# THE OPPOSE INITIATIVE

2023 UPDATE



## OVER THE PAST TWENTY-

#### <del>THRE</del>E YEARS

GOD HAS WRITTEN
AN INCREDIBLE
STORY IN THE LIFE OF
3CIRCLE CHURCH.



Together, we have witnessed growth and impact beyond our wildest dreams. We are all humbled and grateful that God has chosen to bless our church, and to use us in reaching the world. In the pages of this book, you will find vision and plans for the next year, across our campuses; it is all part of a church-wide effort that we're calling the Glory & Good Initiative. With gratitude and great expectation, we invite you and your family to be a part of the next chapter of 3Circle Church, as we step into what's next - all for the glory of God and the good of the people. Our vision as a church hasn't changed; the Gospel of Jesus is GOOD NEWS to all, and we want to continue to be a church that does all that we can to lead people to a growing relationship with Jesus. So let's open our hearts and minds. Join us in anticipation of the future that God has for us - for His glory and our good!

Pastor Chris

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## COMMON THREADS

3Circle Church began in the year 2000, as "Church on the Eastern Shore," planted by a small group of people who were fiercely dedicated to serving our community and leading as many people as possible to Jesus. God was clearly at work, beginning a movement that continues to this day.

The faithfulness of God and the generosity of His people have been common threads throughout the years, as our sphere of opportunity continues to expand around us. We have been privileged to carry the Gospel to our neighbors, and across the world - all with the aim of heeding Jesus' call to make disciples.

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on You; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [ Acts 1:8 ]

#### WE ARE A CHURCH ON MISSION

LOCAL | REGIONAL | GLOBAL

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COMMON THREADS



## MISSION (WHAT)

TO LEAD PEOPLE TO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS - LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, & GLOBALLY.

[ ACTS 1:8 ]

## VISION (HOW)

REACHING UP (WORShip)

REACHING IN (grow)

REACHING OUT (share)

### **CORE VALUES**

- Gospel Centricity | We filter everything we do through the Gospel.
- 2. Bottom Up Leadership | We have an "others first" leadership mentality.
- **3.** Above the Line Thinking | We assume the best about everyone.
- **4.** Last 10% | We respect one another enough to speak the whole truth, in love.
- **5.** For Over From | We want more for our people than from them.
- **6.** Culture of Excellence | We do the very best we can with the resources we have.
- 7. Christoformity | Our purpose, in all we do, is becoming more like Jesus.

## 3CIRCLE

A growing bible study in Baldwin County became Church on the Eastern Shore (COTES), launched by about 50 people in a borrowed day care facility in Daphne.

Phase 1 of the current main building at the Fairhope campus was built to accommodate the rapid growth of our church. We launched our first multisite campus, in Thomasville, and began weekly ministry at LIFE Tech Transition Facility. This same year, we opened the Hope Center clinic in Fairhope.

Church on the Eastern Shore became "3Circle Church," a name that more clearly reflects our mission. After many other attempts to accommodate growth at our Fairhope campus, we merged with yet another existing church, this time just four miles away, and launched our Daphne campus, with over 500 people in attendance.

2000

2005

2010

2013

2015

2003

2008

2012

2014

Following a merger with Bay Area Baptist, COTES acquired its first permanent facility and property, in Fairhope. Phase 2 of construction was completed, including a new worship center (seating for 750) and preschool classrooms. Pastor Chris Bell became the Lead Pastor of our church.

3Circle stepped into "church revitalization." partnering with local **Baptist** associations in an effort to revitalize existina churches in our area who were struggling. Two church campuses were launched in Mobile, includina our current Midtown campus.

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An exciting season of construction and renovation began, including groundbreaking at our **Fairhope** campus, and interior renovations at our Midtown campus.

April 2019 marked the grand opening of our new Fairhope facility, including a new worship center (seating for 1200) and main lobby, and fully renovated space for our high school students. The year concluded with opening two floors of brand new Family Ministry space, designed for preschool-ers, children, and preteens.

Church attendance and involvement transitioned back from online to primarily in-person. Hope Center crossed the threshold of 7,000 patients served, and over \$1 million of life-sustaining medications given away in one year.

