

**forward.**

BUILDING  
A LEGACY  
BEYOND  
OURSELVES

We stand at a pivotal moment in the history of our church — an opportunity time to launch us **forward**. We believe that in building a new facility, we aren't just building a church but we are reaching **beyond ourselves** to **build** the Kingdom of God.

When God used Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egypt, they stepped out in faith and saw God show up in miraculous provision and blessing. Yet, it was up to the next generation to step out in faith again to enter into the Promise Land.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at Providence Church. We pray you will take a step of faith and join our family and me as we look **forward** to all that God has for Providence Church and Southwest Georgia.

The best is yet to come!

JOSHUA + BRYNN COPRON



WHEN THE PEOPLE SET OUT TO CROSS OVER THE JORDAN, WITH THE PRIESTS BEARING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT BEFORE THE PEOPLE, AND AS THOSE WHO BORE THE ARK CAME TO THE JORDAN, AND THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS WHO BORE THE ARK DIPPED IN THE EDGE OF THE WATER (FOR THE JORDAN OVERFLOWS ALL ITS BANKS DURING THE WHOLE TIME OF HARVEST), THAT THE WATERS WHICH CAME DOWN FROM UPSTREAM STOOD STILL, AND ROSE IN A HEAP VERY FAR AWAY AT ADAM, THE CITY THAT IS BESIDE ZARETAN. SO THE WATERS THAT WENT DOWN INTO THE SEA OF THE ARABAH, THE SALT SEA, FAILED, AND WERE CUT OFF; AND THE PEOPLE CROSSED OVER OPPOSITE JERICHO.

JOSHUA 3:14-16

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Our Church began in a small home with a rich **legacy** of faith and a passion for worship, growing to make an eternal difference in the lives of people. Our history as a church has not been without great challenge, but by God's grace and a fresh vision to serve our community, Providence began to move **forward** in great stride seeing the lost come home. In August of 2016, we added a third service time and for the last two consecutive years, we've grown by 15% in attendance. God has been faithful to send the increase. Each time we make more room, we see more people and families begin to encounter God in a life-changing way. It is our heart to continue stewarding every life we can by increasing our capacity to minister to people and families in our city.

WHAT IS

//BEYON

# **forward?**

FORWARD IS A 36-MONTH GIVING INITIATIVE THAT WILL HELP US BUILD  
IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR VISION AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH.

- + A NEW PERMANENT FACILITY WITH ROOM TO GROW AND EXPAND
- + FIRST-CLASS CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTS
- + STATE OF THE ART AUDITORIUM TO PROVIDE DYNAMIC WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
- + A MASTER CAMPUS DESIGN PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE YEARS OF GROWTH
- + PRODUCTION ABILITY TO MAKE SERVICES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB
- + PHASED PLANS WILL INCLUDE THINGS LIKE; INDOOR KIDS PLAY SPACE, CAFE' +  
BOOKSTORE, SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM AND MORE

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## POSITIONED TO GROW

With the purchase of 10.6 acres of property, there are new possibilities before us. We've partnered with a church design firm to help us create a master plan to build for our next step, and the years to come.

It is our priority to wisely steward the resources provided to our church. Though we will always leave room for God's miraculous provision, we will not build past our means. It is our mission to **lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ**, that has brought us to a place where we need to **build**. Therefore keeping that mission as the priority will ensure that we continue **forward** in stride with God's purposes for our church.

## BUILT FOR FAMILIES

We believe the key to reaching new people is taking care of their families. In our new facility we are taking care to design an exciting and excellent space for kids. This will ensure amazing environments for children to learn, have fun, and grow in Christ. This will be a huge leap **forward** for our kids ministry and will communicate to guests that their family is our priority. In our plans is a sensory classroom equipped for children with special needs, creating peace-of-mind and enjoyable experiences for special needs families.

In future phases we plan to include an indoor play-space, as well as a play room for the children of our teams who attend multiple services. Kids will love and look **forward** to each week at church!



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# WELCOME HOME



POTENTIAL PHASE 1 RENDERING

## GUEST FOCUSED

We strive to be a home for those that are in desperate need for God's presence, grace, and love. It is our priority to have a church home that is welcoming, engaging and simple.

The design of our new building will reflect our desire to make those far from God feel right at home in His house. We want to offer a facility that is guest-focused. Focusing on hospitality and ease of experience will eliminate distractions and prime the hearts of guests to encounter God. With a space that matches our DNA as a church, we believe that we will see those exhausted by religion continue to fall in love with Christ.

# STEP IN

## BEYOND // PRAY

Years ago, sitting in a small living room, the leaders of our church could not have known what was ahead for Providence. We sit at another crucial moment where we believe what God has for us is **beyond** what we can ask, think or imagine. Join us in paving our journey **forward** in prayer and expectation of what we could accomplish for Jesus in our community.

## LEGACY // INVITE

It is the people that define a church, not the **building**. As we look **forward**, the friends, family members, and neighbors that will give their hearts and lives to Christ, will be the **legacy** that impacts generations. Through your invitation, we believe we will see more people encounter God and experience life-giving community. They in turn will be empowered to continue reaching our city with the radical love of Jesus Christ.

## BUILD // GIVE

It is through our open hearts, extended hands, and willing sacrifice that we will **build** a church home where life change can continue for years to come. For years we have been restricted by our facility, but by coming together to make this dream a reality, we truly believe we will jump **forward** into God's purpose, promise, and provision in the next season of Providence Church.



