BUILDING
FOR LIFE
NEXT GENERATION

MILESTONE #4 OVERVIEW

Goal: $117,000

Now through Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027

(Jesus) "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."
– Matthew 16:18

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THE JOURNEY CHURCH

BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Every week, families walk through the doors of our church, trusting us to help their children learn about Jesus, build friendships, and begin developing a faith that will last a lifetime. We want every parent to feel confident their child is in a safe, clean, welcoming environment. And we want every child to know they are **loved**, **valued** and **cared for**.

That's why we're investing in our church home and preparing our ministry spaces for the next generation. **Milestone #4 of our Building for Life: Next Generation Project** will address important facility needs, improve the spaces our families use every week, support our missions partners, and strengthen the financial foundation that will sustain our ministry for years to come. **Our goal is $117,000 between now and Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027.** Together we can create the spaces that will help our church reach the next generation.

Four Important Improvements in Milestone #4

1. Creating a Safer, More Welcoming Environment for Children and Families by Replacing Damaged Flooring and Repainting



Every Sunday, children, parents, volunteers, and guests walk through our **lobby and Journey Kids hallway**. These should be **safe, welcoming spaces** because some of the most important ministry of our church happens in Journey Kids. It's where children hear Bible stories for the first time and develop a foundation that lasts a lifetime.



Unfortunately, ongoing moisture problems beneath the flooring have caused significant damage to the existing vinyl tile. In some places, the flooring is buckling and lifting off the floor, **creating tripping hazards** in areas used by children and families every week.



When we moved in we knew we would eventually need to address the moisture issue. That time is now. **We can't ignore a problem that could cause someone to get hurt.** So, we'll remove the damaged flooring, install a waterproof membrane to address the moisture problem, and put in **beautiful new floors** that will provide a fresh, updated appearance while offering the durability needed for these heavily used spaces.



The result? Safer, more attractive spaces where children can learn about Jesus and a beautiful first impression for the families and guests we're working so hard to reach!

"We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders." – Psalm 78:4

2. Keep our First Impression Fresh: Lobby Upgrades



Our lobby is the first space people see when they visit our church. It's also the most used space as we welcome guests and families gather before and after services. **After years of weekly use, it's time to give this important space a refresh!**



We want to make a great first impression, so while the flooring renovation is underway, we'll **repaint and refresh the lobby**, **creating a brighter, more inviting environment**. Combined with the new flooring, this will give our lobby a fresh, updated look that we're excited to share with everyone who walks through our doors.



"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." - Romans 15:7

3. Keep Our Bathrooms Beautiful and ADA Compliant

Let's face it: clean, attractive, accessible bathrooms make a difference in how people experience our church!



Our bathrooms serve hundreds of people every week and it's important that they remain clean, well-maintained, and accessible to everyone who walks through our doors.

Some areas need to be repaired and upgraded so we can maintain the highest standards of compliance, cleanliness, and safety possible. So, we'll repaint the walls, and repair seams to help prevent moisture damage, and thoroughly clean and refresh the existing floor grout. We'll also make the necessary improvements to help keep our bathrooms ADA compliant and accessible for individuals with disabilities.

These improvements will make our bathrooms feel like new, giving them a cleaner, brighter, more attractive appearance while protecting the existing surfaces and extending their useful life. **It's another important step in creating a church home where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and cared for!**



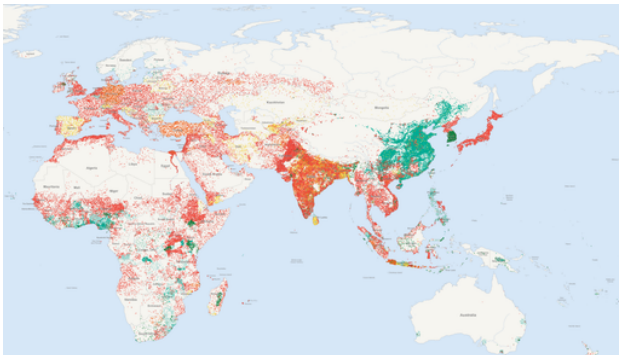
"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." – Colossians 3:23

4. Support Missionaries Who Are Meeting Needs and Sharing Jesus Around the Globe

We are a church that supports missions and helps start new churches in places where they are needed most. And in 2027 we want to equip missionaries who are taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to every identified people group around the globe, especially those in highly unchurched areas.