In February, we formed a partnership with Worship on the Water, which includes weekly worship gatherings at Orange Beach, serving roughly 700 people every week! Attendees are a combination of tourists and locals, worshipping together on Sundays, with opportunity for additional small groups/Bible studies and fellowship during the week. In April, we launched a weekly worship gathering on Thursday nights at our Fairhope Campus. It is nearly identical to our Sunday gatherings, including safe and engaging environments for and locals, worshipping engaging environments for children.

2017

2019

2021

2023

#### 2016

As our four campuses continued to grow, 3Circle's Board of **Directors** unanimously approved a plan to move forward with building/ renovating facilities at our campuses. ENGAGE began, a two-year capital initiative with a goal of \$16.5 million, including our general operating budget, as well as costs of construction and renovation. We quickly exceeded this goal, with our generous church family committing over \$16.7 million.

#### 2018

This year, it was Daphne Campus' turn to receive much-needed renovations to accommodate continued growth. Daphne's project included the addition of separate lobby space, hallways, children's areas, bathroom capacity, and parking.

#### 2020

In a year characterized by a global pandemic, as well as the local destruction of Hurricane Sally, our church family mobilized, giving time and resources to serve and encourage our communities. And as He always does, God again protected and blessed our church, allowing us to continue on mission. By 2020, the Hope Center now served 6,000+ patients, and expanded its facilities to over 7,000 square feet. August 2020 marked the twentieth anniversary of 3Circle Church.

#### 2022

In April, people began meeting in Robertsdale for 'Sundays at Sweet Home, in partnership with 3Circle Church.' This weekly worship gathering quickly and steadily grew, expanding to two gatherings and to nearly 200 people while still at Sweet Home Coffee. In August, we began meeting at Robertsdale High School, ahead of the **Grand Opening of** our new Robertsdale Campus in September.

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THE GLORY AND GOOD INITIATIVE SEEKS TO INVOLVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY, ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES, STEPPING INTO WHAT'S NEXT FOR US AS A CHURCH, ALL "FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE." AND, AS ALWAYS, THIS VISION WILL BE EXPRESSED THROUGH ALL THREE CIRCLES: LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL.

## GLUBAL CIRCIE

3Circle's Global Circle includes ministry/missionary partnerships outside of the United States, all across the world. Here are selected highlights:



Earlier this year, we gave \$100,000 (above our annual commitment) to Doulos Partners, which was also matched by another organization, as well! Doulos Partners serves as a missions mutual fund for Christian non-profits. Since their inception in 2008, Doulos has assisted in planting over 41,000 churches, in 190 countries, leading to over 8 million professions of faith! We love to see all of the fruit being produced by God through Doulos.



Roads of Hope exists to prevent orphaned children from being enslaved, while providing them with better lives. Their efforts are mainly in Eastern Europe, places such as Moldova, where most children are forced to leave their orphanages at age 15, with little money, guidance, and support. An astounding 60% of these girls are sex-trafficked, while 20% of the boys are labor-trafficked. Roads of Hope steps in to rescue these children, and provide safe homes, full of the love of Christ. For more info: roadsofhope.org

### GLOBAL CRCLE

#### 986 neverthirst

Neverthirst is a global organization, dedicated to bringing clean water and the hope of the Gospel to unreached countries, through local churches. Thus far, 3Circle has been able to provide four clean water wells across three countries in Africa and Asia: Uganda, Chad, and Cambodia.



The Mars Hill Initiative exists to help refugees and displaced people find God along their journey in Greece. Since 2001, waves of war, violence, and political instability have wracked the Middle East, leading to destabilization of many countries. As a result, countless people have fled their homes seeking safety, economic security, and hope. Millions of them have fled across Turkey, where they enter Europe through Greece. Jamison and Kelli Creel, and their family, have transitioned to Athens, Greece after years of living and serving in Bethlehem, to minister to this refugee population. 3Circle Church is excited to continue our long term partnership with the Creel family. More info: marshillinitiative.com



Assisting International Missions exists to equip their missionaries with everything they need so that they can freely live out the life that God has called them to. AIM does this by joining them in the missions field, generously giving of their finances, and praying fervently for them. 3Circle Church helps fund multiple feeding programs through local church pastors in India, Haiti, and Costa Rica through our partnership with AIM

ADDITIONALLY, 3CIRCLE CHURCH SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PARTNERS ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT 3CIRCLECHURCH.COM/MISSIONS

### REGIONAL CIRCLE

3Circle's Regional Circle includes the collective area among all of our church campuses, as well as locations/partnerships across the country. Here are selected highlights:



Our 3Circle Ministry Residency offers residents hands-on ministry experience, coupled with biblically-based leadership training, with each resident focusing on one of six ministry tracks. Thus far, 100% of our graduates are now in vocational ministry, and our current residents are heavily involved in many of our weekly church ministry environments. We've even hired our first full-time resident at our Robertsdale Campus. Kellee Talazac serves as our 3Circle Jr + Kids Director.



