

Galatians 2:20





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MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.

AMEN. Ephesians 3:20-27

#### LETTER FROM PASTOR MATT

This is a great time to be a part of
Mission City Church. Over the years it has
been amazing to see what God has done!
We have seen lives transformed by the
gospel, marriages and families healed, and
countless men, women, students, and kids
being discipled in their walk with Christ.

All of this would not have been accomplished without the faithfulness of God's people at Mission City Church. Our church has been marked by your willingness and generosity towards the mission God has given us. We have always been at our best when God has placed great challenges in front of us – and we have always responded in big ways!





We believe God is calling us to continue our mission by placing in front of us our biggest challenge yet. A vision so big it's going to take ALL of us, 100% engagement, to fulfill. We are calling this next season at Mission City Church, YES. Over the next 24 months, we are asking everyone who calls Mission City Church home to say yes to God in bold ways as He calls us to new levels of surrender, faith, and generosity.

The greatest decision anyone can ever make is to say yes to Christ, place their trust in Him, and walk in obedience and surrender every day after. We want to be a church that says yes in every way – in our generosity, in our faith, in our lives. Whatever He is doing, however He is moving. We want to be a part of it – and God is inviting you to be a part of it. It's not always easy, but it is always worth it.

Can you imagine the impact we could make and how many lives would be transformed if each of us decided to say yes to God in an extraordinary way? God wants "to do above and beyond all that we ask or think." He wants to do that in your life and in our church. We are so excited for this next season God has called us to and pray that you will join us as we all say YES!

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"MISSION CITY HAS BEEN AN **INVITING, WELCOMING PLACE FOR US. IT WAS EASY TO CONNECT, BE** INFORMED, AND FIND A PLACE TO SERVE. WE ARE GRATEFUL **THAT EVERY SUNDAY WE ARE ENCOURAGED IN WORSHIP AND ENCOUNTER THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD. OUR EXPERIENCE** 

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#### LIFECYCLE OF OUR CHURCH

# Church Timeline



1957

The Revival

The church said yes to the will and power of the Holy Spirit in their church and a revival began.

In just under 6 months time, over 2000 people were saved, saying yes to Jesus Christ.



1980

The Build

The church wanted to see more lives transformed and multiplied by planting 5 new churches around San Antonio.



1953

The Beginning

Seven faithful people gathered together in a house and a new church began.

where they are with the gospel of Jesus Christ and lead them into lives of transformation.



#### 2000

The Wandering

For two decades, the church lost focus, leading to a decline in the health of the church and ministry.



2013

The Rebirth

The elders make key decisions to renew the health and impact of the church.

Matt Surber becomes lead pastor, and a new mission is created.



2019

The New Name

God gives us a new name to align with the vision and mission He gave us.



2016

The Walk

Through multiple miracles, God provided almost \$21 million to recreate our Central Campus and to launch and build our Northwest Campus in the Leon Springs Dancehall.

# **HOW GOD IS MOVING TODAY**







+50%
Attendance

Over a 50% increase in attendance over the last year.



+2,500

First Time Guests

Over 2,500 first time guests joined us at one of our campuses.





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+370% Student Growth

Over 400 students engaged weekly.

Kids Ministry is 20% of our church every week.







+\$125,000 to Go!Missions

Over \$125,000 was given to World, National and Local missions.