Through cooperative efforts with other mission-minded churches, we are designating a portion of Milestone #4 to support over 7,000 International and North American Missionaries.

(Jesus) *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*
– Matthew 28:19-20



Map showing where missionaries we support are taking the Gospel.

SECURING OUR FUTURE

Building a Stronger Financial Foundation for Ministry



When we talk about Building for Life, we're not just talking about improving our facilities. We're talking about making wise financial decisions today that will strengthen our church for years to come.

Like many churches, The Journey has an ongoing mortgage obligation. While our mortgage has helped make our church home and ministry possible, it also represents a significant financial responsibility that we must faithfully manage.

Our vision is to reduce our mortgage debt and strengthen our financial foundation so we can devote more resources to the ministry God has called us to accomplish.

Imagine what will happen when more of our financial resources are available to invest in reaching people with the Gospel, helping families grow in their faith, supporting those in crisis, and creating opportunities for the next generation to know Jesus!

Reducing our mortgage debt is an important step toward creating that opportunity.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF CONSISTENT GENEROSITY

One of the best ways we can strengthen our financial future is by establishing a consistent pattern of generosity throughout our church family.

When people give regularly and automate their contributions, it helps create a more predictable financial foundation. Rather than depending primarily on occasional gifts, we can plan more responsibly, meet our ongoing obligations, and respond immediately to ministry needs throughout the year.

Automated giving also makes generosity easier for you. Once you establish your gift, it happens automatically according to the schedule you choose. You don't have to remember to give each week or month, and you can adjust or cancel your gift at any time.



It's a simple way to make generosity a regular part of your life while strengthening the future of our church.

THE 50 FAMILIES CHALLENGE

We're challenging **50 families at The Journey to begin a NEW automated recurring gift** as part of Building for Life.

Imagine the difference 50 committed, generous families could make!

Whether you begin with **$27 per week**, **$77 twice per month**, **$270 per month**, or an amount that works best for your family, every new automated gift helps strengthen the financial foundation of our church.

And remember, if you already automate your regular giving to The Journey, we're asking you to prayerfully consider adding an additional automated gift to Building for Life.

LEAVE A LEGACY AND HONOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE

Building for Life is an opportunity to honor the special people who have made a difference in your life while investing in the next generation.



Honor plaque will be similar in style.

Everyone who gives $1,000 or more to Building for Life will have the opportunity to add the name of a loved one to our permanent Building for Life Honor Plaque in our Journey Kids Hallway.

Whether you give in honor of someone who is still with us or in memory of someone who has gone before us, their name will be engraved as a permanent reminder of the faith, generosity, and love that helped build God's church for generations to come.

When you make your gift, one of our staff members will reach out to request the name you would like included on the honor plaque and answer any questions you may have.

OUR VISION FOR TODAY... AND THE FUTURE

We want to leave the next generation with more than a beautiful church building. We want to leave them a financially healthy church with the freedom and resources to reach more people, serve more families, and make an even greater impact for Jesus.

Let's build a stronger financial future together!

"Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people... On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned."
– 1 Corinthians 16:1-2







TWO WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We're asking every family at The Journey to **take two important steps** as we move forward with Building for Life. Together, these two gifts will help us complete the improvements in Milestone #4 and strengthen the financial foundation that will sustain our ministry for years to come.

1. GIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO JESUS

This Christmas, we're challenging every family to give a special gift that reflects how much God has done for us and how much we believe in the mission He has given our church.

Here's the challenge: **Give an initial Christmas gift "equal to or greater than" the biggest Christmas present you've given someone you love in recent years**.

This is a personal challenge between you and God. For one family, that might be $50. For another, it might be $500 or $1,000. What matters is prayerfully choosing a gift that represents a meaningful sacrifice and helps jumpstart Milestone #4.

