

NORTH JAX

BAPTIST CHURCH



THE **FUTURE** IS



ONCE IN A GENERATION. FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

JOURNEY GUIDE

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

Ephesians 3:20

THE FUTURE IS NOW

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There are times in the life of a church that are unlike any other — times where God's plan unfolds in ways that are undeniable and awe-inspiring. For North Jacksonville Baptist Church, this is one of those times.

For over 33 years, Pastor Herb Reavis has faithfully shepherded our church with wisdom, compassion, and a heart set on reaching the lost and equipping the saved. His unwavering leadership has shaped not just our past but also our present. And now, God, in His perfect providence, has prepared us for an extraordinary new chapter with Pastor Josh Reavis, his son, standing beside him as co-pastor.

This is a story that could only be written by God. Brother Josh's journey at North Jax began long before he ever stepped into the pulpit. As a child, he walked these halls, grew up in this community, and witnessed firsthand what it means to serve a church family with love and integrity. For almost 20 years, he has poured himself into this congregation as a faithful member of the North Jax pastoral staff, and now he is uniquely equipped to lead us into the future alongside his father.

Few churches are blessed with the opportunity to experience such a seamless blending in leadership — a father and son united in ministry-philosophy, theology, and their shared vision for what God has planned for our church. Together, they embody the strength of our heritage and the promise of our future.

The theme of our upcoming capital giving campaign “The Future Is Now: Once in a Generation. For the Next Generation” reflects this unprecedented time. It's a call to action, reminding us that the time to invest in the future is not someday — it's today. We stand on the foundation of decades of faithful leadership, and we are uniquely positioned to move forward with confidence and purpose.

This is about more than leadership — it's about legacy. It's about planning for growth and ensuring that the next generation has a church where the Gospel is boldly proclaimed, lives are transformed, and God is glorified. Many years ago, we began to build the North Jax campus we enjoy today.

What we are about to embark upon was always a part of that vision, and now the time is right to complete it. Together, as one church family, we have the opportunity to embrace this God-sized vision and commit ourselves to what lies ahead.

**The future isn't something we wait
for — it's something we build.
Right here, right now. And God has
called us to do it together.**





The Purpose of Our JOURNEY GUIDE

We are embarking on a spiritual journey unlike any other, united by a vision that God has placed before us. With grateful hearts, we believe this is a once-in-a-generation time — a calling to shape the future for the next generation. As the North Jax family, we come together with faith and anticipation, ready to see God do even greater things in and through us.

Through our worship services and daily time with God, we ask Him to reveal His vision and empower us to act on it now. This is not just a collective prayer for the future of North Jacksonville Baptist Church; it's a personal commitment to embrace the work God is doing today because the future is now.

Thank you for joining us on this transformative journey of faith. Together, as one church family, we seek God's guidance to align our hearts with His will. We trust Him to accomplish mighty works that only He can do, and we are eager to be His partners in mission, reaching the next generation for Jesus.

Bring this Journey Guide with you each Sunday as we explore this powerful sermon series. Use it to take notes, reflect, and pray. Together, let's boldly ask God to use us to reach many for Christ and nurture them to become lifelong disciples of Him.

The future is now — and God is calling us to be the generation that steps out in faith for the sake of those who will come after us. Let's answer that call, united and expectant, trusting Him to do immeasurably more than we can ask or think.

Bro. Josh

The Contents of Our JOURNEY GUIDE

It's all about seeing God's faithfulness, seeking His heart, and responding in obedience as we move into the future. In this JOURNEY GUIDE you'll find ...

OUR STORY

As we look back on our 88-year history, we see how God has led His church at North Jacksonville Baptist Church on an amazing journey for His glory.

THE NEED

We praise God for how He is working through our church to change lives, and we know many more in our community need the hope of the Gospel. As more young families make North Jax their church home, our need for space is growing — especially for our youngest members. In fact, **56% of our small group enrollment consists of preschoolers and children.** That means over half of those in small groups are little ones who will greatly benefit from this expansion. This project will not only provide much-needed room for them but also create space for additional adult ministries to grow.