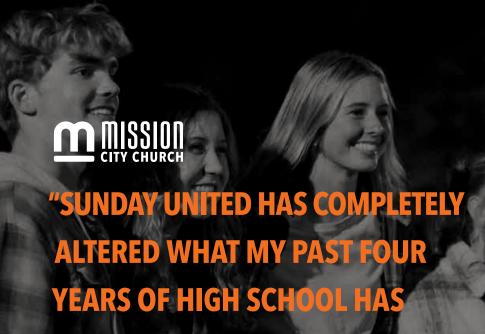


+1,000

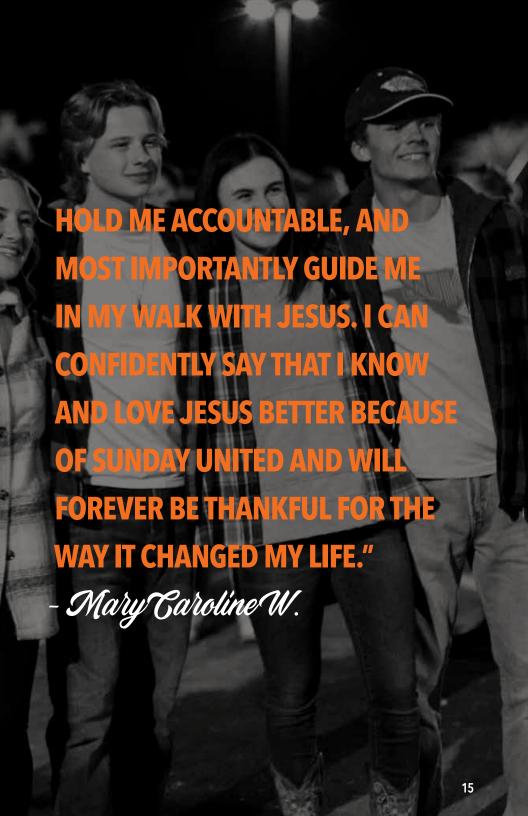
Thanksgiving Meals

Over 1,000 families fed through Food for Families.





YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL HAS
LOOKED LIKE. AFTER JOINING
THE STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM,
I FOUND A COMMUNITY LIKE NO
OTHER. I NOW HAVE PEOPLE IN
MY CORNER TO ENCOURAGE ME,



WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD

GOD'S PLAN FOR ACCOMPLISHING HIS PURPOSES ON THE EARTH IS THE CHURCH. THERE IS NO PLAN B.

- Matt Swiber

San Antonio was recently named the fastest growing city numerically in America. We have an incredible opportunity to make an eternal impact in our city, nation, and world. The mission God gave to Mission City Church is to engage people where they are with the gospel of Jesus Christ and lead them into lives of transformation. We believe God wants to do incredible things in and through our church – and in and through each of us as He invites us to be a part of what He is doing. The faithful yes of one person can change everything. Imagine what God could do if each of us simply said – YES.



#### WHAT IS "YES"

# **Primary Goal**

# 100% Engagement

Our prayer is that every person who calls Mission City Church home would grow in their relationship with Christ as He calls us to new levels of surrender, faith, and generosity.

# **Secondary Goal**

#### \$18 Million Over 2 Years

God wants to do abundantly more than we could ask, think, or imagine. We are trusting Him to move through His people to invest \$18 million over the next two years to accomplish the vision He has given us. During this season, every gift given to Mission City Church will go to the YES initiative as we say:

# **YES. to our Ministry:**

\$9 MILLION

#### **YES. to the Next Generation:**

\$1.6 MILLION

#### **YES. to our Communities:**

\$6.9 MILLION

# YES. to the World:

\$500,000





#### YES TO OUR MINISTRY

\$9 million investment over two years ...

#### **MINISTRIES:**

- . Help people know Jesus and the hope they have in Him
- . Help people grow in their relationship with Jesus
- . Help people go tell others about Jesus

THIS REPRESENTS OUR MINISTRY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS AS WE INVEST IN THE ONGOING MINISTRIES AT MISSION CITY CHURCH. THROUGH YOUR FAITH AND GENEROSITY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEE TRANSFORMED LIVES THROUGH WHAT GOD IS ALREADY DOING IN KIDS, STUDENTS, AND ADULTS.





















#### YES TO THE NEXT GENERATION

\$1.6 million investment over two years ...

#### **NEXT GENERATION:**

- . Improve playgrounds to provide atmosphere for play
- Enlarge and improve Kids Worship areas
- Expand buildings to accommodate new spiritual and numerical growth

OUR NEXT GEN MINISTRIES ARE FOCUSED
ON TEACHING FUTURE GENERATIONS ABOUT
JESUS IN A WAY THAT IS RELATABLE AND
APPLICABLE TO THEM WHILE BEING FUN
AND ENGAGING. CHURCH SHOULDN'T BE
BORING! WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO INVEST
IN THE NEXT GENERATION BY MAKING VITAL
IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES.















#### YES TO OUR COMMUNITIES

\$6.9 million investment over two years ...

#### **COMMUNITIES:**

- Launch a third location in our city
- . Reduce current debt to free up resources
- . Update Worship Center technology for in-room and online
- Build a multipurpose room at Northwest and renovate courtyard at Central

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MISSION CITY CHURCH IS STRATEGICALLY
POSITIONED TO MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT IN
THE LIVES OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
WE WANT TO INCREASE OUR REACH BY MAKING
UPDATES TO OUR CURRENT LOCATIONS,
BRINGING LIGHT TO NEW NEIGHBORHOODS BY
LAUNCHING A THIRD LOCATION, AND FREEING
UP RESOURCES FOR MORE MINISTRY.















#### YES TO THE WORLD

\$500,000 investment over two years ...



