



**MAKING ROOM FOR GOD TO MOVE**

**A FAITH-RAISING MOVEMENT  
FOR THE CHURCH, FOR THE CITY, FOR THE LOVE.**

**SOUL CITY CHURCH**

# OUR STORY

In November of 2010, Soul City Church opened its doors for the first time, and we could never have imagined all that God would do in such a short time. We have seen people find and fall in love with Jesus, we've seen families restored, we've seen life-long friendships start and grow, and we've seen a glimpse of what is possible when the Church is committed to being better 7 days a week, rather than 1.

When God called us to be a part of what He was doing in Chicago, we knew we couldn't say no. The adventure of leading this church has changed our lives, and the mission of leading people into a transforming relationship with Jesus is the heart of Soul City Church.

The gift of space at the corner of Adams and Racine set Soul City up to grow and to BE the church in one of the fastest growing and most influential neighborhoods in Chicago. Since 2010, weekly attendance has increased by more than 400%...and we just keep growing. This growth is GREAT, and it poses real challenges.

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One of the biggest challenges is that we are out of room. We're out of seats on Sundays, we're out of spaces for Small Groups to meet in during the week, we're out of room for kids to grow and learn, we're even out of parking spaces! We know that in order to continue to grow we have to make room for God to move.

God is calling us to create a transformation center right here in the West Loop of Chicago that is For The Love. We want to be known not for what we are against, but what we are FOR. And we are For The Love... for All People. We are For The Love of God being extended to any and every person. God has clearly invited us to join Him in a Faith-Raising Movement as we extend our building east, and we are excited to invite you to join us on the journey.

We are so grateful for all God has done, and we're praying BIG prayers as we look towards the future. We can't wait to share more with you and to create more space for more people to experience more of God's transformational love at Soul City Church.

For The Love,

**JARRETT & JEANNE**





**ERICKA  
LASHLEY**

## SOUL CITY STORIES

I started attending Soul City two years ago, and it changed my life in a major way. I spent the previous 19 years living at home and attending the same church with my family. In a short period everything changed. My parents and brother moved to Arizona, my older brother and sister got a new place in the suburbs, and I moved to the city.

I recall this period of my life being a little bit lonely. Looking for community and a new church to call home, I began working through a list. Visiting new churches is awkward, but at Soul City I felt like people were interested in me for the first time. What stood out was

the personal touch: people walked me to the door, helped me find a seat and provided me with the ever-growing-in-popularity Free Coffee Mug. Leaving that day I felt encouraged, but it was a few days later when I received a personal email that I decided to come back. The hand-written letter was the final straw, I would definitely be attending.

I have attended for the last two years, and my life has been turned upside down. I have been completely wrecked, and it is wonderful to be in a place like Soul City where I found people that encourage my personal and spiritual growth. My take away from my time at SC is to encourage people to take a risk. It's scary, but every time I've risked, I've gained greatly. God invites you to do beautiful things, and you need to jump in.



## JOEL & KATE MILLER

We were married in 2008 and decided to move to Chicago where Joel grew up. After a few years of sporadic church attendance, we heard about Soul City in the spring of 2010 – this was before the church even started meeting! After learning more, we knew we needed to check it out, and from the first moment we walked into the welcoming and intentional space, we knew we had found our church home.

After attending for a few weeks we dove in deep! For a few years, we helped the Christmas Store, started serving on Sundays in the Worship Collective and helped create videos and visuals with the Creative Team. We were both so excited that we found a church that encouraged us to discover and leverage the gifts God had uniquely given us to serve the church. We felt led to be baptized here, and the more we've been involved, the more we've experienced transformation through Jesus. We have a deep gratitude knowing that Soul City Church cares about our entire family and our experience here. When we had our daughter, we couldn't wait to bring her to Soul City Kids. The creativity and faithfulness of the Soul City Kids team to create safe, engaging and thoughtful experiences every week mean the world to us. Our lives, our marriage and our family are better because of what we've experienced here, and we are grateful.