THE FUTURE

God has given us the opportunity to use our resources to build the future and change lives. It's not about a building project. This journey is about us being willing to surrender and sacrifice for the cause of seeing more come to know Jesus.

SERMON NOTES

For the next four Sundays, our pastors will lead us through a special time of seeking God's heart through His Word. Use this section to write down how God speaks to you through the Bible in these messages.

COMMITMENT GUIDE

This section will help you prayerfully consider what commitment you will make for the next three years.

The History of North Jacksonville Baptist Church

OUR STORY

From humble beginnings to a thriving ministry, North Jacksonville Baptist Church has been a beacon of faith, hope, and community for generations. Our journey began in 1937, when 57 faithful believers gathered in a small room at the corner of Elwood and Crestwood Avenues. With a first offering of just \$3.33, we laid the foundation for a church that would impact countless lives in Northeast Florida and beyond.

A Journey of Growth and Expansion

In 1938, our young congregation purchased a lot at 6415 Pearl Street, and by 1939, we completed our first house of worship — a white concrete block building. Just two years later, in 1941, we built a 300-seat brick sanctuary, reflecting our rapid growth. As our ministry expanded, so did our need for space.

Throughout the decades, we continued to step out in faith:

- **1950** – We completed a two-story educational building.
- **1958** – We built a 1,300-seat colonial-style sanctuary.
- **1961 & 1974** – We added additional three-story educational buildings.

By 1985, we had outgrown our Pearl Street location. In a bold move, we purchased 43 acres on the Trout River at 8531 N. Main Street.

In 1989, we relocated to a new 120,000-square-foot facility.

**This marked
a new era of
ministry and
outreach.**



A Commitment to the Future

We continued to enhance our facilities to serve our growing church family:

- **2002-2007** – We made parking, infrastructure, and landscaping improvements.
- **2009** – We completed a 64,000-square-foot expansion, adding fellowship spaces, offices, and student ministry areas.
- **2010** – We remodeled all adult small group areas.
- **2019** – We renovated our sanctuary and foyer.
- **2025 and Beyond** – We are now planning a 15,000-square-foot addition to our children's and preschool wings, complete with an indoor playground and a 5,700-square-foot outdoor courtyard, along with a 26,000-square-foot remodel of all existing children's areas and expanded adult small group space. This brings the total square footage of this project to just under 50,000 square feet.



We Are a Church with a Mission

While buildings and expansions are significant, the heart of our church remains unchanged — winning people to Jesus and ministering to our ever-growing church family. Through our preschool, children's, student, young adult, married adult, and prime time ministries, we strive to make North Jax a second home — a place of love, fellowship, and spiritual growth. In the last decade, we have witnessed countless lives transformed through salvation and baptism. Now, it is our time to step forward in faith, ensuring that North Jax continues to be a place where generations to come can worship, grow, and serve. Previous generations paved the way for us; now, we have the opportunity to do the same. This is our moment — once in a generation, for the next generation.

Will we rise to the challenge?

Ministry at North Jax

LOOK AT WHAT GOD IS DOING

Through the ministry of our church, God is changing lives in Northeast Florida and around the world. He has done amazing things among His people at North Jax, but we believe there is still more that must be done. The growth of the past is great, but the needs of tomorrow are even greater.

How can we prepare for all that God wants to do in and through us? Realizing what He has done, we stand with open arms ready to embrace what lies ahead.



Call to Action

SERMON NOTES

You've seen our history. You've seen the need. And you've seen the vision for the future that we believe God has for His church at North Jax. Now it's time to discover your role.

Yes, our church has been called to this mission but so have you!

Jesus placed you in this body of believers at North Jax with a purpose. You're not here by accident. Each one of us has a role to play, and together we can make a lasting impact.

Over the next four Sundays, this guide will help you focus on what God is asking you to see and do. What part will you play in building the future and changing lives? By engaging with the sermon notes, discussions in your small groups, devotion and prayer journal, and commitment guide, you'll have the tools to spend time with God and seek His direction for your role in His plan.

For the next four weeks, Pastor Herb and Pastor Josh will lead us through a special time of worship and seeking God's heart through His Word. During this journey, use the space provided to write down how God speaks to you through the messages and scripture.