WE SEE LIVES TRANSFORMED BY THE GOSPEL LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, AND INTERNATIONALLY. WE WANT TO EXPAND OUR REACH BY INCREASING OUR COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH NEW CHURCHES AND PROVIDING MORE RESOURCES TO OUR GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS.













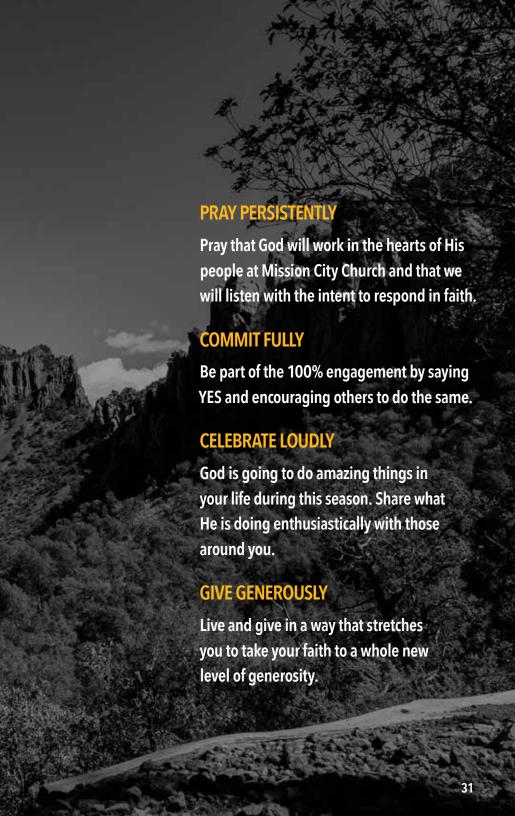




"MAN CHURCH HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH **DURING MY WALK WITH CHRIST. IT HAS CONNECTED ME** WITH LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS AND HAS STRENGTHENED MY **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BY BEING IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS.** 

THE MESSAGE EACH WEEK GIVE US MEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS, BE VULNERABLE AND **APPLY WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR LIVES DURING OUR** DISCUSSION. THE COMMITMENT **AND SACRIFICE WE MAKE EACH WEDNESDAY IS WORTH IT."** Matt S.





#### **JOURNEY IN GENEROSITY**

# Generous Spirit

#### 1.INITIAL

Matthew 7:24

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 trusting
God and the leaders
of the Church with
their gift. They
experience the initial
joy of putting Jesus'
words into action.

#### 2.CONSISTENT

2 Corinthians 8:7

consistent Givers
give on a consistent
basis to exercise the
discipline of giving
as a disciple of Jesus.
Often, this person
makes their gift
online a recurring
gift; learning the
joy of consistency.
Non-online givers
can be consistent
givers it just requires
more discipline.

#### 3. PRIORITY

Matthew 6:19-24 Colossians 1:15-20

A Priority Giver understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives their spending and their saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving. They experience the freedom of serving "one master" and declaring Jesus is first.





#### 4.SURRENDERED

Ephesians 5:1-2

The Surrendered Giver recognizes that Christ surrendered His whole self for us, and therefore we desire to surrender our whole selves to Him, in love. This giver would say, "My giving is not just changing my spending and saving, it's also changing me!" They also look at what they're not giving away and ask, "Is it surrendered too?" This guides how they use everything they've been entrusted with - through monetary giving or through a God-honoring use of existing resources.





#### 5.ETERNAL

1 Timothy 6:6-19

This person sees the impact of Eternal Giving, for themselves and others, beyond immediate programs and ministries. This giver has been captivated by how generosity and sharing lead to a full life. This encourages them to continue growing! They progress to making all decisions – from major purchases, giving, saving, relationships, even areas of service – in light of how it will make an eternal impact.







YES is a one-fund initiative, meaning that all of our regular giving and all of our special giving over the next two years will be combined into one unified fund. Every gift that is given to Mission City Church will go to the four key components of YES.

We believe that it's all one mission – to engage people where they are with the gospel of Jesus Christ and lead them into lives of transformation. So as a church, for the next season, it's going to be ONE fund to which we give generously at Mission City.

We've included a sample commitment card so you can begin to pray about your engagement in God's vision for our church through the YES initiative. Please spend some time with the Lord and follow His leading as you wrestle with how He desires to grow your generosity. We will provide you with a new hard copy on *Commitment Sunday*, April 2.





