe that God's timing in all of this is very providential. He is leading us to where He wants us, for His glory. Only 5% of the people in the greater Lewiston/Auburn area attend a gospel-preaching church. Many have never even heard the gospel. We believe Jesus is worthy of all their worship, and He has placed us here to make disciples because He loves them.

TO GIVE: RHCENTRAL.COM/FUNDRAISING