

The Time is Now.



"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER ABIDES
IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE IT IS THAT BEARS MUCH FRUIT,
FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING."
JOHN 15:5

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A Note from Pastor Stan

*This is what I see for the
Ministry House at 314...*

...a timely resource to help us find life in Christ and bring life to others...

...adults, youth and children scattering on Sunday morning to their classes in bright, warm, inviting rooms...

...college students gathering to discuss how to stand for Christ against the rising anti-Christian sentiment...

...a counselor from CCEF meeting with a couple whose marriage is collapsing...

...people in the neighborhood drawn to the new, attractive facility of the church on the corner and to the hustle and bustle of activity going on there...

...a CHOP group gathered to pray for those in their life spheres and those in the neighborhood...

...a pastor deep in study in the privacy of his office, uninterrupted by people just passing through...

...heads bent in prayer interceding for the needs of the local and broader church and for revival in our land...

...another pastoral staff person or an intern setting up shop, giving thought to how to minister to the youth the Lord has been bringing in...

...deacons stocking the pantry with food supplies for mercy ministry...

...a volunteer putting the finishing touches on The Grapevine, the monthly RPC newsletter produced to edify and inform...

...an attractive facility that shouts life by its cleanliness, brightness, design, organization and activity—an incubator for life in providing a place for teaching, prayer, planning, discussion, fellowship, a cultivator of life in reaching out through prayer, mercy ministry, study and evangelism.

—Pastor Stanley Gale



Our Purpose

*Serving our Lord Jesus Christ as
His church to glorify and enjoy Him.*

Our Values

*Exalting the Triune God
Edifying the Community of Believers
Engaging the Culture*

Our Mission

*For God's glory and by His grace,
serving the greater West Chester area
to impart the Life of Christ through
Living in Christ, Learning of Christ
and Leading to Christ.*

Our Vision

*To be a branch growing deeply in the vine of Life,
filling West Chester, PA with the hope of life.*

Our Calling

*Finding Life in Christ,
Bringing Life to Others*

T H E V I S I O N

In 2001, God planted a seed deep in the heart of RPC to be a branch growing deeply in the vine of Life, filling West Chester, PA with the hope of Life.

Since then, He has nurtured the growth of this seed, feeding us with His Word and watering us with His Spirit. Over the past several years, we've learned the urgency and necessity of proclaiming God's grace, we've prayed for those whom God has placed on our hearts, and we've understood what it means to show the love of Christ to others.

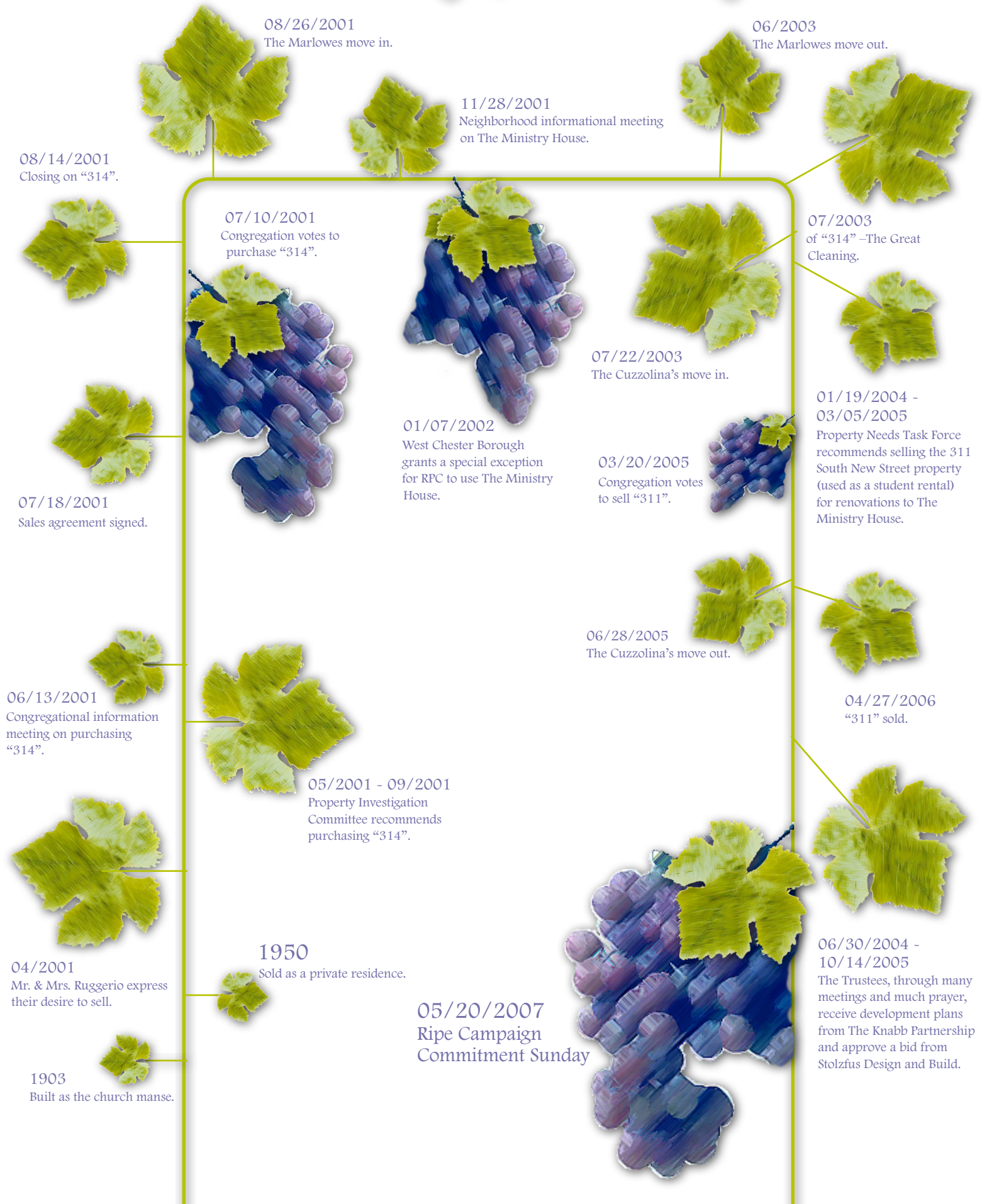
The branch is strong, and the fruit is growing. The harvest of this fruit is to see individuals in West Chester find life in Christ - the One True, Living Vine of Life. The yield will be men and women, adults and children, sitting at the feet of the Teacher, finding Life in Him.

