

He Can Do the Impossible!

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On the occasion of our Ground-Breaking
for the new church campus

... God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
Matthew 16:18

With promises like that, citizens in the kingdom of God can easily become drunk on wonder. God can accomplish the *impossible!*

Consider the case of Sarai. She is in her golden years, but God promises her a son.

Genesis 18:10-12

Then the LORD said (to Abraham), "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my husband is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Nevertheless, she allows herself to get excited.

She visits the maternity shop and buys a few dresses. She plans her shower and remodels her tent ... but no son. She eats a few birthday cakes and blows out a lot of candles ... still no son. She goes through a decade of wall calendars from her insurance agent ... still no son.

Finally, fourteen years later, when Abram is pushing a century of years and Sarai ninety ... when the wallpaper in the nursery is faded and the baby furniture is several seasons out of date ... God pays them a visit and tells them they had better select a name for their new son.

Abram and Sarai laugh again because that's what you do when someone says he can do the impossible. All the same, God gets busy doing what he does best—the unbelievable.

He changes a few things—beginning with their names. Abram, the father of one, will now be Abraham, the father of a multitude. Sarai, the barren one, will now be Sarah, the mother.

But their names aren't the only things God changes.

He changes their minds.

He changes their faith.

He changes the way they define the word *impossible*.

And that has happened to us, too. God changed the way we define the word *impossible*.

In 1928 two small congregations united to form the Windsor Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. They first met on Wyandotte St. E., but after steady growth and a series of relocations, what once seemed impossible came to pass: property was purchased at the corner of Goyeau and Tuscarora.

Although wartime restrictions slowed the progress of construction, the lower auditorium was dedicated in 1946 and the upper structure was completed and dedicated five years later (1951).

And then, 30 years later, in 1982, God once again changed the way our church defines the word *impossible*. The Windsor Alliance Church sold the downtown building and headed for south Windsor. In June of 1984, construction of a new church building began on this site, 2455 Talbot Road.

The new facility was dedicated to the Lord on January 6, 1985 under the new name of Heritage Park Alliance Church, and many people thought they would never fill the sanctuary ... the same sanctuary that now serves as our chapel.

Our God is the God of the impossible, isn't He? The Bible says, in Gal. 3:9, "...those who have faith are blessed..." God honoured the faith he found in our church family. He blessed the Heritage Park Alliance Church along the way. After moving to the current location, the ministry expanded to two morning services to accommodate the growth. New ministries were added, and lives were changed.

In 1992 a greater commitment to missions and outreach to the community brought added growth and blessing to the congregation. We paid off the mortgage in 1995, and the church kept growing! *Nothing is impossible with God!*

In November 2000 we dedicated the new addition that included a gymnasium, overflow, and office complex. A Saturday night service was added to take the pressure off of Sunday morning.

Each new chapter in our journey has brought fresh focus and direction. Each new chapter has brought us to a greater conviction that God can do the impossible!

We are striving to be a loving community of fully devoted followers of Christ, and we are about to open a new chapter in this journey of faith as we build a brand new campus for our growing church family. There is no limit to what He can do in us and through us!

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Thank you for your service to the Lord.

Thank you for giving financially.

Thank you for praying fervently for God's will and God's glory to be revealed.

Thank you for engaging your family and friends in spiritual conversations.

Thank you for believing that God can do the impossible.

The best is yet to come, and we owe it all to Jesus!

So, we come to the Lord's Table today to remember Him, to honour Him, to express our love and devotion to Him.

We have broken ground for the new facility on the corner of Huron Church Line and Sixth Concession, but let's remember, Jesus is the one who said, "I will build my church!"

So we bring all of the honour and glory and blessing and lay it down at his feet now, and always.

He is the Alpha and Omega

He is the Bread of Life

He is the Friend of Sinners

He is the God of our salvation

He is the Head of the Church

He is the Image of the invisible God

He is Jehovah Jireh – our provider

He is the King of kings

He is the Lamb of God

He is the Man of Sorrows

He is the Name above every name
He is the Only begotten Son
He is the Prince of Peace
He is the Resurrection and the Life
He is the Sacrifice for all our sins

He is the Truth
He is the Unspeakable Gift of God
He is our Very Present Help in Trouble
He is Worthy of all praise and honour
He is the Yes and Amen

My friends, Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, The beginning and the end,
And every letter of the alphabet could not begin to describe him!