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**MULTIPLY**

**CATCH THE VISION**



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**FIRST MCKINNEY**  
BAPTIST CHURCH



Johnny was a high school student. He visited First McKinney with a friend and placed his faith in Jesus on Easter morning 2019. Within a few weeks, a young man in our church started meeting with him, helping him grow as a disciple, showing him how to live and love like Jesus. Now, Johnny is on fire for Jesus and discipling other young men at the University of Oklahoma. He is experiencing the abundant life that Christ offers.

This is multiplication in action. God's plan is not only to add to His people but to multiply *through* His people. Every believer is called to a mission far beyond sitting contentedly in a church pew every week. We get to experience a deeper level of His joy when we become carriers of the gospel to the world, when we help other people know Jesus and then teach them to live and love like Him.

This is a pivotal moment for our church. Seeing opportunities God created for us, we're stepping into a two-year journey called Multiply. This initiative will accelerate disciple making and church planting while helping us steward our facility for the next generation. We believe it has the potential to transform our future and the future of more lives that we can count.

Over the 150-year history of our church, many people who have come before us made incredible sacrifices of their time, talent and treasure. Each one of those who sacrificed before us are part of Johnny's story. Each one of them are part of our stories.

I challenge each of you to have a personal encounter with God. Ask Him with an open heart how He wants you to participate in multiplying His kingdom. Then, obey Him. If you do, you have the opportunity to experience the joy of Jesus working through you for His glory and your good.



*Sam Holm*

**Lead Pastor**

**"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

**- Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20**



## **The Vision**

The Great Commission calls us to reproduce Christ followers.

## **The Opportunity**

We are at crossroads in church growth, sending capacity, and facility stewardship.

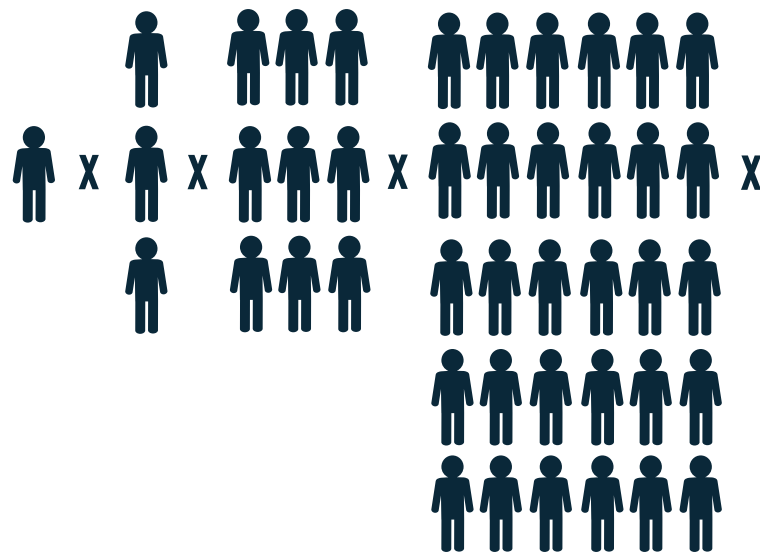
## **The Invitation**

To steward the opportunities God is providing, we must move with courageous faith and selfless sacrifice toward the future.

# Exponential Growth

If we were able to fill our sanctuary and lead 1,000 people to faith in Jesus every day, it would take 16,000 years to reach the world for Christ. On the other hand, if we lead one person every six months to live and love like Jesus who will multiply, in 16 years God could reach the entire world.

Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."  
~ Jesus (Mark 1:17)



## About Multiply:

In the fall of 2022, we celebrated 150 years of God's faithfulness to First McKinney as a body of Christ.

We gratefully remember the thousands of people over one and a half centuries that have given to the work of this ministry.

As we look to the future, we will continue to give back to God the resources He generously provided, and we believe He will multiply His kingdom through us.

# One Fund Initiative

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This is a one-fund initiative. That means we are taking a great step of faith together to trust God for this amount to fuel our entire mission April 2023 through April 2025.

This single fund will provide the resources needed to multiply relationships, environments, and churches. It combines our total ministry budget, missions offering, as well as funding for new initiatives. Having one fund for our giving celebrates the fact that everything we do and everything we support is important in the Kingdom of God.