#### YOUR CHURCH



Jack and Kayla Diven and their children, Nova and Riggs, are settling into Las Vegas, preparing to plant YOUR Church. They recently secured a location, and have a growing team of individuals and families who are committed to assisting with the launch. We are so excited for the Divens, and the future of YOUR Church!

**|⟩> SEND Network** 

This past spring, we gave an additional \$50,000 toward church planting, through the SEND Network. Since 2010, the SEND Network has planted over 10,000 churches throughout North America. The biggest way to evangelize a city is through a church plant, and the SEND Network is committed to seeing people being raised up, trained, and sent out to plant gospel-centered churches. We are excited to see how God is going to continue to plant churches throughout North America, and see His name proclaimed and lives changed for eternity.



Wholesome Riches exists in Camden, New Jersey to meet the many needs of a community known as a "food desert." Their mission is to reach at-risk students with the love of God through intentional and collective partnerships, weekly food distributions, classes and

mentorship programs. 3Circle Church partners with Wholesome Riches through taking Sharing Hope bags up to Camden each Christmas, as well as sponsorship of several of the school mentoring programs and Dudley School Food distribution.



Lead Pastor, Dustin Lee, and his wife, Danielle, met while attending the University of Mobile. After graduating and getting married, they moved to his home in Dothan, AL to help with his home church. After a few years, God called them to plant a church in Atlanta, GA. They are now celebrating their second anniversary as a church, and currently meet just 1 mile from Truist Park (Braves Stadium). Their biggest prayer right now is for God to lead them to a new/more permanent facility, where they can put roots down to further reach Atlanta with the gospel.

FOR INFO ON ADDITIONAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, VISIT 3CIRCLECHURCH.COM/MISSIONS

## LOCAL CIRCLE

## FAIRHOPE CAMPUS

#### WHAT:

- COMMUNITY CENTER TO SERVE AS:
  - · GYM
  - ADDITIONAL LARGE GROUP GATHERING SPACE FOR:
    - FAMILY MINISTRY
    - SPECIAL EVENTS
    - OVERFLOW SPACE FOR SUNDAYS
- ADDITIONAL PARKING



#### WHY:

The primary purpose of building a Community Center, at our Fairhope Campus, is really threefold

First, we currently have 600-700 preteen, middle, and high school students (and their leaders) on campus every Wednesday night. Each one of these age groups has a different environment with strategically designed, age-specific content for their current season of life. In order to enhance our impact on the next generation, we would like to build an additional large group gathering space on campus to accommodate these vibrant and growing ministries.

Secondly, if you have ever had a child playing basketball in Fairhope, you are fully aware of the gym shortage within our community. Simply put, the demand is much larger than the supply. Due to this fact, community leaders have often suggested that 3Circle's next build should be a gym. We are in full agreement, knowing we exist both for God's glory AND for the good of our community. This is yet another opportunity for us to leverage our resources to provide a tangible resource for Fairhope.

Thirdly, this will allow us to offer multi-generational activities throughout the week for our community.

Lastly, meeting our need for additional parking on Sundays will help us with accommodating guests and traffic flow.

Imagine with me the exponential impact that we could continue to have in Fairhope in the coming years. Let's make this happen together!