And remember: if your initial Christmas gift, together with your other gifts to Building for Life, totals $1,000 or more, you may also have the opportunity to honor someone special by adding their name to our Building for Life Honor Plaque.

You can make this gift today or bring it with you on Commitment Sunday, December 13.

2. START AN ADDITIONAL AUTOMATED GIFT

We're also challenging 50 families to begin a new automated recurring gift to The Journey.

This is **in addition to your current giving**. It will help provide a consistent financial foundation for our ongoing ministry and our commitment to reducing mortgage debt.

You choose the amount, the frequency, and when you want your giving to begin. You can start right away or select a future start date.

Here are a few suggested amounts:

- $27 each week
- $77 twice a month
- $270 each month
- Or choose an amount and frequency that works best for your family.

Automated giving makes generosity simple and consistent for you, while helping our church plan for the future. You can adjust or cancel your gift at any time.

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR COMMITMENT CARD

The enclosed commitment card makes it easy to take both steps. Simply follow these instructions:



STEP 1 – Choose Your Christmas Gift to Jesus

- Write in the amount of your initial Christmas gift.
- This is the one-time gift that will help jumpstart Milestone #4.

STEP 2 – Choose Your Additional Automated Gift

- Select the amount and frequency of your new recurring gift.
- You can choose weekly, twice a month, or monthly giving.

Then indicate whether you want your automated gift to begin today or on a future date.

Remember, this is a new gift in addition to your current automated giving.

STEP 3 – Review Your Giving Summary and Complete the Back of the Commitment Card.

Review the amounts you've selected to make sure everything is correct. Be sure to **complete both sides of the commitment card**. Then put your commitment card in the enclosed offering envelope and place it in the mail (we've already paid the postage), or bring it with you to church by Sunday, December 13.

MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT BY DECEMBER 13

Our Commitment Day is Sunday, December 13. You can make your commitment before then, or bring your completed card with you and make your initial gift during either Sunday morning service.

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You can also make your commitment online at **BocaJourney.com/Commit**

Thank you for prayerfully considering how your family can be part of what God is doing through The Journey. When we each do our part, God can accomplish something far greater than any of us could accomplish alone!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How did we arrive at the goal of $117,000 for Milestone #4?

Based on the improvements outlined in this packet and our ongoing financial commitments, we have established a goal of $117,000. These funds will help us address important facility needs, complete construction on our most frequently used ministry spaces (outlined in this packet), and continue making progress toward reducing our mortgage debt. Our goal is to accomplish this by Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027.

How does it work?

We're asking everyone who loves The Journey to participate in two ways:

First, we're challenging every family to give a special **Christmas Gift to Jesus** – an initial sacrificial gift equal to or greater than the biggest Christmas present you've given someone you love in recent years. This one-time gift will help jumpstart Milestone #4.

Second, we're asking you to begin a **new additional automated recurring gift** to support the ongoing ministry and financial future of The Journey. You choose the amount, frequency, and start date.

Our **Commitment Day is Sunday, December 13**. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider both gifts and complete their commitment by that date. It will take all of us giving sacrificially to accomplish what God has placed before us. Let God stretch your faith as you pray and prepare to give!

How will the money we raise be used?

Gifts to Building for Life will help fund the facility improvements outlined in this packet, including addressing the moisture problem, replacing the damaged flooring in our lobby and Journey Kids hallway, repainting these areas, and renewing our first-floor bathrooms.

These gifts will also help us meet our mortgage obligations and continue reducing our mortgage debt. Both are important parts of securing the financial future of The Journey.

Our goal is to create a more welcoming church home today while building a stronger financial foundation for the ministry God has called us to accomplish tomorrow.

It is important that these gifts are above and beyond our regular giving so that our day-to-day ministries continue to receive the support they need.

I already have an automated gift to The Journey. How does this campaign affect that?

First, thank you for your faithful and consistent generosity! We're asking you to continue your current giving and prayerfully consider adding a new automated gift as part of this campaign.

