

LEANDER + LIBERTY HILL

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For the FUTURE



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a letter from **OUR PASTORS**

When God first spoke “It is Austin” He planted Celebration Church in our hearts to impact this city. We could see a church filled with life, but we could not yet imagine the scope of what He would do in the incredible years to come.

Twenty-six years later, we see the undeniable hand of God at work through every Celebration location. With churches thriving in Mozambique, revival stirring in Italy, and leaders being raised up to carry the light of the gospel into some of the darkest places on earth; we are in awe of all that God has done, and full of expectation for all that He is yet to do.

We are believing for another wave of Kingdom advancement as we take a faith filled step toward in establishing a permanent home for our Leander/Liberty Hill family. The land is ready. The vision is clear. The moment is now. The movement is already in motion and now we must build to sustain and expand it. Strong churches create strong communities, and what is being planted in Leander/Liberty Hill has the potential to shift the spiritual trajectory of an entire region.

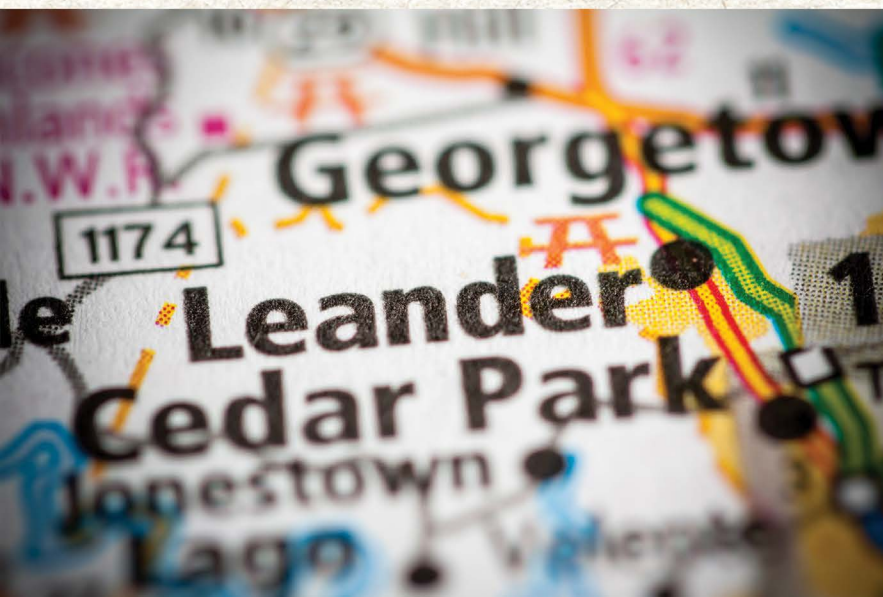
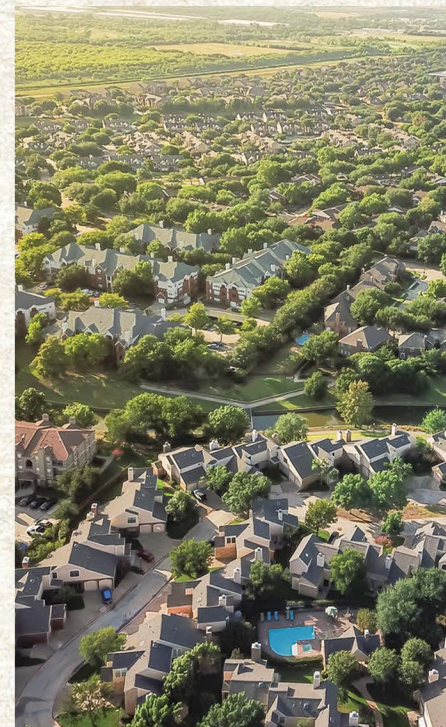
As we step forward in faith to give with sacrifice and conviction, we believe this house will rise because we are committed to building it for this generation and the generations to come.

We are all in and we invite you to join us.

Together, we will build *For The Future*.