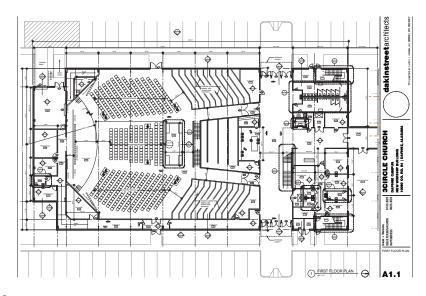
#### RUSSELL CREEL, FAIRHOPE CAMPUS PASTOR



### DAPHNE CAMPUS

- · 20,000+ SQ FT FACILITY
  - 1,000 SEAT WORSHIP CENTER
  - MUCH NEEDED 3CIRCLE JR. SPACE
- WHAT:
- RETROFIT OF EXISTING SPACE TO MEET NEEDS FOR FAMILY MINISTRY AND MOM'S DAY OUT PROGRAM
- ADDITIONAL PARKING





#### WHY:

God has done some amazing things at our Daphne Campus over the past seven years. Our church has stepped up to the call placed on us by a growing community to be a place where people can worship together, find community, and grow in their walk with Jesus. Attending the Daphne Campus also means you become part of our church family. It has been exciting to see God add people to our church family, but we are currently facing the critical issues that come with that growth. To put it simply, we are running out of room

We are looking forward to a new worship facility that will allow us to welcome more people into our church family. The new construction will include dedicated space for 3Circle Jr., which will also benefit our Mom's Day Out by eliminating the need for shared space between the two ministries. In addition, the new plan will include much needed additional parking to accommodate Sunday attendance. Lastly, our current facilities will also be retrofitted to better fit the needs of children and students coming up through our family ministry.

As Daphne continues to grow, we want to continue to be a church that reaches those in our area. These improvements to our campus will be another tool we know God will use for His 'Glory' and the 'Good' of our community. I am praying for our Daphne Campus Family to rally behind this initiative to improve our campus, and for us to continue to work to see lives changed by the Gospel of Jesus!

#### JONATHON DUKE, DAPHNE CAMPUS PASTOR



## MIDIOWN CAMPUS

WHAT:

- HOPE HOME
- STUDENT + MIDWAY DIRECTOR
- FORMAL LAUNCH OF FORMIDTOWN NON-PROFIT





#### WHY:

Over the past six years, in addition to providing weekly ministry to all ages, we have been able to: serve nearly 30,000 meals through Café 150 and our Community Sundays; equip over 2,200 families with school supplies; give the gift of dignity to over 200 families through our Christmas store; and serve thousands of people through our ForMidtown weeks and Serve Days. God has truly done some astonishing things!

And we are filled with anticipation as we step into the future - confident that it holds great things as we pursue God's glory and the good of our community.

Not only have we seen God do great things outside the walls of our church in the Midtown community, but He has done some amazing things within the church. We've been able to grow our team in an intentional way to minister to all the different people groups reflected in Midtown, giving us the opportunity to display the power of the gospel as we build a multi-ethnic, multi-class, multigenerational preview of heaven in the Midtown community.

God is calling us to sow seeds of change in the hearts of the next generation. This change starts with students' lives being transformed through the power of the gospel. Many of these students are living in environments where there is abuse, discouragement, and hopelessness, so we have an opportunity to love, serve, and equip them to embrace

a better future. Our MidWay youth mentorship program is aimed to do just that. Your giving will help us fund its staff and programming. The MidWay curriculum will equip students to succeed spiritually, mentally, relationally, financially, and developmentally. MidWay will also be a hub for sports leagues and camps, so that young athletes can thrive, and families can have a safe place to gather.

As our ministry's impact in the Midtown area continues to grow, facility renovation will be a huge part of making room to reach new people with the gospel. Our prayer and vision is that, through your giving, our campus will be an embassy for hope, healing, and life-transformation in our community.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING
THROUGH CIRCLE TO
TRANSFORM MIDTOWN MOBILE!

#### MICAH GASTON, MIDTOWN CAMPUS PASTOR



## THOMASVILLE CAMPUS

WHAT:

 LAND & FACILITY PURCHASE, RENOVATIONS

13 ACRES OFF OF HWY 43

12,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY



#### WHY:

The Thomasville Campus of 3Circle Church is set to impact southwest/ central Alabama for years to come. Located midway between Mobile and Tuscaloosa, the Thomasville Campus is one of the few churches in rural southwest Alabama combining technology. contemporary worship, community engagement, and engaging gospel-centered preaching to impact the culture around us. In a 20-mile radius, there are over 20,000 people that we seek to reach with the gospel, many of whom do not have a church home. We've had visitors from as far as 45-minutes away who are seeking a church, and church family, like ours.

