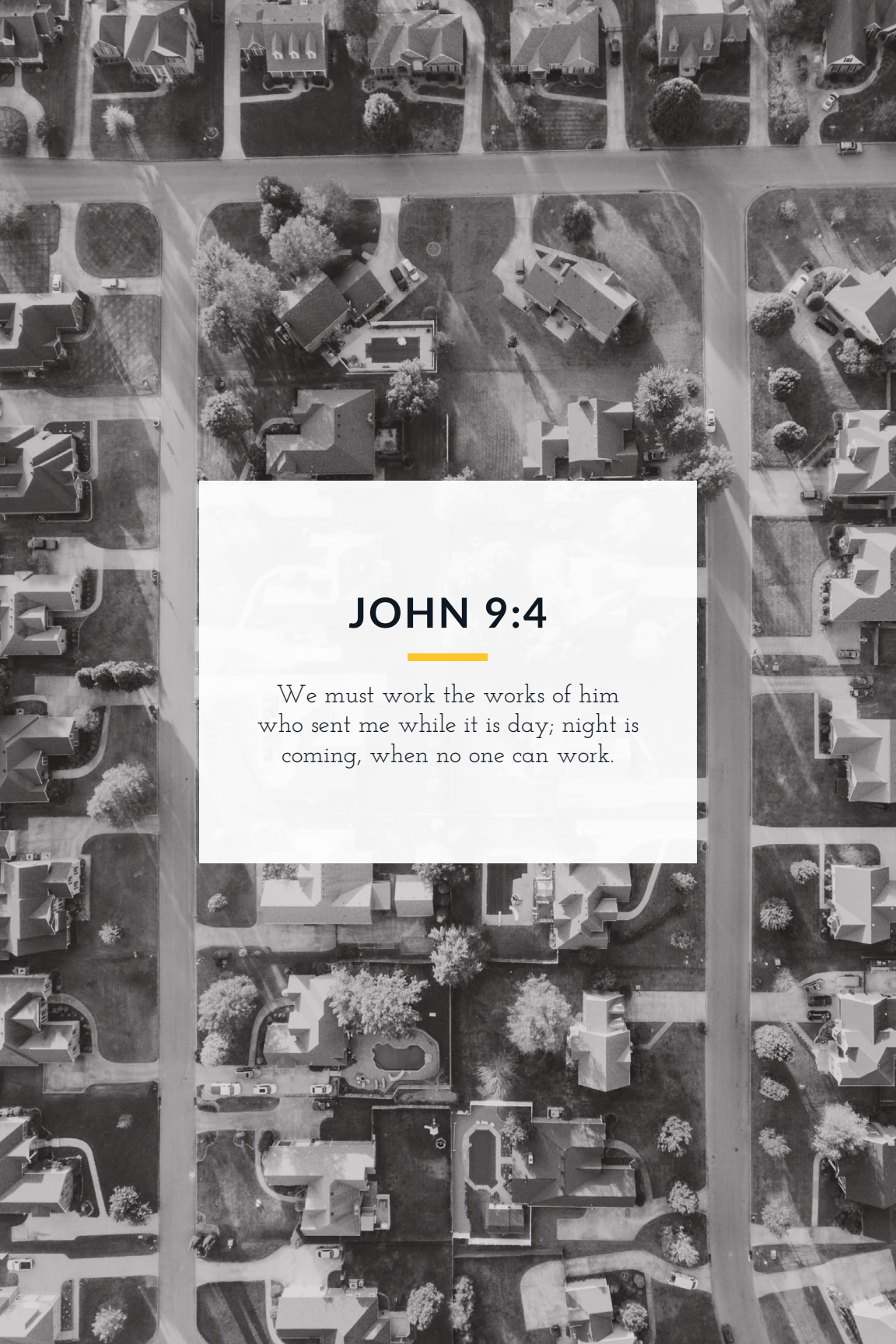




**OUR
TIME**





JOHN 9:4

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.

