

EVEN
GREATER
THINGS

THE HARVEST METHODIST CHURCH



TRANSFORMING LIVES BY CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Nearly fifteen years ago, our church took a bold step of faith, moving to our current location with a vision to expand our ministry and reach more people with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. That step required trust, sacrifice, and a deep belief in God's calling. Today, we continue that journey through our capital campaign, Even Greater Things, a testament to the same faith and boldness that brought us here.

I am incredibly proud of the ministry happening at The Harvest Methodist Church—how we serve our community, reach others, and make disciples. As we step into this next season, I believe God is leading us toward even greater opportunities to impact lives.

I invite you to join us in this mission by deepening your investment in the work God is doing here. Would you take time to pray and ask how God might be calling you to give? Perhaps it's through a sacrificial gift above and beyond what you already contribute. Or maybe this is the moment to take that first step in faithful giving. Whatever God places on your heart—whether you've been giving for years or are just beginning—please know that your generosity makes a difference.

I trust that as we respond in faith, God will provide for each of us and for our church. He has led us this far, and I have no doubt He will continue guiding us as we step forward. The impact of our generosity will reach far beyond what we can see today, shaping lives for generations to come. As Jesus said,

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even **greater things** than these." (John 14:12-14)*

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your commitment to God's work. I am excited to see what He will do through us in the days ahead!

In Christ,



Rev. Ben Lohmer | Lead Pastor

WE HAVE 5 MAJOR PURPOSES FOR EVEN GREATER THINGS:

1. To honor God with bold faith, sacrificial love, and radical generosity.
2. To release the burden of debt so we can be faithful stewards of His blessings and invest wisely in His kingdom.
3. To open doors for greater ministry impact, freeing up funds to reach more people, serve our community, and extend God's love beyond our walls.
4. To care for and strengthen our church home, ensuring we have the spaces and resources—like buildings, parking, and essential improvements—that allow us to worship, grow, and serve together.
5. To unite our Harvest family in a shared vision of faith, transformation, and unwavering trust in God's plan for us.





WHAT'S MY ROLE?

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 **Even Greater Things**.*

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.

Redirect:

Maybe you have financial obligations that will be fulfilled during the project, like tuition payments, car loans, etc. You could redirect those funds after those obligations are fulfilled. Or perhaps you could dedicate a future raise or bonus.

Donate:

A great way to contribute is to give existing assets. Giving 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.

Rethink:

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.

CAMPAIGN GOALS

The Harvest Methodist Church has reached a crucial turning point. Our current debt limits our financial ability to fully pursue God's vision for our church. The impact of COVID hit us particularly hard, bringing significant changes to our congregation and giving patterns. As a result, our budget and ability to sustain loan payments have reached a breaking point.

At the start of COVID, we owed \$3.1 million and were in an interest-only loan agreement as we completed the capital campaign for the CLC building. Since then, we have worked diligently to reduce our debt to \$2.8 million, cut spending, transitioned back to an interest-only payment plan, and deferred maintenance to stay afloat. However, these measures alone are not enough to secure a stable financial future for our church.

Through the Even Greater Things campaign, we need to raise:

- \$1 million to significantly reduce our debt
- \$250,000 to address urgent deferred maintenance, including the chillers and building repairs

By accomplishing this, we can free up operational funds to invest more directly in ministry, ensuring our church remains strong and able to serve for generations to come. This campaign is about more than just financial stability—it's about removing barriers to fully embrace God's calling and continue impacting lives.



COMMITMENT CARD

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

MY/OUR TOTAL COMMITMENT:
\$ _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:
\$ _____ Weekly for 156 Weeks
\$ _____ Monthly for 36 Months
\$ _____ Annually for 3 Years
\$ _____ As Follows:

I/we will begin giving on: _____

FOR GIFT ASSETS OTHER THAN CASH
Description _____
Approximate Value _____

Signature _____
This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

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