**We ask during this One Fund initiative that the Lord would challenge us to reflect on various aspects of our lives as a disciple of Jesus.**

## **My Influence**

How am I influencing the people around me in how I follow Jesus in my generosity? How might God be calling me to grow in this area?

## **My Lifestyle**

Does my lifestyle represent the coming Kingdom? Am I fighting for eternal, Kingdom moments in the things I desire, or do I focus too much on earthly ones? Does my lifestyle reflect a heart that is seeking and building His kingdom first, or seeking and building my own?

## **My Generosity**

How is God inviting me to grow in generosity as an expression of trust in Him and gratitude? Is how I give back to the Lord currently a reflection of grateful and prayerful first fruits giving?

## **My Legacy**

What do I want my legacy to be? Would others say I have pointed to Christ in my life or to myself? If given the opportunity to hear someone describe my life and legacy, what would they say according to how I live currently?

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# Multiply Two-Year Goal



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**100%**  
Engagement

Multiply is first and foremost a discipleship initiative. We want everyone who calls First McKinney home to have a personal encounter with God as it relates to his or her generosity and to follow Him in obedience. We believe strongly that discipleship and stewardship are intertwined.

Multiply Relationships

Multiply Environments

Multiply Churches



# \$13M Multiply Relationships

Multiply relationships that intentionally invest in reproducible ways.

**Support Ministries**

Catalyze ongoing ministry and discipleship on campus.

**Children and Student Ministries**

Partner with parents and provide opportunities for faith building to our next generation.

**Adult Discipleship**

Equip and train adults through Life Groups, Care ministries, Women's and Men's ministries to become multiplying disciples in all life stages.



# \$24M Multiply Environments

Multiply environments on our campus.

**Student Ministry Space**

Construct a new student ministry space where students are excited to gather.

**HVAC System**

Replace the failing campus-wide system.

**Community Spaces**

Enhance community spaces and common areas that will facilitate growing relationships.

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# \$3M Multiply Churches



Multiply churches in our community and around the world.


Plant churches locally and nationally within a network of like-minded churches.

Invest in a residency program that will equip future pastors and church leaders.

Work with partners focused on the unreached people groups.

Continue working with legacy mission partners worldwide.





**We can sacrifice now  
and take the path of  
courageous risk to  
position our church  
to make disciples for  
generations to come.**

## **Next Steps**

God has called you to multiply. We are asking everyone at First McKinney to pray and obey during this season.

### **PRAY**

Be diligent to pray passionately and persistently. Have a personal encounter with God about your giving. Ask Him to show you specifically what participating with His plans for First McKinney looks like for your life.

### **OBEY**

Commit to following Him fully and faithfully. When we trust God's goodness and that all of His plans are for our ultimate good and His everlasting glory, we are able to follow Him more freely and experience abundant life. Ask Him to increase your faith and to give you courage to do what He says.

### **Psalm 143:10**

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!  
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

# GIVING JOURNEY

Each of our giving journeys are personal. We have all likely experienced both seasons of plenty and seasons of want. Regardless of the size of our bank accounts, the Bible is clear that it's the condition of our hearts toward our resources and our giving that honor God.

## FIRST-TIME GIVER

The journey to being a faithful steward of the resources God has given you begins with a single step. A first-time giver has, for the first time, made a conscious decision to give a portion of their resources to the Lord, trusting God and the leaders of the church with their gift.

## CONSISTENT

A consistent giver is someone who gives a portion of their income on a regular basis. It may be monthly or seasonally. A consistent giver has taken a significant step to contribute faithfully.

## INTENTIONAL

An intentional giver thinks about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. They seek to live out Proverbs 3:9, "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce." They allow their giving to shape how they view their budget and affect their priorities.

## EXTRAVAGANT

An extravagant giver embodies the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:7b, "God loves a cheerful giver." They see giving as an extension of worship and devotion to the Lord and are surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources.

## LEGACY

The ultimate stewardship goal for every believer is to eventually become a legacy giver. A legacy giver seeks to have their giving make a lasting impact even after their life has ended. They are driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this Earth.

The generosity journey is a guide to help you evaluate progress toward having a surrendered financial life. Each step represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 2:8).

## FAQs:

### What are you asking me to do?

We are asking that you pray and seek God for how He wants you to respond. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. Talk with your spouse and your family about what this commitment will mean for this next season. Respond to the generosity of the gospel by giving extravagantly to the multiplication of the gospel to our neighbors, nations, and the next generation.