Pastor Joe and Lori Champion

Pastors Joe & Lori Champion



THE MISSION

& the Movement

In just a short time, Celebration Church Leander/Liberty Hill has seen:



1,200+

**Salvations &
Decisions for Christ**



280+

**Next Steps through
Connection Point**



140+

Baptisms



50%

**of Our Church Family
is Under the Age of 18**

The call *It Is Austin* has now expanded throughout the greater Austin area continuing to see the favor of God for the mission to connect people to Christ, His Church and their calling. Celebration Church Leander/Liberty Hill is seeing the rapid growth and favor of God as this beautiful story continues to unfold.

Fueled by the momentum of nearby Austin, the cities of Leander and Liberty Hill have experienced explosive growth, with populations increasing more than 275% and homeownership near 90%. Families are not passing through; they are planting roots with hearts full of vision for their future

With that growth comes opportunity: as the city grows strong, the church must grow strong. Since launching in September 2023, Celebration Church Leander/Liberty Hill has established a vibrant and growing congregation. Each week, new families are finding hope, building relationships, and anchoring their lives in Christ. Small groups are expanding, kids ministry is growing, and students are encountering revival. The momentum at our Leander/Liberty Hill location is undeniable.

Lives are being transformed, and that transformation is extending into homes, schools, and workplaces across the community. Even As a portable church, we are seeing lasting impact, and we believe that a permanent home will accelerate and maximize that impact; creating a place where people encounter Jesus and are developed into strong, thriving Christians.

This is a strong beginning; but it is only the beginning. We believe the best is yet to come. If we are going to reach our city and make a generational impact, a strong church must be planted in a well rooted and visible location. The movement is already in motion; now we must build to sustain and expand it.





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>> *Soomin Kim*



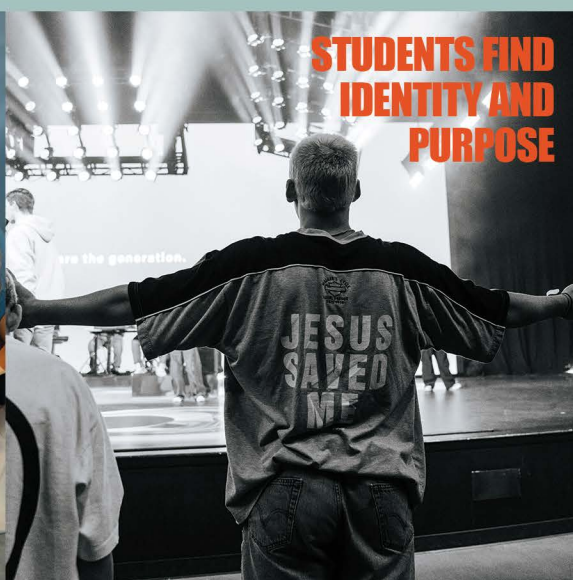
NOW IS THE TIME. THIS MOMENT CALLS FOR ACTION.

The growth we are experiencing is a clear sign of God's blessing and the ministry opportunity in front of us. To steward this momentum well, now is the time to move toward a permanent facility, create greater capacity, and prepare for the people and opportunities God will bring.

Now is the time to build for the future. Now is the time to create a space where:



THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WORSHIP



STUDENTS FIND IDENTITY AND PURPOSE



FAMILIES ENGAGE DAILY, NOT JUST ON SUNDAYS



SMALL GROUPS, CARE MINISTRIES, AND EDUCATION CAN FLOURISH

THE MOMENT IS HERE.
THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW.



THE OPPORTUNITY



In Leander and Liberty Hill, the future is being written now, and Celebration Church has been positioned for this moment.

Our Leander/Liberty Hill Location has secured an incredible property located on a major corridor flowing through the heart of this rapidly growing community

On 183A near FM2243 our property sees over 35,000 cars per day drive past. These are families and individuals, leaders, community builders, and innovators from around the world that now call Leander and Liberty Hill home. Now is the time for us to build a permanent facility that they will soon call their Church home.

A building that will become a spiritual landmark for the city.

A place where people encounter the presence of God and grow into all He has created them to be.

A place where the message of Jesus changes lives, strengthens families, and shines as a beacon of hope for everyone who passes by.

This is more than a building project. It's an investment in the spiritual future of our city and the generations who will call it home. This is what we are building FOR THE FUTURE.

We are asking everyone who calls Celebration Church home to build for the future spiritually, relationally, and financially. To pray boldly, engage deeply, and give generously as we establish a permanent home. As you consider your role, reflect on what your life is building and the legacy it is shaping for generations to come. Generosity builds more than buildings; it builds faith, aligns our hearts with God's mission, and impacts lives for generations.

