



## THERE IS A SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH THAT GOD IS BRINGING!

Over the last year, we have seen new people give their lives to Christ; 33 people baptized as followers of Jesus; new families coming to church; people experiencing a new vitality in their faith and an increase in discipleship. All of this is evidence of a spiritual momentum God is bringing. I believe we are now uniquely positioned to capitalize on that spiritual momentum through our *Momentum* campaign.

The challenge is that our facilities are no longer able to meet the needs of a growing church as they once did. However, I am confident that the *Momentum* campaign will open new doors of mission and opportunity for St. Matthew Church.

With a successful response, we will be able to update our facility, effectively broaden our ministries and provide strong programs for discipleship and outreach. Certainly, we cannot help but feel deep gratitude and anticipation as we seek God's will for our future, even as many of us sense the spiritual momentum in our own lives.

We are now challenged to give sacrificially, over and above our current giving to the Lord for three years. This program requires faithful, diligent prayer and obedience to God's leading. I genuinely believe that all of us at St. Matthew Church are ready for the challenge that this campaign offers. I hope you will join me as we enter boldly into this campaign, believing and trusting in God's provision and grace.

With a heart full of gratitude and faith, I ask you to consider your part in this campaign. Our job is to partner with God by trusting Him and seeking to faithfully build on what He has started. What is given is a personal decision between you and God. What we accomplish together will benefit generations to come.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may His name be glorified in this endeavor,

Pastor Bob



The primary purpose of our *Momentum* campaign is to focus on people. That's what St. Matthew Church is all about. All that we are doing — in one way or another — is designed to help people to "Know Jesus, Grow in His Grace and Go in His Name to love and serve others."

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

2 CHRONICLES 15:7



- Renovating our Children's area to be attractive and
- Providing an up-to-date facility that is inviting, safe and secure with a new centralized nursery area.

visible upon coming through the Main Entrance.

• Updating the Main Entrance to be a welcoming area for people to gather and connect.



- Enhancing updated spaces for adult education for Sunday mornings as well as small group spaces through the week.
- Installing at least one elevator that will provide access to the rooms under the Sanctuary.



### TESTIMONIALS

My wife and I came to St. Matthew for the first time in 2017. At that time, my wife had recently given birth to our first child, and on our first visit, we witnessed the church's dedication to the children and youth ministries. My wife and I now have three beautiful girls, and we continually find confidence in knowing that the children's ministry at St. Matthew provides enrichment and growth for our girls' relationships with Jesus Christ. The smiles and excitement that our girls have when my wife and I pick them up from Sunday School bring joy and comfort to our hearts. St. Matthew provides a space where we can all be together and has become a place for us to grow in our faith as a family while deepening our relationship with others.

#### JAKE & MORGAN S.

The impact St. Matthew has made on our lives can't easily be measured. From growing up in the children's and youth ministries, then seeing our kids do the same and find their faith in Christ, to worshipping and serving with other believers, being a part of this church family is so precious to us. The fact that this is where we met is an added bonus! Without the prayers and support from Pastor Bob and our friends and family at St. Matthew, there have been struggles we're not sure we could have made it though.

Since the first Sunday we walked through the doors of St. Matthew, we have felt God's loving and awesome presence in this special place. We are grateful for this church filled with faithful & caring believers who wholeheartedly worship the Lord and seek to share His goodness and Word with others. From Spirit-filled Sunday morning sermons and songs to solemn moments of prayer to joy-filled VBS weeks and holiday events, our family has been immeasurably blessed by God's hand at work at St. Matthew. We pray we will always be able to call St. Matthew our church home.

#### MATT AND ANNA Y.

Anyone looking for a faith community filled with loving and caring people will definitely find just that at St. Matthew. Since our visit to a St. Matthew worship service in the Fall of 2024, we have felt "at home." The Holy Spirit is definitely present in this body of believers. So, with great anticipation, we are looking forward to the mighty things God wants to accomplish here in the days ahead!

#### RANDY & LINDA D.

St. Matthew Church has helped our family through a devastating ordeal! Losing an adult child to cancer was crushing. We can't imagine going through that time without the compassion and support of everyone at St. Matthew. St. Matthew Church has enriched our lives and has made Jerry and me better people. The blessings we have received are enormous!

#### MARYHELEN P.

JAMIE & JENN P.

## WANT TO BE INVOLVED BUT NOT SURE HOW?

Are you enthusiastic about giving to this vision, but not sure where to start? Here are some creative ways to help allocate or free up resources so you can be a part of *Momentum campaign*.



**DECREASE:** Are there things in your life you can take advantage of less frequently? Maybe it's fewer coffee runs or one less dinner out each week. By decreasing a weekly expense, regardless of what it might be, you can save a significant amount to contribute.



**DELAY:** Are there plans you might be making that involve a financial commitment? If so, prayerfully ask God about delaying those plans and using the extra income to contribute.



**DO MORE:** Often, there are creative ways to save money. Maybe it's been a while since you got a quote for an existing service (ie., cell phone and cable service). Perhaps you could do some extra comparison or bargain shopping to save funds. For your kids, it could be as easy as saving extra change to give.



**DONATE:** A great way to contribute is to give existing assets. Giving your assets to the church and letting us sell them eliminates potential capital gains taxes and may increase after-tax proceeds. Please contact the church office for more guidance before committing an asset gift in order to determine its viability for liquidation.



**Project Goals** 

# BUILDING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Building and planning for the future, takes wisdom and faith. Pastor Bob, along with the leadership of St. Matthew Church, has been seeking wisdom and praying earnestly to discern God's will in this process. We have three potential goals in this campaign. The first goal is set at an attainable \$4 million. The second goal is also reachable, set at \$5.5 million. Our third goal of \$7 million is attainable when we give generously with our final result in mind. Afterall, we serve a GREAT AND MIGHTY God and with Him, we can do GREAT AND MIGHTY things!







## TYPICAL COMMITMENTS OVER A 3-YEAR PERIOD

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$2,000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$40	\$173	\$2,080	\$6,240
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560
\$5	\$22	\$260	\$780



#### **COMMITMENT CARD**

Phone	
Email	
MY/OUR TOTAL COMMITMENT:	
\$	
I/WE PLAN TO GIVE MY/OUR TOTA	AL COMMITMENT ACCORDINGLY:
\$	Weekly for 156 Week
\$	Monthly for 36 Months
\$	Annually for 3 Years
\$	Other (as follows
I/we will begin giving on: _	
FOR GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH:	
Description	
Approximate Value \$	
Signature(s)	

NOTE: This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

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