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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

At the beginning of 2018, Real Life Sango existed only as a vision and a prayer. Only God knew what truly was beginning to take place. On September 9, 2018, we launched public worship and our church began to grow quickly as many people found Jesus and discovered community with God's people. The Covid pandemic tested our commitment and revealed that Real Life was indeed becoming something special. The devil tried to take me out with Covid Pneumonia, but after a 14-day hospital stay, God had other plans! Churches all across our nation were fracturing with divisions, yet by God's grace, our church unified, bought land, and moved toward our future. I'm so thankful that somewhere along the way, you became a part of this movement and family.

God has not begun this great work to stop now. Our church cannot gather in a rented facility forever. Our community is growing, and the moral decline of our culture continues. Many new believers at Real Life are ready to be disciplined. We are standing in an historic moment, and church, I believe we are here for it. It is Our Time.

In John 9:4, Jesus said, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work." God has put us in this very community, at this very moment and entrusted to us His mission. Time is fleeting. Life is a vapor. Let's steward these days with boldness, faith, and sacrifice.

These next two years are going to be something special. It's Our Time to send and multiply. It's Our Time to equip and empower every generation. It's Our Time to build and establish roots. Imagine if 100% of us embrace Our Time, trusting Jesus and expanding our generosity. A spiritual tidal wave will break over Sango. We'll build a hub for discipleship and hospitality that will serve as a launching pad to take the gospel to the nations for generations to come – all for God's glory.

This really is our moment. If we try to pass it to someone else, it will pass us by. Will you embrace Our Time with me? This won't be easy. But it will be good. And it will be for God. Let's do this.

What time is it? It's Our Time!

Pastor Freddy T.

ACTS 17:26

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.



2015-2017

4 PASTORS PRAYED FOR 2 YEARS ABOUT THEIR COMMON BURDEN TO SEE A NEW CHURCH PLANTED IN SANGO.

2017

- **September 14**
After praying with the 4 pastors, Freddy T. sensed God calling him and Susan to plant the church.

2018



- **December 5th**
Wyatts moved to Clarksville to begin the work.



- **March - August**
Core Team Prepared to launch Real Life.



2018

- **June - July**
Hosted Family Fun Days @ Carmel Elementary



- **September 9**
Real Life Launched public worship

2019

- **September 22**
Spontaneous baptism service



- **October 6**
Launched a 2nd service



2020

• March 15

Covid hit & disrupts in person worship gatherings - Real Life Pivoted to First Online Worship.



• March 29

First Parking Lot Worship



2021

• February 11

Pastor Freddy T. hospitalized for 14 days with Covid Pneumonia.



• March 7th

Bought land



• March 21-28

Paid Land Off In Full!

2021

2022

2022

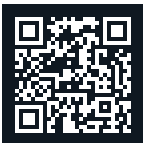


2023



• April 11

Sunday After Easter Party



• May 15

Pastor Tim Nussbaumer joined our staff team.



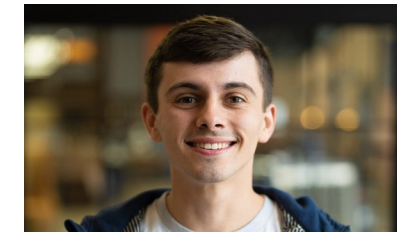
• November 6

Real Life moved from The Madison Room to ACME Athletics for Worship.



• January 1

Student Minister, Clay Knight joins our staff team.



REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES
STEADY GROWTH
AND SELECTS
AN ARCHITECT
& BUILDER.



OVERVIEW

THE EARLY DAYS.

Four Pastors prayed. Several Churches gave. Sixty of us served. And Real Life Church was born by the Holy Spirit. We quickly grew, reaching lots of people far from God.

Satan sought to stifle it all. Amidst a country divided through racial tension and political upheaval and with a world battered by Covid, churches fractured. Yet, by God's grace, Real Life flourished. Our pastor grew ill and was hospitalized, but God's healing power prevailed!

As a church family, we continued to flourish. Together we added a worship service, multiplied Community Groups, baptized 150+, bought land, adopted four local schools, and took a few baby steps toward global missions.

TODAY.