While our current facility has been a blessing to us over the years, we are running out of space for our adult and family ministry gatherings. Along with limited space, we are located in an industrial park with little visibility to the community. In rural communities, people see the church as a building. Having our own facility will help give us credibility in the eyes of those we seek to serve.

A new facility, in a more accessible location, with room to grow will be a huge advancement for our campus - whether it's space for all of our family ministry programs, a paved parking lot, or just being visible as an active part of the community. I cannot express enough the benefit this investment will be to the city of Thomasville, the surrounding communities, and the Kingdom work that is taking place here.

#### Why should a church like 3Circle invest in a place like Thomasville?

Mark Clifton, Sr. Director of Replanting and Rural Strategy with the North American Mission Board, states that "Over 75% of all U.S. towns have less than 5,000 people. More than 45 million people live in rural America. Quite frankly small towns & rural America are an overlooked mission field."

3Circle is a church that understands the need for living, active, biblical churches in ALL communities. We hope to be a blueprint for church relationships and investment for metropolitan and rural churches, for years to come.

#### NICK WILLIAMS, THOMASVILLE CAMPUS PASTOR



## CAMPUS

WHAT: LAND PURCHASE & BUILDING DESIGN



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#### WHY:

What began as an experiment at Sweet Home Coffee, in Robertsdale in April 2022, has turned into a 3Circle campus that is reaching hundreds of people on a weekly basis! The life transformation taking place in the hearts of our people is something special, and we are beyond grateful for the generosity that we've experienced as 3Circle Robertsdale has been formed.

Currently, we are a portable campus meeting in Robertsdale High School. We are gathering every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30A. Our student ministry (7th-12th grade) is gathering at the PZK every Wednesday night at 6:00P. While we are benefiting greatly from our partnerships, with both Robertsdale High and Sweet Home, we know that getting our own mailbox in the community will dial up our impact, immensely. Right now, countless man hours are being spent on flipping environments into worship spaces on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. To be sure, team camaraderie and chemistry,

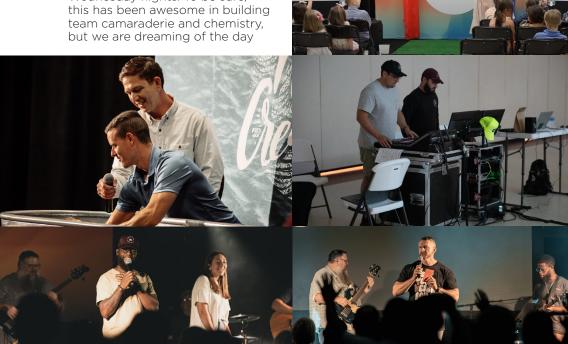
that the energy we are spending on set-up and tear-down can be spent reaching our community to a greater extent.

We also know the power of having a base-camp in our community to point people to on Sunday and during the week - a place to call home. A fixture that the community can drive by, and know that we are FOR Robertsdale.

We are thankful that, thus far through the Glory & Good Initiative, we were already able to purchase property to eventually build upon in Robertsdale.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **ROBERTSDALE CAMPUS TEAM**



## FINANCIAL NEEDS

GLOBAL INITIATIVES
REGIONAL INITIATIVES
+ LOCAL INITIATIVES

TOTAL COST = \$11,800,000

\*\*THIS IS A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF COSTS.

## HOWISTHIS POSSIBLE?

\$11.8M IS A BIG NUMBER, AND MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: IT WILL REQUIRE EVERYONE WHO CALLS 3CIRCLE HOME TO MAKE IT A REALITY. IT WILL NOT MAGICALLY HAPPEN WITHOUT GOD'S HELP. NOR WILL IT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU. WITH THAT SAID, WE DO THINK IT'S POSSIBLE WITH OUR CURRENT GIVING CAPACITY.

HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF HOW \$11.8M DOLLARS IS POSSIBLE OVER TWO YEARS: \*THE <u>AVERAGE</u> GIFT BASED UPON 1,000 CONTRIBUTING FAMILIES, GIVING ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR CURRENT GIVING, OVER A 24-MONTH PERIOD IS \$5900 A YEAR. \*\*WE ARE NOW ONE YEAR (HALFWAY) THROUGH THIS 2-YEAR INITIATIVE.