# OUR FUTURE

The Vision of Soul City Church is to Lead a Faith-Raising Movement that transforms the soul, the city, and the world. We believe that in this next season, God is calling us to create a transformation center in the West Loop.

But this calling is about more than brick and mortar – more than just the expansion of physical space. A building is not what extends the love of God. It's the PEOPLE who make that space their home who define what it means to be For The Love. By joining this movement, we have an opportunity to create a space with an unmistakable imprint of God's love present in each corner. We have an opportunity to show and extend the love of God to each person we encounter and to live lives oriented around that love.

This space is not just about expansion for the sake of expansion. It's about opening our doors wide for the community and for partnership. It's about a 24/7 ministry hub for Chicago that extends God's love where it's needed most. It's about loving our city well and being a place where people can connect, grow, and be deeply transformed by God.

So we're inviting YOU to BE a part of building a movement that is all For The Love.

## THE BUILDING

When you arrive at Soul City Church on W. Adams Street, you'll see the new space tying in seamlessly with the current space. The new structure will be 3 levels and will include large doors that open onto the sidewalk during warm weather, as well as an outdoor terrace accessible from the balcony lobby. Once inside you'll find open, inviting, warm spaces throughout the building including a new café where people will be able to connect all throughout the week. The state-of-the-art auditorium will seat over 800 people, while still feeling intimate and highly connected.

South Facade  
Elevation



Upper Lobby



# TRANSFORMATION CENTER

**920**

**AUDITORIUM SEATS**

**8,300**

**SQ FT OF  
SMALL GROUP SPACE**

**9,200**

**SQ FT OF  
SOUL CITY KIDS/STUDENTS SPACE**

**3,602**

**SQ FT OF  
CAFE/CONNECTION SPACE**

**3,700**

**SQ FT OF  
NEW AUDITORIUM SPACE**

**10,230**

**SQ FT OF  
PARKING**

# I AM FOR THE LOVE

## ASK. BELIEVE. COMMIT.

**ASK** → 100% PARTICIPATION

**BELIEVE** → \$7 MILLION

**COMMIT** → 1 YEAR

We are asking God for 100% participation from Soul City Church. We don't want ANYONE to miss out on this Faith-Raising Movement. So, here is what are going to do. We are simply going to ASK, BELIEVE, and COMMIT.

### FOR THE LOVE TIMELINE

#### MARCH 2010

Jarrett & Jeanne  
move to Chicago

#### NOVEMBER 2010

Soul City Church  
Launch - average Sunday  
attendance for 2010 is 147

#### APRIL 2015

Soul City has  
record attendance on  
Easter - 2,124 People

**ASK** *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5*

Start by asking God how He has blessed you and how He wants to lead you. A prayer like, **“God, I’m asking you to lead me to what you want me to give and how I manage my money.”** Many people will be tempted to ask, **“What can I do?”** This question is all about what I can afford and how I manage my money. We encourage you to ask a more courageous question, **“What can God do?”** This question is all about trust and faith. This question starts and ends with God.

**BELIEVE** *“Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can’t believe that, believe what you see – these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I am doing but even greater things.” John 14:11*

When you have a sense of how God is leading you to give, take some time to sit with God’s faithfulness to you in the past. Take some time to ask yourself, “Do I really believe that God is good? If I do, then do I also believe God will provide for me, grow me and walk with me through this?” Claim this belief by praying this prayer, **“God I believe that you are faithful and you are leading me.”**

**COMMIT** *“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.” Psalm 37:5*

When you have heard from God and decided in your heart what to give, then commit to it with confidence. Your commitment is not to this church, nor to your finances; your commitment is to God. When you have made your commitment to give, you can say to God, **“God, I trust you. I commit to giving this gift to you. I will be faithful to it and faithful to you because you have always and will always be faithful to me.”**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

Public Launch of  
For the Love

**FALL 2016**

Break ground on  
new building

**FALL 2017**

Project completed

HOW WILL YOU BE  
**FOR THE LOVE?**

**WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19



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