We are standing in the middle of a God moment. The culture around us seems more confused than ever. Our community has grown significantly and the harvest is plentiful. Our church is filled with new and young believers ready to be discipled. Real Lifer Sara Doty said it this

way, "Kara invited me to Real Life when I needed the Lord the absolute most...I am Jesus and Bible illiterate. But the congregation of Real Life has done nothing but accept me, welcome me and befriend me. Everyone has been so excited to teach me about the Lord and it has been a new and exciting experience." Strangers are becoming friends and friends are becoming family. This moment we are in is filled with possibility. We are perfectly positioned to hear from Jesus. It is Our Time!

THE DAYS AHEAD.

The days ahead of us are going to be special. These are the days we've imagined and prayed for. These are the days we've sacrificed and trusted God for. It is Our Time to Build and Establish Roots. It is Our Time to Equip and Empower the Generations. It is Our Time to Send and Multiply. And as Jesus leads and speaks to us, it is Our Time to respond. It is Our Time to link arms, hear from the Holy Spirit, and step into our future together. It is Our Time to steward this momentum into real spiritual roots for every generation and for the glory of God.

GOALS

\$5 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS

GOAL 1

100% participation
- Every Real Lifer is led by Jesus to expand their financial generosity.

GOAL 2

God will provide \$5 million over two years as we establish roots and become a flourishing people.

Year One Ministry Budget: \$1.1 million
Year Two Ministry Budget: \$1.2 million
Capital Need for Building: \$2.7 million



JOHN 20:21

Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.