The Time is Now: the fields are RIPE for the harvest. Let us enter into the fields and reap what God has sown (Mark 4:29). Read through the following pages to better understand how to enter the threshing floor and join in the harvest through "Ripe: The Time is Now".

REAP

VINE

A history of the ministry house at 314



JUICE

T H E M I N I S T R I E S

The Ministry House at 314 is designed to draw people (bring life) and build people (find life). It will enhance and support our means for reaching our vision and mission by providing a a bright, warm, inviting environment for Administration, Bible Study, Counseling, Fellowship, Prayer & Small Groups, and by communicating care and expectancy to the surrounding neighborhood.

The following Ministries have been envisioned as the juice of our investment:

Neighborhood Bible Study

Children's Classrooms

Community Houses Of Prayer

Scouting / Pioneers / Care Groups

Organized Office Space

Youth Group / College and Career



FLAVOR

T H E C O M M I T M E N T

Just as there are many different flavors of grapes – none more important than the other – God calls each of us to commit to The Ministry House at 314 in different ways.

Please review the sample contribution schedule and respond as you feel called. Remember, this contribution is over and above your regular giving.

Weekly	Monthly	Annually*	36 Mos. Total
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$200	\$867	\$10,400	\$21,300
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$30	\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680
\$25	\$109	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$88	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$7 (\$1/day)	\$30	\$364	\$1,092
\$1	\$4	\$52	\$156
*This Campaign spans three tax years 2007-2010		3 year goal =	\$500,000

"...Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

TASTE

THE DEVOTIONAL

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 38:4

A commitment to The Ministry House at 314 is not only financial, physical or material. The commitment is first and foremost spiritual – it is the expression of your desire to bring Life in Christ to others. Because the commitment is spiritual, it is imperative to stay in constant communion with our Heavenly Father. Our foe would love nothing greater than to see our endeavor fail, our ministries undone and our desire distracted to other things.

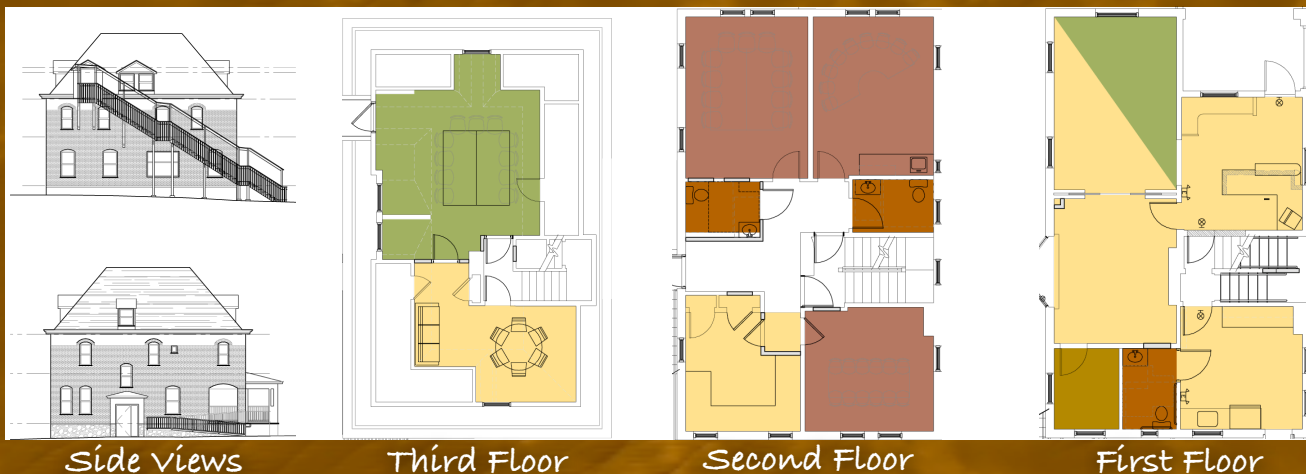
Devoting our selves to our Heavenly Father through reading His Word and prayer will focus our will to His, increase our desire to bring the Life of Christ to others and nurture our ministries. Only then can The Ministry House of 314 succeed.