Years from now, when the impact of this place reaches far beyond what we can imagine today, the reason will be clear: a group of people chose to boldly build FOR THE FUTURE.



FOR THE Future



> > *the* VISION

While our portable model has been effective, it limits accessibility, midweek ministry, and long-term consistency. To fully serve this city, we must move from portable to permanent.

A permanent campus will:

- Increase visibility and accessibility
- Increase our presence and impact
- Provide a consistent place for worship, prayer, and care
- Expand ministry opportunities throughout the week
- Establish stability for a growing church family

More importantly, it will become a spiritual landmark; a place where people encounter God, find hope, and experience transformation.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is it called For The Future?

We know what we are building is not simply for today. Although our church family consists of people from all ages and walks of life our focus is always forward to set the next generation of leaders on a strong foundation of faith. 50% of our current church membership in Leander/Liberty Hill is under the age of 18 years old. *We are a next generation church.* With families from all of the world moving to Leander, we know our church is focused and built For The Future.

Can we raise the money beyond our budget?

We know that with God all things are possible. We also know that God desires that we all exercise our faith in unity. For the Future will require both faith and sacrifice from everyone who calls Celebration home. While giving looks different for everyone, if we all give sacrificially with faith we will not only meet our goal but exceed it and experience God's great joy in the process.

Will giving to For The Future have a negative effect on funding for the annual budget?

We do not expect giving to have an adverse effect on the normal operating or missions budgets. We believe that as we faithfully follow the Lord's leading and mature in our understanding of generosity, giving to the annual budget will remain strong and increase.

What is the best way to give to the For The Future?

The most important place to begin is by completing a Commitment Card on which you can indicate what you plan to give over the three-year campaign period. This card is vital as it informs Celebration Church what to expect and how to wisely plan expenditures.

When the time comes to begin giving, a number of methods are available:

- *Online giving*, which can be used for all giving to Celebration Church
- *A giving envelope* with the For The Future designation
- *Text giving*
- *Stocks/non-cash gifts*; to arrange a stock or non-cash donation, contact the Business Office

Will I be able to change my 36-month commitment if I need or want to?

Of course! Unforeseen circumstances may cause you to want to increase or change your giving commitment in the future. At any time during the 36 months, you can review or change your commitment online at celebration.church or you can ask for another Commitment Card and turn it in to update your commitment!

What if I can't afford to give right now?

Even in times of scarcity, God wants our hearts. Consider The widow in Mark 12:41-44... She gave her last few pennies, financially it wasn't a big financial contribution, but Jesus said she gave the largest gift of all.

For The Future is about all of us coming together, giving sacrificially, and trusting God to do the rest. It may mean God is asking you to trust Him by making a faith commitment that you do not know how to fulfill right now. God has supplied our every need in Christ, and we trust He will honor a heart that wants to give generously in response to the gospel.

There may also be ways to be sacrificial with your lifestyle to create a margin for generosity in your life. Look for ways to involve the entire family in the process of giving generously. Use this as an opportunity to teach children and grandchildren to obey the Lord with a generous heart and to trust Him. This is a great opportunity to take a look at our overall stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us.

How are we seeking God's direction in these efforts?

Everything at Celebration Church begins in prayer. We start by asking God for discernment, direction, courage, and unity. Furthermore we have invited our Pastoral team, our staff, lay-ministers and ministry advisors in asking what God wants from us at this time. The direction of For The Future is the result of these prayers.

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FUTURE



PRAYING

For the Future

Here are some ways you can pray about making your commitment. It takes each of us to make a difference for all of us!