OUR TIME TO SEND & MULTIPLY

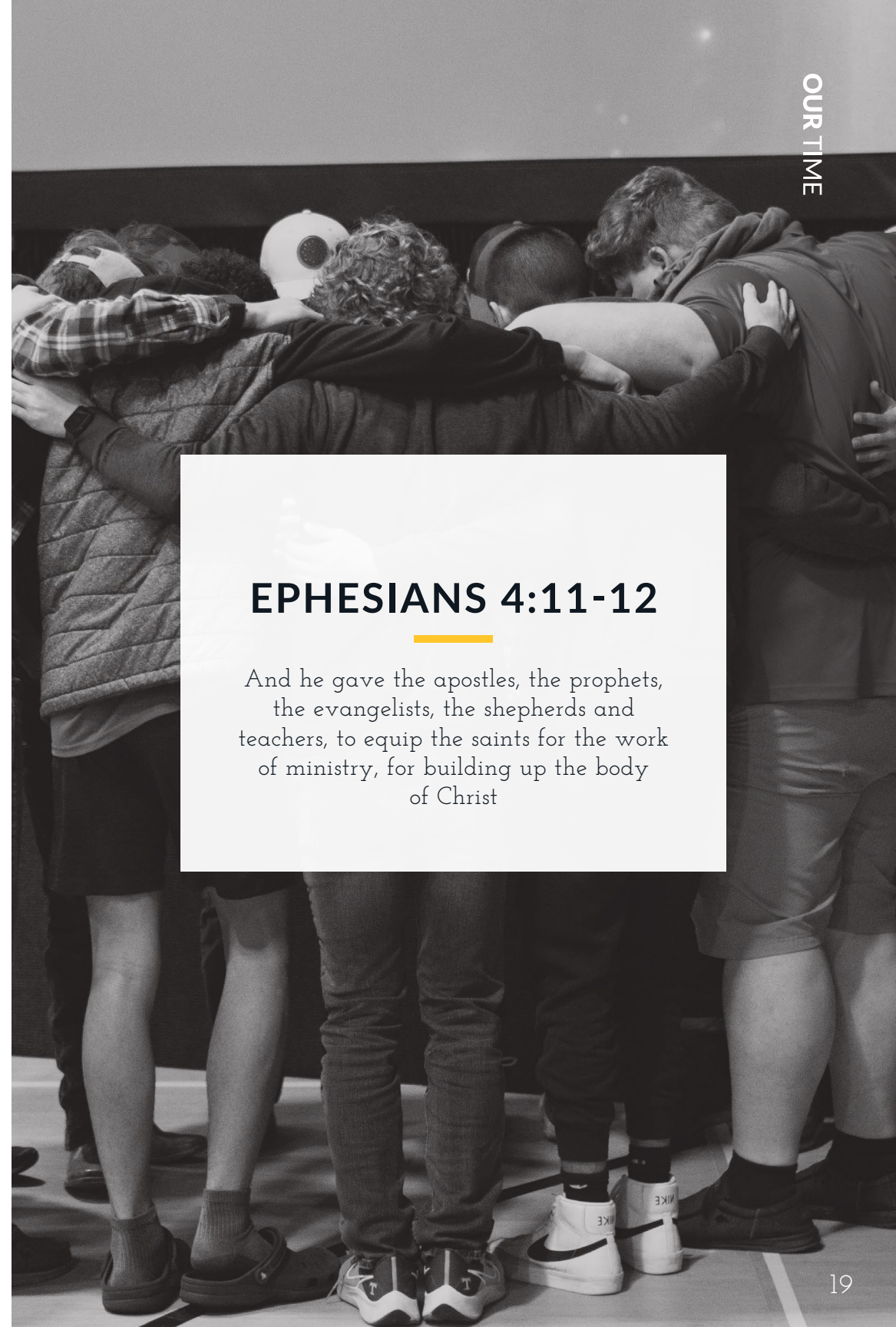


As a *multiplying movement*, we desire to increase opportunities for Real Lifers to serve our local community & participate in God's global mission. Expanding our investment in our local schools, sending church planters to the Ft. Campbell Community, and mobilizing Real Lifers on mission will align us with the Father's heart.

**OUR TIME TO
EQUIP & EMPOWER
EVERY GENERATION**



A hallmark of our church is the diversity of ages that call Real Life home. We're expanding our ministries to students, seniors, singles & saints of all ages. Hiring a new full-time student minister & focused initiatives for seniors are just a sample of what's to come.



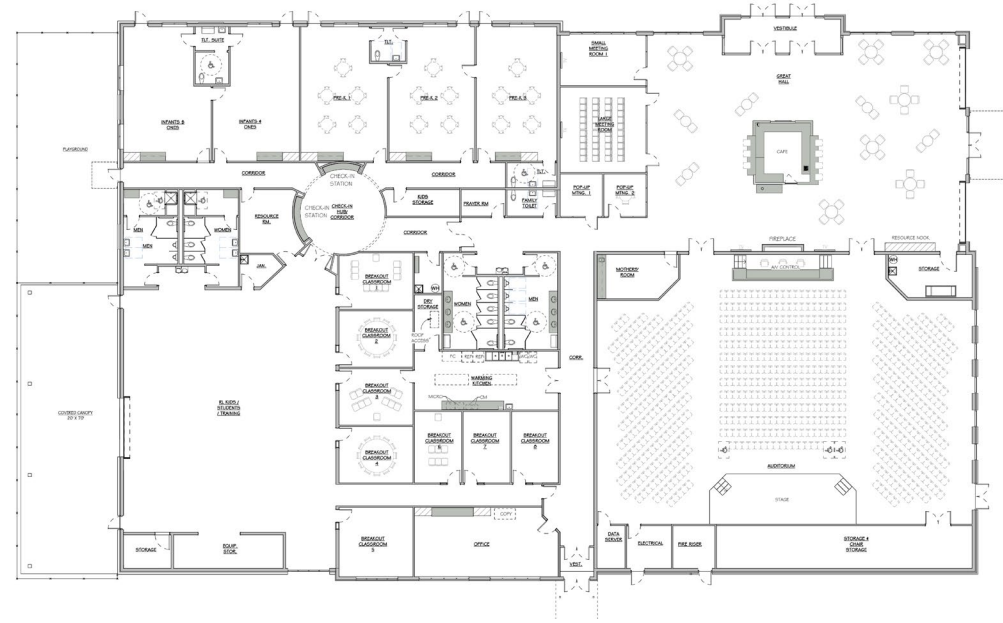
EPHESIANS 4:11-12

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

ACTS 9:31

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

OUR TIME TO BUILD & ESTABLISH ROOTS



We're sinking our roots deep to build a place we can call home. Our home will be a haven of hospitality during the week, a refuge for the broken, a place where *relationships flourish*, and the manifested presence of God is enjoyed in worship. In our home, *we're going to keep it real and keep it Jesus!*