Over the next few weeks, spend time in "Taste: The Devotional". Listen to the call of our Heavenly Father to the way in which He would have you commit to "Ripe: The Time is Now."

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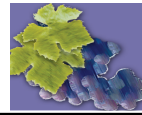
THE DESIGN

The Transition of a private residence into a ministry house is no small feat. With powerful ministries envisioned, physical alterations were necessary. Architects from The Knabb Partnership saw the vision for The Ministry House at 314 and designed every square inch. Below are the sketches.



Nutritional Information

Questions & Answers



RIPE

What is the capital campaign?

The capital campaign is an organized effort to help us in our vision based on John 15 'to be a branch deeply rooted in the Vine of life, filling West Chester with the hope of life.' At surface level, the campaign will help us raise funds for the renovations of 314 W. Union St. At a broader level, it reaches to disciple us in stewardship of all of life for the sake of Christ. At a deeper level, it will stretch our faith to expect and trust in what only God can accomplish, fueling our vision beyond the boundaries of sight.

Is God in this project?

We believe that not only does this project occupy the heart of God for us as His church here in West Chester, but that His hand is on the reins directing things in His way and in His time. The elders of the church are unanimous in this conviction and confident in God's provision as we set out.

What thought and planning has gone into this project?

This project reflects a vast amount of time, energy, thought and prayer. From day one when our neighbors at 314 said they wanted to see RPC purchase their property when they would one day sell it, to the purchase and preparations, to the presentation of our vision from John 15, God has been leading us. As for nuts and bolts planning, look at the architect's plans in this brochure and superimpose the virtual tour from the 'I see...' document to get a feel for planning past, present and future.

What is the difference between fundraising and a capital campaign?

The bottom line of fundraising is money. The bottom line of the capital campaign is stewardship of life as Christ's disciples. The capital we have in mind is the capital of all that our Lord Jesus has entrusted to us and that we are to use in seeking first His kingdom and glory. Fundraising looks to a collection. The capital campaign looks to a harvest, the fruit of a God-centered life that will abound for years to come.

What will the money we raise be used for?

The primary concern will be the conversion of 314 into a ministry center. Two other areas in view are paying off the mortgage on 314 to free up funds for ministry and making improvements to the church building.

How will renovation affect our church growth?

In every way. Read the 'I see...' document in this brochure to feel the momentum of ministry. We can expect multi-faced growth: spiritual growth in the maturity of Christ-likeness, functional growth as more people are equipped and engaged in ministry, and numerical growth, as the Lord provides the increase. A healthy church will grow. On top of our growth, we expect to be instruments of growth as we look to be a blessing to others as part of Christ's kingdom.

Will we raise all the money we need before we start building?

The money will be in sight, if not in hand. We will be asking the congregation to make pledges over a 3-year period. That means your giving will not need to be all upfront or even in just a single year. But it also means that we will have a good idea of God's funding over the long term. For us to get started, which we want to do as soon as we can, we will likely need to obtain a bridge loan from the bank, which we will pay off as pledges come in. In addition, those God brings to RPC will be extended an invitation to be part of what He is doing.

What is expected of me?

You can certainly expect God to be at work in you and through you as you seek His face in this campaign. We expect you to hear your leaders and take seriously what they are laying before you. We expect you to give yourself to God and your heart to Christ. But as for specifics, that remains to be seen in how the Lord leads you in the days ahead. Beginning April 29th, the RPC family will enter a four-week window where together we will turn our attention to what God is calling us and how He wants to use us as individuals and families.

Will I be able to change my commitment?

Unforeseen circumstances may cause you to want to decrease—or increase—your giving commitment in the future, as you respond to God's providence in your life. At any time during the three-year period of your commitment, you can make adjustments to your pledge by submitting a revised RIPE commitment card.

Will I be pressured to give?

A campaign of this sort promises pressure. As we give ear to the Holy Spirit through the revelation of His Word and His illumination in our minds, hearts and consciences, He brings the pressure of grace. As we hear sermons preached, lessons taught and experiences related, areas of our heart may well be laid bare before our God. Where we have given begrudgingly in the past, where the excuses behind which we have taken refuge are stripped away, where the neglected promises to obedient faith are recovered—it is in things such as these we will feel the pressure of the Spirit's scalpel to consider the example of our Lord Jesus and conform us to His pattern.

Will the ministry house at 314 change RPC?

The answer is yes and no. No, in that we are committed to the same core values, the same emphasis on the Word of God, and the same commitment to building and equipping mature believers. Yes, in that the additional space will allow us additional ministry opportunities and will allow us to touch more lives with the Word of God and the ministry of the cross.

If you have any further questions, please contact one of our elders or send an email to rpcwc@ccil.org.