1,000 FAMILIES X \$5900 ABOVE AND BEYOND CURRENT GIVING X 2 YEARS = \$11.8M

WE'VE UNDERLINED AVERAGE GIFT FOR A REASON. THERE ARE SOME WHO CAN AND WILL GIVE WAY MORE THAN THIS. THERE ARE SOME WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS TYPE OF A COMMITMENT, AND WILL GIVE LESS THAN THIS. HERE'S THE REALITY: IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US GIVING GENEROUSLY, WHAT WE CAN, TO MAKE THIS A REALITY.



## WHY GENEROSITY?

Generosity is really the "hidden gem" in the process of disciple making. Think about it: there is very little we do that does not require some type of financial decision. Do we go out to eat; do we grab a Starbucks on the way to work; do we buy the newest and more expensive athletic shoes or the ones from the clearance rack; do we buy a new car or a used car? If we're honest with ourselves, we would all likely agree that we've experienced the allure of money at some point in our lives.

For this reason, Jesus spoke often on the topic of our treasure or possessions, our attitude about our possessions, and in the end, who really owns everyone's possessions. We only need to look to the story of the rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-22) to realize that the stewardship of our resources is very important.

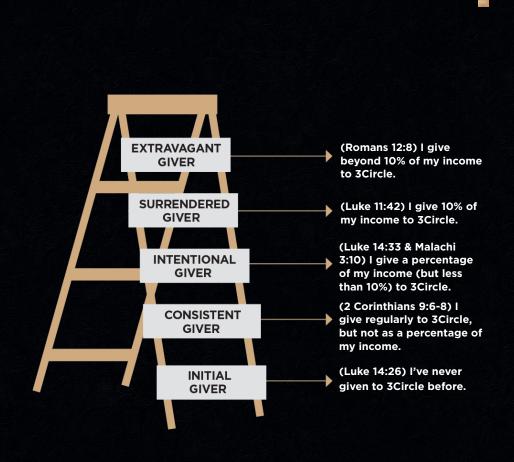
During the Glory & Good Initiative, we are talking about generosity. It is important to understand that generosity impacts much more than just our money. Generosity is a byproduct of our spiritual transformation. Jesus, who we know had little in the way of possessions, was the most generous person who ever lived. The stronger our relationship with Jesus grows, the more generous we become. Generosity is, without a doubt, a matter of the heart.

The Generosity Ladder on the next page is a tool designed to help us think more about our generosity journey. To move up this ladder is an intentional effort that starts with a transformation of the heart. Climbing this ladder is not about us. Rather, moving up the ladder is an exercise that brings us closer to God.

Over the next few weeks, as you look at and think about this ladder, ask yourself, "Why is my generosity important to God?"

## GENEROSITY LADDER

3Circle is now 23 years old because of the faithfulness of God and the faithfulness of His people. We wouldn't be here today without people like you stepping up. Where are you currently on the Generosity Ladder? How is God calling you to step on or step up in this season?



\*adapted from the writings of author, Nelson Searcy.

## COMMINENT WEEKEND

#### COMMITMENT WEEKEND

On November 2 + 5, across all of our campuses, we will come together to make a financial commitment over the next 12 months. This card applies to 4 groups of people.

**GROUP 1:** You are brand new to 3Circle, and aren't sure what Glory & Good is all about, or how to get involved.

**GROUP 2:** You were with us when we launched 'Glory and Good' roughly a year ago, but for whatever reason, you chose not to participate. You can join us for the second half and help us finish strong.

**GROUP 3:** You need to modify your commitment. Perhaps you've experienced a financial hardship, or God has blessed you financially. Regardless, you need to make a modification to your commitment.

**GROUP 4:** You committed, and you don't need to change anything. You don't need to fill out another card.

So as we look at the year ahead, we invite you to begin to prayerfully consider what it would like for you to make or modify a financial commitment.

Here is a sample of our Glory & Good Initiative commitment card:



## BIGGIVE WEEKEND

On November 9 + 12, we will have Big Give Weekend. We invite each family, if possible, to write the biggest check you can towards the commitment you made on the commitment card. You can also give your big gift online at 3circlechurch.com/give or through stocks. For more information, email blake@3circlechurch.com.

## 2023 UPDATES

#### WORSHIP ON THE WATER

In February, we formed a partnership with Worship on the Water, which includes weekly worship gatherings at Orange Beach, serving over 700 people every week! Attendees are a combination of tourists and locals, worshipping together on Sundays, with opportunity for additional small groups/Bible studies and fellowship during the week.