RENDERINGS OF OUR NEW HOME



RUFUS JOHNSON ASSOCIATES



OUR TIME TO DISCIPLE

OUR TIME TO PRAY

OUR TIME TO PREACH

OUR TIME TO LOVE

OUR TIME TO CARE

OUR TIME TO GO

OUR TIME TO SEND

OUR TIME TO GROW

OUR TIME TO EQUIP

OUR TIME TO EMPOWER

OUR TIME TO MULTIPLY

OUR TIME TO SABBATH

OUR TIME TO OBEY

OUR TIME TO GIVE

OUR TIME TO SACRIFICE

OUR TIME TO LAUGH

OUR TIME TO SING

OUR TIME TO WORSHIP

OUR TIME TO EXPAND

OUR TIME TO REPENT

OUR TIME TO SHEPHERD

OUR TIME TO SERVE

OUR TIME TO ENGAGE

OUR TIME TO TRUST

OUR TIME TO ENJOY

OUR TIME TO CELEBRATE

OUR TIME TO CONSECRATE

OUR TIME TO BAPTIZE

OUR TIME TO PERSEVERE

OUR TIME TO RISE

OUR TIME TO ENDURE

OUR TIME TO UPLIFT

OUR TIME TO FELLOWSHIP

OUR TIME TO RETURN

OUR TIME TO FAST

OUR TIME TO DREAM

OUR TIME TO INSPIRE

OUR TIME TO LEAD

OUR TIME TO VOLUNTEER

OUR TIME TO GATHER

OUR TIME TO LIVE

OUR TIME TO PLANT

OUR TIME TO CULTIVATE

OUR TIME TO RESTORE

OUR TIME TO RECEIVE

OUR TIME TO HELP

OUR TIME TO STRETCH

OUR TIME TO ADORE

OUR TIME TO WORK

OUR TIME TO PROCLAIM

OUR TIME TO BUILD

OUR TIME TO FLOURISH





NEXT STEPS

PRAY

The prophet Isaiah asks a powerful question: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak (Is 40:28-29)." Our faith doesn't come from our personality or even our emotions, but seeking God through prayer. Our faith comes by being with Jesus. Ask God what He wants you to give to the initiative. Surrender all you are and all you have to Him. Be confident in our all-powerful God as you pray!

REFLECT

As you pray, we believe the Holy Spirit will speak to you. Take some time to reflect on what you think God is saying to you. If you are married, talk to your spouse about where you sense the Holy Spirit leading. If you find yourselves in different places, continue to pray and reflect, humbling yourselves before God and each other.

TAKE A STEP

Discipleship and stewardship go hand in hand. As we go deeper into our relationship with God, we learn what it means to value Him above all else. Growing as a follower of Jesus is a journey of ongoing steps of trust in Jesus. We don't grow without taking a step of faith. So growing in generosity requires us to take a step in trusting Jesus as we give what He has called us to give. We do this because we value Him above all things. We know that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

THE GIVING LADDER

The giving ladder is a tool designed to help a person move from money being their god to money being a tool for growing God's Kingdom. It helps by focusing on the behaviors and attitudes of our hearts rather than on amounts or percentages, further transforming us into the likeness of Christ. Each step represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps you slowly ascend to get to God, but simply a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7).

THERE ARE 5 STEPS IN A PERSON'S "GIVING LADDER."
WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS JOURNEY?

INITIAL GIVER 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

EMERGING GIVER 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

An Emerging Giver is someone who decides to give something and give it regularly. For some, setting up an online recurring gift can be a good way to develop consistency.

INTENTIONAL GIVER Luke 14:28-35

An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver begins asking questions like "Why am I giving more to entertainment than I am giving to God? This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize and spend their money. Though the tithe (10%) is an Old Testament law, many still find it useful to think about their giving in terms of a specific percentage of their income that they intend to give.