### How long is my commitment?

We are asking that everyone make an initial commitment for two years. The fulfillment period begins in April 2023 and will end in April 2025.

### What if I'm new here?

We're excited you've chosen First McKinney as your church family. The local church is God's plan for shaping us into the image of Christ and bringing the gospel to our neighbors and the world. Multiply is a great time to join the mission of First McKinney and say, "I'm all-in for the gospel."

### How much will the Environments piece of the Multiply project cost? And how will we pay for it?

Multiplying Environments consists of a new student facility, replacing the HVAC system church-wide, creating a common space that connects the campus, and refreshing the FLC.

The current estimated cost is \$24 million dollars with proposed funding as follows:

- \$14 million dollars from Multiply pledges
- \$3 million dollars from previous years' surpluses
- \$7 million dollars financed

### Can we afford this?

We believe so! The Building Committee and Executive Committee have looked at scenarios for several months and spent many hours in prayer and in meetings seeking the Lord's wisdom.

There is a unified excitement and trust that God wants us to move forward and that He will supply all our needs. This will require a step of faith corporately and individually, but we see this as an opportunity to grow in our discipleship.

### How does the one-fund approach to Multiply change my giving to support the general budget, missions, facilities, campus expansion, and other special offerings?

During this two-year period, every contribution to God's work through First McKinney is a contribution to our Multiply initiative. Every aspect of the ministry God is calling us toward will be funded through Multiply. There will not be separate funds. Every gift made will go into the same Multiply fund. Therefore, every gift becomes an opportunity to celebrate and contribute to what God is doing in and through First McKinney as we give to multiply relationships, environments, and churches.

### Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give to Multiply?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give. Don't overlook stored assets that you own. Gifts of appreciated property (stocks, real estate, mutual funds, jewelry, artwork, collectibles, etc.) often make great gifts with significant tax advantages. Please consult with a professional advisor for advice in your particular circumstance. If you need assistance with making a gift of property or stock, we would be delighted to help. You can contact our business office for questions and instructions.



### What if I can't afford to give right now?

Even in times of scarcity, God wants our hearts. The widow who gave her last mite did not make a very big financial contribution, but Jesus said she gave the largest gift of all. Multiply is about all of us coming together, giving generously, and trusting God to do the rest. It may mean that God is asking you to trust Him by making a faith commitment that you do not know how to fulfill right now. God has supplied our every need in Christ, and we trust that He will honor a heart that wants to give generously in response to the gospel. There may also be ways to be sacrificial with your lifestyle to create margin for generosity in your life. Find ways to involve the entire family and teach children to obey the Lord with a generous heart and to trust him. This is a great opportunity to take a look at our overall stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us.

### What if I'm severely in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

It's important for generosity to be a part of our lives at every point. If you are in the process of paying off debt, we commend you, and you should continue to do so. But, the Bible does not teach that we withhold giving until we are debt-free. When we honor God first with our giving, He promises to be involved with every other aspect of finances. We invite you to attend an upcoming session of Financial Peace University, where you will not only learn some great principles of personal finance, but also God's perspective on our stewardship of his resources

### How much is enough?

Knowing that we should give can be easy, but knowing how much to give presents a greater challenge. God has always had his people give the "firstfruits" of his provision back to him. Throughout the Old Testament, this took the form of the tithe. Approximately 400 years before the Law was given, both Abraham and Jacob offered the Lord a tithe of everything that he had given to them. The word "tithe" simply means "a tenth." In response to the provision and the promise of God, these heroes of the faith offered the Lord not merely a tenth of their income but a tenth of everything God had given to them.

The Law codifies the principle of giving a tithe, but it also makes provision for peace offerings and freewill offerings to the Lord. Even the Law encouraged the people of God to exceed the minimum requirements of the Law!

Christ fulfilled the promise of the Law. This does not give us an excuse for no longer giving a tenth; rather, it should motivate us to give in grateful response to God. He keeps his promise and allows us the joy of being a part of his plan for meeting the needs of his people. In Acts, the Church did not allow a legalistic reading of the tithe to limit their generosity. Instead, they saw the immense needs among the Body of Christ and gave accordingly.

In short, "firstfruit giving" is a universal biblical principle. The tithe is a good place to start for many believers, but it is not a good place to stay. The principle that guides us as we give is this: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The King of Kings left Heaven to give his life. So, how then shall we give?

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“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11

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