Your additional gift will help strengthen the financial foundation of our church, support ongoing ministry, and move us toward reducing our mortgage debt. Remember, the automated gift you establish through this commitment is in addition to your current automated giving.

I don't know how much I should give. How do I decide?

I'm reminded of the story of the poor widow whom Jesus honored because of her giving in Mark 12:41–44. When the woman gave two small coins – all that she had – Jesus said she had given more than all the others because they gave a tiny part of their surplus, while she gave everything she had.

From her story we learn three important truths:

1. Your heart is more important than your amount in giving.
2. It is always possible to give something if we really trust God.
3. God measures our faith by considering what we've been given and what we have left after we've given.

This is why our theme is **"equal sacrifice, not equal gifts."** As you consider what a genuine sacrifice will mean for your family, I urge you to pray and ask God to reveal what He wants you to give. He will guide and direct you (Proverbs 3:5–6). Let Him stretch your faith. Then respond in faith by simply doing what He asks.

Can I give in honor or memory of someone I love?

Absolutely! Building for Life is an opportunity to make a lasting investment in the future of The Journey and the generations who will worship and grow here. You may choose to make your gift in honor or memory of someone special.

As a special way to recognize these gifts, **everyone who gives $1,000 or more will have the opportunity to add their loved one's name to our Building for Life Honor Plaque**.

Simply indicate your interest on the commitment card or online form and provide the name you'd like included. Our church office will follow up with you regarding the plaque. If you have any questions, just **email JH@BocaJourney.com or call 561.420.0606 x301**.

What are the different ways I can give?

There are several convenient ways to give to Building for Life:

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- **Online:** Visit **BocaJourney.com/Commit**. Input your initial Christmas Gift by completing Step 1. Then, set up your automated gift by completing Step 2.
- **Check:** Make checks payable to **The Journey Church of the City** and write "Building for Life" in the memo line. You can mail or bring your gift to the church.
- **PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Venmo, or Cash App:** You can give through these services by designating "Building for Life" in the memo line. Visit **BocaJourney.com/Giving** for details.
- **Text Giving:** Text any amount followed by the word NEXT (for example, "500 NEXT" to give $500) to 561.420.0606.



- **Bank ACH:** You can arrange a gift directly from your bank account. Visit **BocaJourney.com/Commit** for details or call 561.420.0606 x301.
- **Wire Transfer:** For larger gifts, wire transfers are available. Please contact the church office for instructions at 561.420.0606 x301.
- **Cryptocurrency:** Visit **BocaJourney.com/Crypto** for details.
- You may also give through a **Donor Advised Fund**, **appreciated stocks** or **bonds**, or a **Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA**. See below for more information.

Can I give through a Donor Advised Fund?

Absolutely! If you have a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), you can recommend a grant to The Journey Church. Simply contact your fund administrator and request a distribution to:

The Journey Church of the City
Designation/Memo: Building for Life: Next Generation Project

If your fund administrator needs additional information or you have questions about making a DAF gift, contact our church office for assistance at 561.420.0606 x301.

Can I make an end-of-year gift from my IRA Required Minimum Distribution?

Yes! If you are age 70½ or older and have a Traditional IRA, you may be eligible to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** directly from your IRA to The Journey.

A QCD can potentially reduce your taxable income, and if you are age 73 or older, it may also count toward satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

To make this type of gift, contact your IRA administrator and request that a charitable distribution be sent directly to The Journey Church. Be sure to designate your gift for **Building for Life: Next Generation Project**.

To count toward your 2026 distribution, the gift generally needs to be completed by December 31, 2026. We encourage you to consult your financial or tax advisor to determine whether this is a good option for you.

Can I make in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds?

Absolutely! Giving appreciated stocks or bonds may provide significant tax benefits while helping advance the mission of The Journey. For information about making an in-kind gift, contact Pastor Jason at jh@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x310.

We encourage you to consult your financial advisor regarding the benefits of this type of gift.

"They said, 'Let us rise up and build.' So they strengthened their hands for the good work."
- Nehemiah 2:18

Got questions?

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