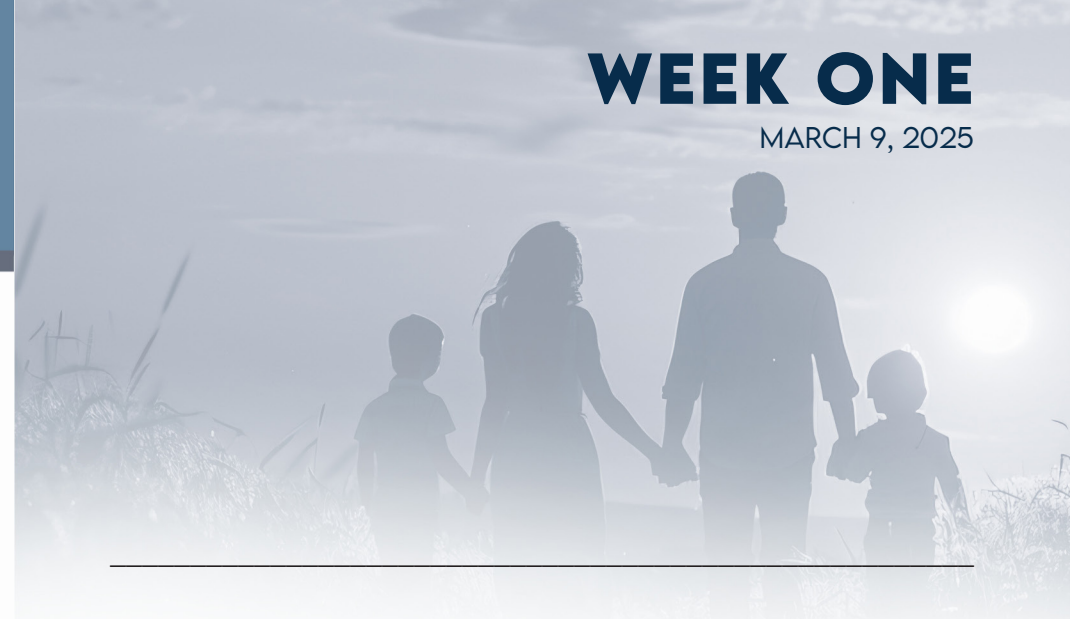
This is not just a moment for our church family to move forward in faith — it's your moment too. Together, we can step into the future God has prepared for North Jax and continue to change lives for His glory.



ONCE IN A GENERATION. FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

WEEK ONE

MARCH 9, 2025

A full-page background image showing the silhouettes of a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) walking away from the viewer through a field of tall grass. The sun is low on the horizon to the right, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

WEEK ONE

MARCH 9, 2025

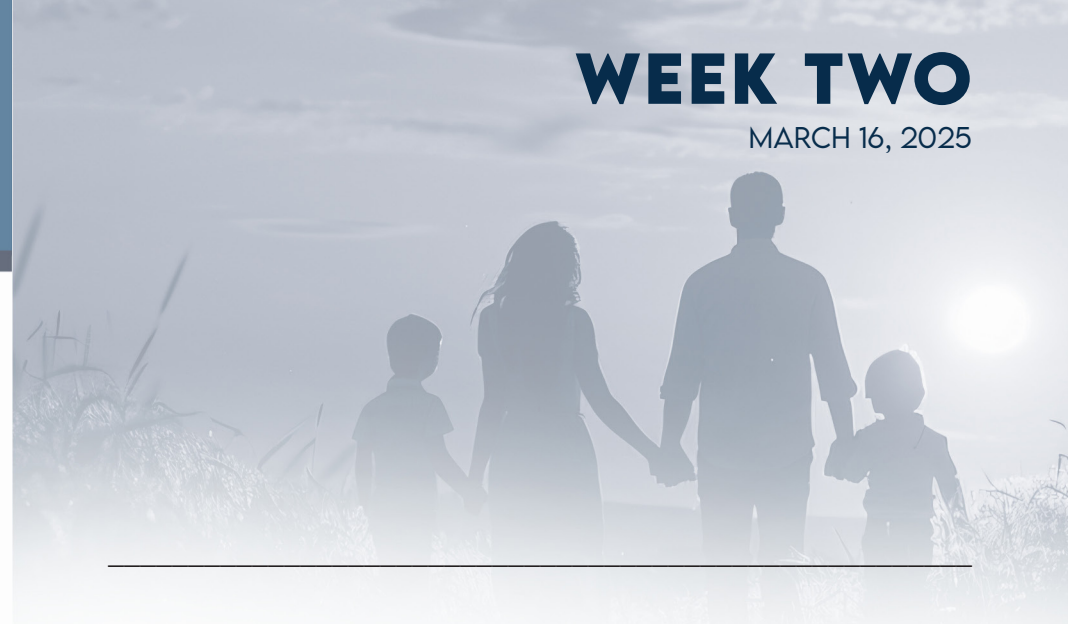
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WEEK TWO