# **SAMPLE COMMITMENT CARD**

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		\$		
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### **TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART**

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As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool—let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to say YES to Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$83,333	\$2,000,000
2	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$2,500,000
2	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,000,000
4	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$1,125,000
8	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$1,200,000
10	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,050,008
18	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$1,350,000
20	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$1,332,500
25	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$1,250,000
30	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$1,050,000
45	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$1,125,000
65	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$982,500
80	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$800,000
95	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$712,500
125	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$625,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$612,500
				\$18,000,000

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"WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT MISSION CITY IS ONE OF THE GREATEST **BLESSINGS IN MY LIFE. STUDYING** GOD'S WORD, GROWING IN **KNOWLEDGE AND RELATIONSHIP** WITH THE LORD ALONGSIDE **WOMEN WHO ALSO ARE SEEKING HIM AND HIS TRUTH IS LIFE CHANGING! THESE LADIES TRULY** 

**ARE MY SISTERS! BY ALSO SERVING** IN THE MINISTRY, I HAVE THE **OPPORTUNITY TO USE MY GIFTS** TO HONOR THE LORD. MISSION **CITY WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPENS** THE DOOR TO KNOWING HIM AND **SERVING HIM, AND THAT'S WHAT WE WERE MADE FOR."** -Becky C.



## SERIES - WEEK 1

Say YES to Me and Multiply.

**Genesis 12:1-3** 

WATCH MESSAGE REPLAYS ON: YOUTUBE.COM/MISSION CITY CHURCH

Use these questions to reflect on what God is teaching you. Scan the QR Code to watch this week's video recap from Pastor Matt and a testimony video.



**Question 1:** What excuses have you used to keep from blindly obeying God's call?

Read Genesis 12:1-3

**Question 2:** God called Abraham (Abram at the time) to say "YES" to the unknown and a life he could not yet see. Have you given God a 'blank check' with your life? Do you allow Him to do with your life what He wishes to do? Or do you seek to only give Him control of some of your life?

**Question 3:** What do you place your security in, for the present and for the future? Family? Friends? Money? Your career? Your talents and abilities?

Read Colossians 1:3-14

**Question 4:** How does your generosity and faith change when you think about what it looks like to truly follow God like Abraham and Paul did?



Genesis 15:1-21	ı		

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**Question 1:** Why is it difficult to trust people? Why do we have so many trust issues?

Read Genesis 15:1-6

**Question 2:** Is there a circumstance in your life or in someone else's life in which God revealed Himself and made the seemingly impossible possible?

Read Genesis 17:1-8

Question 3: Do you ever feel you have been "named" by a situation of your past that limits your trust of God's promises for your future? How might God be trying to "change your name" in how He is leading you to trust Him?

**Question 4:** As you think about this YES. journey and the commitment God is asking of you, what barriers, situations, or "names" from your past are preventing you from trusting in God fully?



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**Question 1:** What does commitment mean to you? To what are you committed? When has commitment cost you or caused you to rearrange your priorities?

Read Genesis 13:1-17

**Question 2:** Abraham stayed committed to following the ways of God. Do you feel you are committed to following the ways of God in terms of generosity? In what ways are you weak, uncommitted, or wavering?

**Question 3:** When you think about your generosity, does your level of spending control your level of giving, or does your level of giving control your level of spending?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

**Question 4:** Why does God give resources to us? If you were God, would you give you more money?



### **SERIES - WEEK 4**

### Surrender to Me and Say YES.

**Genesis 22:1-18** 

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Use these questions to reflect on what God is teaching you. Scan the QR Code to watch this week's video recap from Pastor Matt and a testimony video.



**Question 1:** What is something you have sacrificed in your life? Is there anything that would be very difficult for you to give up?

Read Genesis 22:2-18

**Question 2:** It's tempting to believe that anything given to us by God is OURS, not His. What in your life do you view as "yours" and not surrendered to God?

**Question 3:** Is there anything preventing you from being fully surrendered to God and trusting Him with faith beyond what you can see or understand?

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

**Question 4:** What is your response when you think about how Jesus gave everything for you as the ultimate sacrifice for your sins?

**Question 5:** If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, would your generosity display a life that seeks to follow Christ and His example? Why or why not?



## **SERIES - WEEK 5**

Say YES and Be an Influence.

Genesis 18:16-33

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Use these questions to reflect on what God is teaching you. Scan the QR Code to watch this week's video recap from Pastor Matt and a testimony video.



**Question 1:** Have you ever been the only person who believed something when no one else did? Would you consider yourself a person of belief or of unbelief?

Read Genesis 18:16-32

**Question 2:** Is it easy for you to believe in God and in what He can do? Do you pray big, bold prayers? Why or why not? What keeps you from praying big, bold prayers?

