

WALK BY FAITH

2027 GENEROSITY & MINISTRY COMMITMENT INITIATIVE

Dear Church family,

When we surrender ourselves to Jesus, our faith grows, our generosity deepens, and our participation in God's mission expands. Walk by Faith is a spiritual invitation for every member of Faithbridge to take a meaningful step of faith, trusting God with their lives, their resources, and their participation in the mission He has entrusted to us through ADVANCE 2031.

Every member is encouraged to prayerfully seek the Lord, surrender more fully to Him, and make a faith-filled financial commitment toward the ministry of Faithbridge in 2027.

These commitments will help our church leadership prayerfully and responsibly establish a ministry budget that reflects both the generosity of our congregation, and the opportunities God is placing before us through ADVANCE 2031.

Specifically, we are asking God for an additional \$100,000 in annual budget giving in order to hire an Associate Pastor and provide the needed resources to our college ministry and church plants.

We are not simply asking people to pledge a budget. We are inviting our church family to take the next step in a faith journey that will shape our lives and expand our impact.

Sincerely,

Your Pastor and Elders

Biblical Foundation

Growing Faith → Growing Generosity → Growing Impact

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. 2 Corinthians 8:5

Growing Faith — We surrender ourselves to Jesus.

Generosity doesn't begin with money. It begins with surrender.

Before the Macedonian believers gave their resources, they gave themselves to the Lord (2 Cor 8:1–5). The starting point for WALK BY FAITH is not a financial decision but a spiritual one: *Lord, everything I have belongs to You. What would You have me do?*

Growing Generosity — We trust God with what He has entrusted to us.

As our faith grows, so does our willingness to trust God with our resources.

Generosity is not simply a financial transaction. It is an expression of worship, obedience, gratitude, and confidence in God's provision. We give not under compulsion, but willingly and joyfully (2 Cor 9:7–8).

Growing Impact — We participate in God's mission together.

Our generosity creates opportunities to make disciples, care for people, strengthen families, plant churches, and advance the gospel. When we give together, we accomplish things none of us could accomplish alone. Our resources become instruments through which God works for His glory (2 Cor 9:10–12).

Five Convictions That Shape WALK BY FAITH

1. **Surrender precedes generosity.** We are not asking people to give something to God before they have given themselves to Him.
2. **Faith is the foundation of generosity.** We want people to prayerfully consider not simply what they can afford, but what obedience and trust look like in their circumstances.
3. **Generosity is a pathway of spiritual growth.** Every person can take a next step, regardless of their current financial capacity or giving history.
4. **The vision is greater than the budget.** ADVANCE 2031 is about people, discipleship, missions, church planting, and gospel transformation. The budget is one tool that helps us pursue that vision.
5. **Faith and stewardship belong together.** We will trust God boldly while planning responsibly. Financial commitments provide valuable direction for ministry planning without becoming guarantees of future income.

Creating a Culture of Generosity

1. Emerging Giver — Begin Growing

Each one

must give as he has decided in his heart...

2 Corinthians 9:7

DECIDES: *I am going to establish generosity as a regular part of my life.*

2. Growing Giver — Grow in Faith

Let us

not grow weary of doing good ...

Galatians 6:9

DECIDES: *I am going to intentionally increase my generosity as God grows my faith.*

3. Faithful Giver — Grow in Obedience

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...

Malachi 3:10

DECIDES: *I am going to trust God by embracing the biblical practice of the tithe.*

4. Generous Giver — Grow Beyond Myself

You will be

enriched in every way to be generous in every way...

2 Corinthians 9:11

DECIDES: *I am going to give beyond the tithe to participate in what God is doing through special opportunities and needs.*

OUR UNIFYING QUESTION IS:

Lord, what is the next step of faith you are asking me to take in my generosity for 2027?

For some, that will mean beginning to give. **For others**, it will mean increasing their giving. **For still others**, it may mean continuing in faithful generosity or giving sacrificially beyond what they have previously given.

TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE: Please go to the Faithbridge App and click the tile called “WALK BY FAITH” or go to the GIVING tab on the church website to submit an electronic version of the confidential pledge card. If you would prefer to submit a physical pledge card, please pick one up from the Preschool Desk and place it in one of the offering receptacles at the Worship Center entry doors.

(Example Pledge Card)

MY 2027 GENEROSITY PLEDGE

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They gave themselves first to the Lord... 2 Corinthians 8:5

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

After prayerfully seeking the Lord...

1. I desire to Advance on the giving Pathway to (circle one):

Emerging

Growing

Faithful

Generous

2. I desire to take the following step of faith in my generosity for 2027. My intended giving amount to the church budget is: \$_____