## GENEROSITY INITIATIVE

WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF WE ALL DO OUR PART

GIFTS NEEDED	MONTHLY	COMMITMENT	TOTAL
1	\$2,222	\$80,000	\$80,000
1	\$1,389	\$50,000	\$50,000
2	\$1,111	\$40,000	\$80,000
2	\$833	\$30,000	\$60,000
4	\$556	\$20,000	\$80,000
4	\$500	\$18,000	\$72,000
4	\$444	\$16,000	\$64,000
6	\$361	\$13,000	\$78,000
8	\$299	\$10,750	\$86,000
10	\$206	\$7,400	\$74,000
15	\$139	\$5,000	\$75,000
20	\$83	\$3,000	\$60,000
30	\$42	\$1,500	\$45,000
45	\$28	\$1,000	\$45,000
68	\$21	\$750	\$51,000
<b>220</b>		<b>OUR GOAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

PARTICIPANTS

"I WILL NOT SACRIFICE TO GOD THAT WHICH  
COSTS ME NOTHING." 2 SAMUEL 24:2

## LEGACY THROUGH GIVING

To make **forward** a reality, all of us will be challenged to contribute in ways that are rare and significant. While faithful tithing/giving can supply a church's usual needs, only radical generosity can accomplish what is needed to reach **beyond ourselves** like this.

We invite you to consider things you may be able to sacrifice and give towards **forward**, and then make a comprehensive three-year commitment of your total generosity. This commitment will be above and **beyond** your normal giving.

Many of us have the capacity to give from accumulated resources/blessings God provided for us in the past that may be used to give to his purposes and plans today; stored resources could include savings accounts, valuables, stocks, tax returns, or property. Others will sacrifice funds from their annual budgets. However God leads you to participate, thank you for your investment in **building a legacy beyond ourselves**.

# FAQs

## **Q: HOW DOES FORWARD GIVING AFFECT MY REGULAR GIVING?**

**A:** Forward is a generosity initiative that is over and beyond your regular giving. It is based on an additional annual generosity commitment, plus any stored assets you choose to give. These things total your 36-month commitment. During this three-year period, a portion of our regular budget will continue to go to our expansion plan, but **forward** is exclusively funding our new facility.

## **Q: WHEN WILL WE BE IN THE NEW BUILDING?**

**A:** Our goal is to break ground no later than the fall of 2018 and the building process will be 18-24 months. Several factors contribute to this time-line, the most important of which is that we are good stewards of the resources God entrusts to us as a church. We will not break ground until Providence Church is at a place financially to do so. This is why the **forward** initiative is so important.

## **Q: WHEN IS THE BEST TIME FOR ME TO BEGIN CONTRIBUTING?**

**A:** As soon as possible. The more generous our church is on the front end of forward, the quicker we can see this become a reality.

## **Q: WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT DONATING STOCKS, INVESTMENTS, OR PROPERTY?**

**A:** Simply email [give@providence229.com](mailto:give@providence229.com) to discuss the possibilities. Our finance team will guide you through the process.

## **Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF WE CONTINUE TO GROW AND WE NEED A LARGER FACILITY BY THE TIME WE MOVE IN?**

**A:** The current facility is designed in phases. It can easily get larger with each environment getting the necessary square footage. In addition, one of the benefits of the position we are in with our new property is that we have more than enough space to grow and expand. We will also be able to add additional services as necessary with continued growth.

## **Q: WHEN WE DO OUTGROW THE NEW FACILITY, WHAT WILL BE THE NEXT STEP?**

**A:** The current facility is designed in such a way that the auditorium will eventually become a larger kids facility for our older kids with small group rooms for them. At the necessary time, we will build a larger main auditorium to facilitate growth for adults.

## **Q: WHAT ABOUT OFFICE AND MEETING SPACES?**

**A:** We currently have limited office space and our board, staff, and financial team have made the conscious choice to sacrifice offices until a later phase in order to provide the greatest ministry space possible. We have a plan for multi-use rooms for offices and meetings that will allow our needs to be fulfilled for the immediate future.

## **Q: WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE MISS OUR TARGET OF \$1 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS?**

**A:** We expect to reach our goal, despite the challenge it represents! However, if we fall short, we will adjust expenditures and/or time-lines based on priorities determined by the elder board.

# HOW CAN I GIVE?

Giving sacrificially is challenging and may even seem overwhelming. However with prayer, creativity, and faith, giving to **forward** is possible for everyone! You may be able to use some of the following ideas to help you think creatively about giving to **forward**. These ideas are simply suggestions for you to use as a guide.

## 1// SMALL CHANGES

Eating out less often or drinking water instead of soda are small changes that yield big results. A family of four who eats out once a week and determines to drink water instead of ordering drinks, could save about \$400 per year.

## 2// REVIEW PRIORITIES

Postponing a planned expense like a new car, home remodel, or major purchase are ways of sacrifice. Choosing to rearrange current priorities and give up something in your current budget

such as cable are also options. Even giving up a weekly trip to Starbucks could save hundreds over the course of a year.

## 3// REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES

Once a short-term expense has ended, such as a loan or credit card bill, redirect this new cash flow into **forward**. Redirecting an average car payment upon paying it off would equal around \$4800 per year.

## 4// INCREASE GIVING WITH INCREASED INCOME

Sometimes we know of bonuses, raises, tax returns, or other events in our lives that will increase our cash flow in the next 12 months. Families can decide to delay increasing their lifestyle for a short period in order to give to the project.

## 5// DONATE ASSETS

There are some incredible tax advantages to giving appreciated assets, such as stock, bonds, or real estate.

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**EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY**

**EMPOWER PEOPLE**

**ENGAGE OUR CITY**

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