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FORMER SAN DIEGO CHARGER LEADS ONE OF NATION'S FASTEST GROWING CHURCHES

*~Pastor moves congregation into one of the most technologically advanced venues in
San Diego~*

Miles McPherson is the Senior Pastor of the **Rock Church** here in San Diego. As a little boy, he dreamed about playing for the **NFL**. That dream became a reality in 1982 when he got drafted to the **San Diego Chargers**. But after leading a life of self-indulgence and drug addiction, he was empty, lonely, and hopeless. "Having been up all night doing cocaine and realizing my life was empty I turned to God. The change in my life was dramatic and instant." That was April 1984.

Since then, McPherson has won numerous **Dove awards** for his inspirational books, been inducted into his alma mater's **Hall of Fame**, won an **Emmy for an explosive documentary on drug abuse called "Master Meth"** and even been called "one of San Diego's most influential people" by San Diego Magazine.

Jump to the year 2000, when McPherson started the Rock Church. "We met for the first time at San Diego State University and 3,000 people showed up. God's presence was undeniable." That first Sunday has been regarded as one of **the largest church plants in North America**. Since then, **the Rock has been called one of the fastest growing churches in the nation**.

The Rock is preparing to move into its "**dream home**" at Liberty Station in Point Loma. **Similar in size to Noah's Ark**, the building will be 180 feet wide, three stories tall, and 443 feet long. This amazing space will become home to the Rock Church, Rock Academy & Miles Ahead Ministries.

The sanctuary will have **3,500 seats, a 60-foot stage** where the Rock will host church services, concerts, conferences and community events. With help **from Harvard professors and the creative minds of Hollywood's Academy Awards producers**, the new building will be **one of the most technologically advanced venues in all of San Diego**.

Further, due to the fact that the design and construction team designed the new building to **exceed energy efficiency guidelines**, SDGE issued a **\$70,000 reimbursement check** at the ribbon cutting on August 21st.

The first church services were held on Sunday, August 26th at 8am, 10am, 12 pm, 5pm, and 7pm.

The new home of the Rock Church & Academy is located at 2277 Rosecrans Street. Take Interstate 5 to Interstate 8, head west and take the Rosecrans Street exit. The property is on the corner of Rosecrans Street and Womble Road. Phone (619) 226-7625. For more information on the Rock Church, visit www.therocksandiego.org. For more information on Miles McPherson, visit www.milesmcpherson.com.

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