MARCH 16, 2025

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KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

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MARCH 23, 2025



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MARCH 30, 2025



What to PRAY



Thank God for North Jacksonville Baptist Church. Praise Him for the specific ways He has blessed you and your family through our church.



Ask God to continue drawing lost and hurting people to the fellowship of North Jax, that we may meet their needs and lead them to the Savior.



Pray that North Jax will boldly and effectively communicate the gospel throughout our community and beyond.



Ask God to bless this vision for the future. Pray that the plans He has placed before us will become a reality for His glory.



Seek God's will concerning your personal involvement in this journey of faith and ask Him to guide your steps.



Pray for a tremendous Firstfruits offering as we take this important step forward together.

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**Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask in
prayer, believe that
you have received it,
and it will be yours.**

Mark 11:24

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COMMITMENT GUIDE

Generosity allows us to invest in what truly matters, freeing our hearts from selfishness and aligning us with God's heart.

Everything we have comes from Him, and His desire isn't just for our resources — it's for our whole lives. He blesses us so we can bless others. Through the faithful giving of our North Jax family, countless lives have been touched by His love and grace.

This vision for North Jax fulfills a plan set in motion 40 years ago — a God-sized calling that requires our united commitment. It's about transforming lives, reaching communities, and equipping believers to share the gospel boldly. The impact will extend beyond our walls as people encounter Jesus and are empowered to serve in His name.

So, what's your role?

Take time to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to contribute over the next three years. This Commitment Guide focuses on financial giving, but your role extends beyond money — it includes your prayers, time, and talents.

As He stirs your heart, step out in faith and be part of something greater than yourself. Together, we can fulfill this bold vision, expanding our reach in North Jacksonville and beyond. When we unite as a church family, compelled by grace to share the gospel, we will see lives changed, hearts healed, and people embraced by Jesus Christ.

**God doesn't call us to give the
same amount, but He does call us
to *equal sacrifice*.**

GOD'S GUIDE FOR GIVING

Scripture teaches that giving is both a responsibility and a privilege. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Paul outlines four principles for biblical giving:

Giving is for everyone.

Paul instructed all believers to give, making generosity a universal calling.

Giving should be consistent and intentional.

“On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside...” (1 Cor. 16:2). Regular, thoughtful giving invests in God’s kingdom.

Giving is personal.

Each believer, including children, is called to give as an act of worship, honoring God with His provision.

Giving requires preparation.

Paul urged believers to give in proportion to their blessings, ensuring generosity is prayerful, planned, and sacrificial.



What does commitment mean?

A commitment is a personal decision to support the vision God has given North Jax. It’s an act of faith between you and God, not a legal agreement. Your commitment is an expression of trust in Him and willingness to be part of something bigger than yourself.

DISCOVER

How can you follow your God-given calling and be part of the vision at North Jax?

Ask God to guide your heart and reveal your role in this vision. When you put Him first, He will lead you to give in a way that reflects your gratitude for His blessings.

Ponder.

Consider what sacrifice looks like for you. What adjustments can you make to give more meaningfully? Align your giving with what matters most to you.

Prepare.

While gifts may vary in size, the sacrifice can be equal. Giving is an act of faith — trust God to provide as you step forward in generosity.

Plan.

Develop a three-year giving plan beyond your regular contributions and allow God to use your resources for His purposes.