IF YOU ARE SINGLE:

- Pray, ask God to place an amount on your heart to give to For The Future.
- Ask yourself what amount of money you desire to give and can trust God to provide for you to give.
- Next, assume for a few days you were to give that amount of money.... Now, ask yourself these questions:
 - Am I joyful about giving this amount?
 - Is my gift sacrificial?
 - Am I demonstrating an expression of faith?
 - Am I convinced I can give this amount with the motivation of worshiping God?
- If you can answer "Yes" to all these questions, then you can feel comfortable about your gift amount.
- If you cannot honestly answer "Yes" to all four questions, run through steps 1-2 again until you are comfortable with your answers in step.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED:

- Pray, individually and as a couple, asking God to place an amount on your hearts to give to For The Future.
- Individually, ask yourselves what amount of money you desire to give and can trust God to provide for you to give.
- Next, assume for a few days you were to give the amount of money.... Now, ask yourselves these questions:
 - Am I joyful about giving this amount?
 - Is my gift sacrificial?
 - Am I demonstrating an expression of faith?
 - Am I convinced I can give this amount with the motivation of worshiping God?
- Now get together and share your gift amounts. If you each came up with a different amount, repeat steps 1-3 and see if there is an agreement when you get together the second time.

If you are not able to reach an agreement on a pledge value after a reasonable amount of time, choose the lower number as your gift.

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PREPARING

For the Future

WHAT FUTURE AM I BELIEVING IN?

If someone were to look at how I spend my time, energy, and money, would they see my belief lived out in my priorities? Can I better order my financial priorities to reflect what God loves?

IS GOD CALLING ME TO INCREASE MY INVESTMENT AND ENGAGEMENT with the people, programs, and mission He has entrusted to Celebration Church?

AM I WILLING TO PRAY FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE in how He wants to work through me in the gospel movement in Leander/Liberty Hill?

WHAT DIFFERENCE DO I WANT my financial contributions to make in the lives of others?

AM I THINKING CREATIVELY about a comprehensive giving plan that represents what I am capable of giving? Are there things I can afford but want to intentionally choose to live without because of my commitment to give sacrificially? What assets and resources beyond my income could I use as a gift?

WILL MY COMMITMENT GROW MY FAITH and personal walk with Jesus?

Fueling THE FUTURE

Lifestyle Stewardship is a level of giving that impacts our plans, activities, attitudes, and approaches to life. It means giving up something in one area so that we can give more of ourselves in another.

The three keys to effectiveness in Lifestyle Stewardship are:

REASSESS LIFESTYLE

REARRANGE PRIORITIES

REALLOCATE RESOURCES

Many Christians have been amazed at how much more they can give after going through this process. The following steps are offered to help you in this regard:

PRIORITY BUDGETING

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchases.

REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Often, families have significant short-term expenditures for special needs. One example is the large expenditure a family incurs for a child to attend college. If the child is graduating during the giving period of the capital campaign, you might consider factoring that into your pledge amount. Another example would be the cash flow that is freed up when a loan is paid off, such as a car loan or something similar.

INCREASED INCOME, INCREASED GIVING

Some people receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses from their employers. The temptation for many of us is to increase our lifestyle to fit the higher income. In lieu of that, you might consider committing all or part of salary increases.



One of the goals for this initiative is 100 percent participation from every individual and family calling Celebration home. We encourage you to prayerfully consider completing a commitment card for this initiative.

COMPLETING A COMMITMENT CARD

- Provides an opportunity for personal and family reflection
- Communicates the importance of giving relative to other financial decisions
- Provides advance information that enables leaders to make wise financial decisions
- Motivates a specific increase in generosity
- Provides a specific timeline for decision
- Requires a decision over delay, action over avoidance

Individuals and families that write down a specific goal are much more likely to reach their goal because a written record provides a mechanism for accountability.

FOR THE Future

MY TOTAL 3-YEAR COMMITMENT IS: \$

I PLEDGE TO GIVE:

☐ WEEKLY for 156 weeks \$

☐ MONTHLY for 36 months \$

☐ ANNUALLY for 3 years \$

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

This commitment card is a statement of intent as needed. Giving period is from November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2023.

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FOR THE FUTURE GIVING BREAKDOWN

\$15,000,000

(36-month commitment — above & beyond current giving)

NUMBER OF GIFTS	AMOUNT OF EACH GIFT
1	\$3,000,000
1	\$2,000,000
1	\$1,000,000
4	\$500,000
8	\$250,000
10	\$100,000
20	\$50,000
40	\$25,000
60	\$10,000
80	\$7,500
90	\$5,000
90	\$2,500
100	\$1,250

Psalm 145:4

One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

GOING FURTHER

For the Future

APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many people own securities that have achieved unrealized gains in value over the years. That is good news. The bad news is that if these assets were sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation. Gifts of appreciated assets; typically investment securities or real estate, can be very advantageous to both the donor and the church.