OPEN-HANDED GIVER Colossians 1:15-18, 22-23

An Open-Handed Giver is someone who has come to recognize that everything they have is really God's. The question has changed for them from "What should a Christian give?" Or "How much can I afford to give?" To "Father, this is Your money, how much do you want me to give?" An Open-Handed Giver seeks to honor God with 100% of what He has given them whether through direct monetary giving or the God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

LIFETIME GIVER 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Lifetime Giver is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than month-to-month or even year-to-year generosity. A Lifetime Giver makes decisions in the short-term that have longer-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. A Lifetime Giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal that governs their larger-ticket decisions. Much as an Open-Handed Giver, a Lifetime Giver makes a longer term or even lifetime giving commitment that governs his/her larger-item purchases such as homes, cars, and investments, for example.

ONE FUND INITIATIVE

You may have been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your usual gifts to help fund special projects. At times these focus exclusively on constructing new buildings or retiring debt. Normally, one would give that gift to the “Building Fund” or a campaign, and you would also continue to give to the “General Budget.”

Focusing all of our giving toward on-going and expanded ministry might be confusing to people who either don’t have a baseline for their “usual giving” or who aren’t able to really celebrate the total giving at our church in one single number. Yet, we believe we’re all on a single mission- a mission for the Gospel of Jesus to meet the immediate and future needs of our church.

The Initiative will last two years. In those two years, every gift given to our church will go to OurTime in which we will write a story to:



**SEND &
MULTIPLY**

**EQUIP &
EMPOWER**

**BUILD &
ESTABLISH
ROOTS**

We’ve included a sample commitment card so you can see how this initiative will work. You will also receive a separate commitment card that you can bring on Easter Sunday.



GIVING CHART EXAMPLE

GENEROSITY POSSIBILITIES

Gifts Needed	Gifts Level	Annual Gift of	Monthly Gift of	Gift Level total
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000
2	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$300,000
2	\$125,000	\$62,500	\$5,208	\$250,000
3	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$300,000
5	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$375,000
7	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$455,000
12	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$600,000
15	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$450,000
20	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$500,000
32	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$320,000
50	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$375,000
65	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$325,000
120	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$300,000
				\$5,000,000

GIVING CARD EXAMPLE

MY TWO-YEAR OUR TIME COMMITMENT

\$ _____ What I normally give in a year.
 +
 \$ _____ My expanded annual generosity for Our Time.
 =
 \$ _____ x2 = \$ _____
 +
 Gift from my stored resources. \$ _____

My Two-Year Generosity Commitment \$ _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OUR TIME TO PRIORITIZE

Haggai 1:1-11

WEEK 2 QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- If someone was trying to discover what their own top priorities in life are, what indicators should they consider?
- In your own words, how would you summarize Israel's big mistake and God's response in Haggai 1:1-11?
- As a church, we have an opportunity to prioritize building a place of worship. What might need to shift or change in your priorities for you to be able to commit to expanding your generosity?
- Have you ever experienced God's loving discipline when you had your priorities out of whack? What was that experience like?

OUR TIME TO BE ———
STRONG & COURAGEOUS

Haggai 2:1-9

WEEK 4 QUESTIONS ———
TO PONDER

- God's people obeyed God, began working on the temple and then got stuck in fear. Have you ever experienced something like this when seeking to obey God?
- What are the different ways you can imagine others at Real Life may be tempted to be afraid as we embark on this next ministry season? As you consider your personal commitment to Our Time, what are specific areas you may be tempted to fear?
- What was God's primary message to Israel in response to their fears? What do you imagine God wants to say to you in response to your temptations to fear?
- Do you have a story of how you have overcome fear that you could share with others at Real Life? What is that story and who should you share it with?