Want to give but unsure how? Here are practical ways to free up resources:

Decrease: Cut back on non-essentials — small savings add up over time.

Delay: Postpone large purchases or investments to prioritize giving.

Do More: Find creative ways to save, like shopping smarter or setting aside spare change.

Donate: Consider non-cash gifts, such as assets, which may offer tax benefits. Consult our Administrative Office for guidance.

Building for the Future — Reaching the Next Generation for Christ

For nearly 40 years on our current campus located at 8531 N. Main Street, North Jax has faithfully pursued the vision God planted — to be a place where families are strengthened, communities are reached, and generations are transformed by the gospel. Now, as we step into the future, that vision continues to unfold with the newest addition to our campus: a state-of-the-art children's wing and courtyard designed to equip, inspire, and impact the next generation for Christ.

This new space is more than just walls and technology — it's where young hearts will encounter the love of Jesus. With vibrant classrooms, interactive learning spaces, and a centerpiece indoor treehouse that reminds kids that church is a place of joy, this wing is built to capture their imagination while instilling eternal truths. Every feature has been designed with one goal in mind: to help children grow in their faith. From dynamic Bible teaching to hands-on discipleship, this facility will allow us to pursue the truth of Proverbs 22:6 — *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Beyond the walls, a beautiful courtyard and playground will provide space for children to play, families to connect, and friendships to flourish. This outdoor area is more than a place to gather — it's where laughter rings out, where the next great conversation about Jesus might happen under the open sky, and where relationships are built in the fresh air and sunshine.

In addition to creating an incredible space for children, this new wing will free up existing classrooms and areas, allowing us to remodel and repurpose them for adult small groups and other ministries — providing much-needed room for our growing church family to connect, learn, and grow in faith.

The time is right. The future is now. The foundation has been laid by the faithfulness of those who came before us, and now, we get to step forward and build upon it. This expansion isn't about impressive buildings or cool features — it's about reaching this generation for Christ and leaving a legacy of faith for generations to come. Together, as a church family, we will see God do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could ask or think.



New children's wing



New children's wing courtyard playground



New children's wing interior playground

COMMITMENT CHART

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

Your gift may look different than someone else's. But the chart below gives a breakdown of what your contribution would be over the course of your 3-year commitment.

No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
1	750,000	750,000	750,000
2	500,000	1,000,000	1,750,000
3	400,000	1,200,000	2,950,000
4	200,000	800,000	3,750,000
6	100,000	600,000	4,350,000
9	75,000	675,000	5,025,000

25 Commitments = \$5,025,000 or 40.9% of Goal

Monthly

No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
12	54,000 1,500	648,000	5,673,000
18	36,000 1,000	648,000	6,321,000
28	28,800 800	806,400	7,127,400
43	21,600 600	928,800	8,056,200
51	18,000 500	918,000	8,974,200
65	14,400 400	936,000	9,910,200

217 Commitments = \$4,885,200 or 39.7% of Goal

242 Commitments = \$9,910,200 or 80.6% of Goal

Monthly

No. of Gifts at Level	Gift Level	Total at Level	Cumulative Total
71	10,800 300	766,800	10,677,000
75	5,400 150	405,000	11,082,000
79	3,600 100	284,400	11,366,400
86	2,700 75	232,200	11,598,600
90	1,800 50	162,000	11,760,600
95	900 25	85,500	11,846,100
100	720 20	72,000	11,918,100
Remainder	< \$720	381,900	12,300,000

596 Commitments = \$2,389,800 or 19.4% of Goal

838 Commitments = \$12,300,000 or 100.0% of Goal

Remember to reflect on the purpose of the gift.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Give cheerfully. Give sacrificially.

Don't give out of guilt or with a reluctant spirit. Challenge yourself and trust God; you never know how this might grow your faith.



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COMMITMENT CARD

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I plan to give my 3-year commitment...

\$ _____ Weekly x 156 weeks (3 years)

\$ _____ Monthly x 36 weeks (3 years)

\$ _____ Annually for 3 years

\$ _____ One-time gift

\$ _____ Other

\$ _____ Total 3-year commitment

For non-cash gifts, stocks, bonds or other appreciating assets, contact

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