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

**Question 3:** How would your prayers and generosity change if you truly believed that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine?

**Question 4:** What are you praying for God to do in you and through you as we commit to say YES. and give God our first and best on April 2?



### **SERIES - WEEK 6**

Say YES.

2 Corinthians 9:7-9 and Hebrews 11:8-19

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**Question 1:** How have you seen God move in your life in this YES. series?

**Question 2:** What is God teaching you as it relates to surrender, faith, and generosity?

**Question 3:** What is your big, bold prayer as we say YES. to God over the next two years?



"MY JOURNEY WITH MISSION CITY **CHURCH BEGAN DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC. OUR FIRST SUNDAY** ATTENDING WORSHIP WAS ONE IN WHICH I FELT THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! THE BLESSINGS BEGAN TO FLOW FROM THE LOVE, **CARING AND KINDNESS OF THE** PEOPLE I MET. I WAS SOON

GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING OTHERS AND WELCOMING THEM THE WAY I HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

MY GREATEST BLESSING HAS COME FROM MY HUSBAND JOINING ME IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND BEING BAPTIZED INTO OUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER."

Bobbi W.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: If we are committing to YES, how does this change my giving to Go! Missions, the general fund, and other special offerings?

A: During this two-year period, every contribution to God through Mission City Church is a contribution to our YES initiative. This means that everything from our general ministry budget, scholarships, local and global missions, and even campus expansion will be fueled through the YES initiative.

#### Q: What are you asking me to do?

A: First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says.

Spend time in personal reflection as you walk through this YES Book. Use the sermon notes and discussion guide to dig in deeper with your family, friends, or LifeGroup. Pray through what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life. We are asking that you make a generosity commitment to stretch your faith like never before. Our prayer is that you would give in a way that changes you.

Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. We serve a big God who does big things, and He is going to move in extraordinary ways as we anticipate how He is going to use our collective YES commitments. Plan to be here

for every week of the YES series beginning February 26 and pray about returning your commitment card on Sunday, April 2.

## Q: Are there additional ways I can give more toward YES?

A: Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give toward the YES initiative. You might have some stocks, property, or other stored resources that God has blessed you with and might be calling you to give from during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can send an email to yes@missioncity.church to make a gift of this type.

#### Q: How long is my commitment?

A: We are asking everyone to make a two-year commitment to YES.

Your fulfillment of that commitment will begin in April of 2023 and it will culminate two years later in April of 2025.

## Q: What if I am severely in debt right now? Should I still give?

A: If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt right now, we commend you for your progress on this important goal. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you find resources to assist you in this journey.

Keep in mind that giving isn't about what God wants from you but rather what He wants for you. The primary goal of the YES initiative is for each of us to grow in our relationship with Christ as He calls us to new levels of surrender, faith, and generosity.

Ask God what that means for you and look for creative ways that you can sacrifice to participate in YES.

#### Q: What if I am new to Mission City Church?

A: First, we want to say that we are glad you're here! We believe God wants to do something in and through each of us as we step into this next season of YES together. We would love to connect with you and help you find your spot at Mission City Church. Stop by Next Steps on Sunday after the worship service. This is going to be an exciting time at Mission City Church!

#### Q: What if I haven't been baptized yet?

A: Great question. People take different spiritual steps at different times. Giving is another spiritual discipline that comes at different times for different people. One thing is for sure - just like other spiritual disciplines, giving draws us closer to God. And God is calling ALL of us to give. The Bible says: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Whether you have taken the spiritual step of baptism or whether you haven't yet, we would encourage you to still join us in this YES initiative. We believe that it will draw you closer to God and hopefully to a place where you are ready to make the decision to be baptized.

#### Q: Is YES just about money?

A: No, YES is a generosity initiative that will enable us to fulfill the vision God has given us to engage people where they are with the gospel of Jesus Christ and lead them into lives of transformation. Of course generosity includes money, but it's much more than that. Our prayer is that every person who calls Mission City Church home would grow in their relationship with Christ as He calls us to new levels of surrender, faith, and generosity. YES is not just about money, but discipleship always includes how we manage what God has entrusted to us. We pray that each of us will give in such a way that places Chris as first in our hearts and lives.

#### Q: How can I give?

A: There are several ways to give.

Text MISSIONCITY to 77977 and you will receive instructions on how to give or visit *missioncity.church* and click on Giving. Drop any cash or checks in the giving boxes located in the Commons outside the Worship Center.

If you have questions about anything in this book, please feel free to contact us at: yes@missioncity.church



2 Corinthians 8:2