FLORA-BAMA 30 SCIRCLE

#### **EASTER 2023**

Our Easter weekend journey took us from poignant moments of remembrance to joyous celebration, with the evidence of life-change all around us!

- Easter On-Site Attendance: **9,769 people heard the Gospel**, across our five campuses!
- Through our Worship on the Water outreach, an additional 4,500 people heard the Gospel, for a weekend grand total of 14,269 people!



#### THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS/ TAILGATE EVENTS

In April, we launched a weekly worship gathering on Thursday nights at our Fairhope Campus, and this gathering is here to stay. It is nearly identical to Sundays, including safe and engaging environments for children.

And roughly once a quarter, we have an extra special Thursday night that kicks off a holiday weekend. Typically, these 'Tailgate' events include free food, sweet treats, and inflatables for kids, prior to our Thursday night gathering. Nearly 1,000 people attend each of these special events/gatherings!

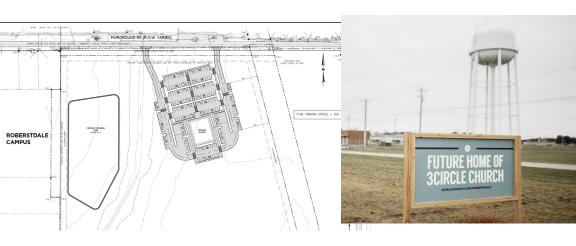


#### MIDTOWN CAMPUS INFLUENCE

This year, our Midtown campus pastor has begun writing articles to engage in issues of culture, for the nationally-recognized Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. These articles can be found at www.erlc.com, by searching "Micah Gaston."

#### ROBERTSDALE LAND PURCHASE

Through your faithful giving within the first year of the Glory & Good initiative, we were already able to purchase land in Robertsdale, right across the street from the high school. We were also able to design site plans for our future facilities.



#### GLOBAL UPDATES



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#### Family Ministry + Student Ministry Updates



#### **FAIRHOPE:**

Our family ministry offerings have expanded with the addition of Thursday night gatherings, including engaging environments for kids, from birth through 4th grade. Our content and teaching concepts for children are very similar to Sundays; however, our approach and format is slightly different, since kids have been in school all day, much of that time spent sitting in a classroom.



#### DAPHNE:

At the beginning of 2023, we welcomed Nick Lackey as the newest Student Director at the Daphne Campus. Our student ministry continues to grow, through weekly worship gatherings, small groups, and special events, such Uprise and SKO.



#### **MIDTOWN:**

We welcomed Justin Walker to our Midtown Campus team at the end of 2022, as Student Pastor and MidWay Mentorship Director. We also purchased our first Hope Home, which allows us to house 'cultural missionaries' to serve and reach students and families in the community like never before.



In January of this year, we kicked off a unique Wednesday night gathering that happens on the first Wednesday of each month. This is an extra special time of food, games, worship, and teaching.



#### **THOMASVILLE**

In May, we welcomed Nic and Autumn Newton to our Thomasville Campus team! Nic graduated from Thomasville High School in 2019, before attending Coastal Community College, and later City Hope College, where he and Autumn met. Nic and Autumn each received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Theology. Nic is the Associate Director, overseeing Students and Guest Services. Autumn is teaming up with Misty Knight to lead 3Circle Kids (K-6th grade), allowing Misty to focus on 3Circle Jr. (pre-school ages).