OUR TIME TO RISE

Haggai 2:10-23

WEEK 5 QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- What are specific ways that God's strength and sovereignty are seen in this closing section of Haggai?
- As Haggai closes his message, it becomes clear that there is an even greater priority than the temple. God's promise that he was choosing Zerubbabel was a reinstatement of the Davidic line that would lead to the Messiah, Jesus Christ! This Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!
- Our mantra at Real Life is "Keep it real. Keep it Jesus." not "Keep it real. Keep it the building." Why is this so important for us?
- Haggai's prophecy includes God shaking the nations. God wants the whole world's attention – what is our role at Real Life in this global mission? How can you see our future facility playing a part in this?
- It's our time to rise to a new level of ministry and generosity - what is your prayer for our church? What is your prayer for yourself or for your family?

FAQ

Will the construction of a permanent facility be a part of this initiative?

Yes! The plan, which you see outlined in this guidebook, is to begin construction in the Fall of 2023.

Real Life is less than 5 years old. How are we already able to build a facility?

What we've seen at Real Life is unique. God has provided. You have given. And our church has stewarded the resources well. Because our strategy is relationally driven and not program heavy, we have been able to purchase and pay off land and have already saved close to \$1,000,000 for our future facility. God is up to something special here!

Have other options and elements been considered?

Yes. Our Staff, Financial Advisory Team, Pastor, some of our Directional Elders, and others have been praying and meeting about this for over a year now. We are convinced that this is what God is leading us to do in this season.

What is the total cost of the project and how did we come up with this number as something that fits our church?

After months of planning and coordination between Real Life's financial advisory team, architect, and contractor, we've determined the cost of constructing a church

home to be approximately \$9,500,000. The size and functionality of the 600-seat facility was intentionally designed to serve our church family for many years to come. Virtually every space can be utilized for multiple purposes. The goal was to strike the right balance between the size of the building and the cost of the project so the church can continue to grow while also paying off its debt in a reasonable amount of time.

Will this building be big enough?

This building will allow us to double our current attendance, while remaining in 2 services. Our vision for growth beyond that involves utilizing a teaching team in multiple services as well as planting other churches in our community.

When does our giving to Our Time one-fund begin?

Beginning on Sunday, April 16, 2023, all giving will go to funding the elements of the Our Time initiative. We are asking people to give toward this vision over a 24-month period.

Why do we have to take out a loan? And why is the focus on \$5 million?

Taking out a loan isn't our first preference but it seems like the most realistic approach for us. Our church will most likely be similar to a young couple purchasing their first home who haven't saved enough to

pay cash. The \$5 million financial goal for the next two years incorporates not only adequate resources for operating and growing Real Life's ministry, but also a necessary "down payment", if you will, for the construction of the new facility.

What if we don't receive the amount needed to fund all of the Our Time initiatives?

What we're praying for is the opposite to happen! Our hope is that we will see a greater response than what we had planned. That being said, we are being intentional to prioritize the elements in such a way to fully fund our ministry obligations.

Why don't we wait until the interest rate falls again?

If we had the ability to know for sure when borrowing rates might decline and by how much, we could attempt to "time" the market. Unfortunately, no one, not even economists, can predict future interest rates with certainty. While we have grown accustomed to lower interest rates in the recent past, many of us can recall other times when interest rates were as high, or even higher, than they are now. The current rates are nowhere near historic highs. Most church lenders only fix interest rates for up to five years, which means that our loan rate, and monthly payment, would adjust downward if rates are lower at the next five-year adjustment date.

Why are we seeking to lease portions of our facility to a coffee shop and a fitness center?

We believe these two elements will uniquely serve our community and it seems strategic to partner with experts who are already doing it. This plan is contingent on the County Commission approving our zoning request. If the zoning request is not approved, we would explore creative options to run these ministries ourselves. We don't want our facility sitting empty throughout the week. We envision a 7-day-a-week facility filled with ministry connections taking place daily.

Is it possible to lease portions of our space and maintain our non-profit status?

Yes. Appropriate taxes will be paid for the businesses and by the businesses. This does nothing to affect our status as a 501C3 non-profit organization.

Who is our architect and builder?

We are delighted to be working with skillful & local friends, Rufus Johnson & Associates & Providence Builders.

What if I still have other questions?

No problem. Reach out to Pastor Tim at tim@reallifesango.com. We will continue to update the congregation along the way, which will likely address your questions and more.



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