By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids income taxes on the sale of the asset. Unlike gifts of cash that have already incurred an income tax, gifts of appreciated assets avoid the incurrence of capital gains tax.

In addition, the donor receives a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the asset. That, in effect, makes these gifts less costly to make. Importantly, before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA, tax attorney, or other financial advisors.

PLANNING YOUR GIVING

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the three-year period of the campaign. You might be able to give more in the third year than in the first two. As you think about your financial commitment to the campaign, think not of just your potential to give right now, but also of your potential to give in the future. It might be that you can make a three-year commitment in which 20% is given in the first year, 30% in the second year, and 50% in the third.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR "YES"

Your "YES" changes everything because God takes each of our humble gifts and breathes His power into them. As we invest our time, talents, and resources, God multiplies them and enlarges their impact eternally. God is inviting you to participate in His redemptive story. It's a story that began long before your birth and will continue long after your years on earth conclude. By saying "YES" to God today and *For The Future* to the next generation, you join Him in a powerful story that will outlast us all. Will you give *For The Future* today?



A full-body photograph of a man with a beard and blonde hair, wearing a light-colored textured polo shirt and dark trousers. He is holding a microphone in his right hand and a small object in his left hand, standing on a stage with a blue background.

"The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.'" — Genesis 12:4

God always gives vision before He gives provision. Abraham's story begins not with a plan but with a call; a call that call required him to leave everything familiar and step into something he could not yet see. FOR THE FUTURE is our call and the vision God is giving will take all of us to listen and obey like Abraham.

Our church in Leander/Liberty Hill is experiencing unprecedented growth. Not only in our adult services but in every area. With over half of our congregation under the age of 18 years old, this growth isn't slowing down anytime soon. We are excited about what God is doing and more so expectant of what He will do in the generations to come as we step out in faith like Abraham to answer the call for us all to build FOR THE FUTURE.

Over the next weeks we'll examine the life and legacy of Abraham. His obedience, faith, and life all opened the doors for the future generations to experience the promises of God. That is exactly what we are believing God will do as we all pray, sacrifice and give to build For The Future together.



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Week 3

TRUST

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KEY SCRIPTURE

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." — Proverbs 3:5-6

ABOUT THIS WEEK

When the Bible talks about faith, it's a lot more than believing something others don't. Real and biblical faith is about trust. Believing in God isn't enough. We have to learn to trust Him.

Trusting God is easy when nothing is at stake. But what about when life doesn't make sense or God when calls us beyond what is comfortable? When the price tag of faith seems high can your trust in God go higher? This week we continue to look at the legacy of Abraham and how he learned to trust God.

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INFLUENCE LIFESTYLE GENEROSITY LEGACY







"Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever." — Genesis 13:14-15

True generosity flows from a deep conviction that God is the source of all we have and that He is more than capable of replenishing what we give away. Abraham has a legacy of generosity. He gave Lot the first choice of land, trusting that God's portion for him was better than anything he could grab for himself. Generosity is not an amount, it is an attitude of abundance rooted in trust from a greater Source. From that place of trust, God extended His promise to the generations that followed Abraham.

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"He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, The angel who has redeemed me from all evil, Bless the lads; And may my name live on in them, And the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And may they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." — Genesis 45:15-16

When we started we began with “ABRAM WENT”. No conditions. No negotiation. No partial obedience. He went. That’s how all-in faith works... All-in faith always moves.

WHAT ONE GENERATION DOES IN FAITH, THE NEXT INHERITS IN BLESSING. Following the legacy of grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac, Jacob blesses his sons with an all-in example and request.

Our act of generosity in this campaign will echo through this city, our family and our legacy for generations. THIS IS OUR MOMENT. We trust the God who has always provided and we go all-in to provide the next generations a foundation of faith For The Future.

That is ALL IN faith. Eight weeks ago we heard the call. Today we answer it; completely, joyfully, and together.

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INFLUENCE LIFESTYLE GENEROSITY LEGACY



**THE WORLD
NEEDS BOLDNESS
RIGHT NOW.
WE NEED TO BE
BOLD, AND WE
NEED TO BE
EXPECTANT.**

>> *Chris Steckleberg*



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