#### PRAYER GUIDE

#### **Local Campuses + Communities**

- Pray for the Hope Center, as they serve more and more people in our community. We
  ask that God would lead the volunteers needed, and He would open doors to provide
  medicine, testing, and care for those who are hurting. Even more, we ask that the hearts
  of people coming in would be open to the message of the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray for Women's Care Medical, as they stand in the gap for the unborn, for women, and
  for men. We pray for provision of needs, protection of women and babies, and that God
  would use Women's Care as a tool to change the lives of those in our community who
  need them.
- Pray for the Robertsdale Campus set-up team as they work each week, behind the scenes, to make Robertsdale High School feel like home for all who attend. Pray that God would bless them, strengthen them, and give them joy in their service.
- Pray for each campus pastor as they minister to church members and the community, while also managing the stress that comes with construction and growth. Pray for wisdom, patience, joy, and a blessing over their families.
- Pray for the Thomasville Campus staff as they seek to make an impact in the rural
  communities around them. We ask that God would create opportunities throughout
  Clarke County to invest and minister to families, and that through 3Circle, the lifechanging message of the gospel would be proclaimed.
- Pray for each construction site and worker- that God would keep them safe and provide
  the supplies needed for each project. We ask that God would use these projects and our
  people to impact the lives of all who work at each campus.
- Pray for the Robertsdale Campus staff team as they serve in temporary locations, aiming
  to make a permanent impact in the community of Robertsdale. We ask that God use
  them to encourage and invest in families, local schools, and the surrounding area. May
  God grant them energy, creativity, and flexibility as they serve.
- Pray for our Midtown Campus staff and volunteers as they continue to make a difference
  in the families in their community. We ask that God gives them vision for His people and
  provides the volunteers and resources needed to meet daily needs.
- Pray for the MidWay Mentorship Program, as young men and women receive mentorship
  and receive life skills to empower them to be able to approach their future with hope
  and purpose.
- Pray for our Daphne Campus staff team, as they work in the midst of construction. We ask that God would strengthen them, and give them patience, renewed vision, and joy.
- Pray for our Fairhope Campus, as it works to impact our community through ministries and facilities. We pray that God would use the new gym facility to connect with families, schools, and local programs.
- Pray for the parking teams at all of our campuses. We ask that they be reminded of their impact and give them wisdom to manage any disruptions. Give them joy and encouragement, and parking lots full of patient people.
- Pray for the families that call 3Circle home. We ask God to keep us unified and focused
  on the mission of reaching people for Christ- locally, regionally, and globally. Let us not
  give way to dissent or distraction, because we know God is moving in a mighty way.

- Pray for a heart of generosity throughout 3Circle. We ask that God remind each of us of
  the source of our "treasures," and that we would joyfully offer them back to God for His
  glory and our good.
- Pray for all who come to 3Circle to be challenged and changed by the truth of God's
  Word, and that change would impact each of our families, jobs, and the communities we
  live in.
- Pray for educators and administrators in Baldwin County, as the area continues to grow.
   We ask God to meet their needs each day, and to remind them of the impact they are making.
- Pray for all levels of leadership in our cities- that they would lead with wisdom, integrity, and humility. We ask that God would raise up who He desires to accomplish His good plan.
- Pray for the job market in each of our communities. We ask that God would provide
  employment opportunities for those in need, and that communities would be blessed by
  the companies in their area.

#### Regional

- Pray for YOUR Church and the Diven family, as they plant a church in Las Vegas, NV.
   We ask that God would build that community of believers and impact the city with the gospel. For Jack and Kayla, we pray for encouragement, energy, joy, and provision, as they continue to walk in obedience to the calling of God.
- Pray for the SEND Network and the churches being planted around our country. We ask
  for wisdom and vision for the leaders of the network, as they work to provide cities with
  churches faithful to the Word of God. Pray for each church plant as they do the hard,
  holy work of stepping into the unknown and making themselves available to God.
- Pray for the Ministry Residency Program and those whom God is calling into ministry.
   Our prayer is that God will use this program to raise up another generation of leaders, faithfully trained for the calling God has placed on their lives.
- Pray for Wholesome Riches, who is striving to meet the needs of the people in Camden, New Jersey. Ask God to provide for this community in the middle of this "food desert."
   Pray for their ministry needs, food needs, and mentors to invest in the lives of at-risk students in their area.

#### Global

- Pray for Doulos, as they continue to plant churches around the globe. Pray that God will
  open doors in other countries and raise up local leaders who will share the good news of
  Christ.
- Pray for the Mars Hill Initiative, as it serves the refugees and displaced people coming
  into Greece. We ask that God would use this ministry as a light of hope to hurting
  people, and that hearts will be changed by the love of God.
- Pray for Roads of Hope, as they work to protect orphans in Eastern Europe from trafficking and violence. Pray protection over each child caught in this darkness, and for hope and a future for each child and family impacted.
- Pray for our global missionary partners, who minister to people in places like Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ukraine, Romania, Ecuador, and Peru. Pray that God would meet every need for their families and ministry efforts.

