

DEVOTED

ACTS 2 | 42-47



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DEVOTED

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42 THEY **DEVOTED** THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP. THEY LIVED TOGETHER AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. **45** THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO MEET TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE COURTS. THEY BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOMES, AND THEY WERE PRAISING GOD AND ENJOYING THE FAVOR OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH EVERY DAY.






OWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER. **43** EVERYONE
Y THE APOSTLES. **44** ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER AND HAD
O GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED. **46** EVERY DAY THEY CONTINUED TO
OMES AND ATE TOGETHER WITH GLAD AND SINCERE HEARTS, **47** PRAISING
DED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED.



INTRODUCTION

From Dave Dummitt, Lead Pastor



A year ago I remember sitting at home on a Monday afternoon just waiting to find out what God did the day before. And then the call came in...17 million dollars. When we started the DEVOTED journey back in May of 2015, I knew God was with us. And each day as we journeyed through the campaign I only felt that presence grow. Now, coming up on a full year in this DEVOTED season I am seeing God doing things that are nothing short of miraculous. What an exciting season we are in. While all of this is exciting, I am also aware there are so many people at 2|42 who haven't had a chance to experience what we are experiencing. Since our commitment Sunday we have seen continued growth to the tune of over 1500 people. That means there is a good percentage of people who haven't had the opportunity to witness what many of us have. So this May as we reach the halfway point of DEVOTED we want to recap what God has already done and look forward to what He is going to do this coming year.

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ALL IN



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From the beginning of our church we have always said that “we want to be a new church like the first church.” So we looked back to the first mention of the first church in the New Testament and we found that verse in Acts chapter 2:42-47. Upon reading this verse we see things like “numbers were added daily to those who were saved.” They were “praising God and enjoying the favor of all people.” They “broke bread and met together in each others homes.” They “sold their possessions and gave to anyone with need.” They witnessed “miraculous signs and wonders.” I feel like we have experienced all of these as well and for us it all comes back to the very first thing they did. It says “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

For us, devoting yourself is the first step in all of us taking our next step collectively with God. In light of that understanding we are inviting everyone to either recommit themselves, or commit for the first time to live a year of your life completely devoted with God. And what that means is there are three areas in which we are challenging everyone to go All In.



ALL IN FOR MISSION

2/42 began in 2005 with one purpose: to help people take next steps with God. We believe God has increased our influence for the sole purpose of continuing that mission. As we continue to grow, we are devoted to maintaining that momentum while making sure our existing ministries remain alive and healthy.

ALL IN FOR VISION

We have devoted ourselves to making more room for the people God has continued to bring our way. In Brighton we have increased our parking, and are in the middle of finishing up our student center. We will soon begin renovating our kids space and adult auditorium. In Ann Arbor we have closed on a 50K sq ft facility which sits on 24 acres. We will soon begin the renovation process and look to move in this fall.

ALL IN FOR MULTIPLICATION

We are devoted not only to growing our local church, but we are also devoted to growing THE Church. To accomplish this we are looking to start 20 new church works by the year 2020. To date we have already launched Mile City Church, The Detroit Church, a second church plant in Haiti, partnered with a church planter in Poland and brought our third campus online.

ALL IN FOR MISSION

We can build all the buildings we want, but if we don't have a healthy church to move into then we're sunk. God has used the people of 2|42 to do amazing things for His kingdom and we know He wants to do more. It's essential that we maintain and grow what God has entrusted us with.

All in for Mission for the next year means we have to keep our ministries strong and make sure what we put towards these buildings doesn't detract from our general fund. God has been doing amazing thing through 2|42 and we don't want to slow down due to lack of staff or resources.

Since 2|42's inception in 2005 we celebrate that:

1957 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
BAPTIZED

1491 PEOPLE CURRENTLY SERVING
ON A TEAM

1701 PEOPLE ARE CONNECTED IN A
SMALL GROUP

ON



ALL IN FOR VISION

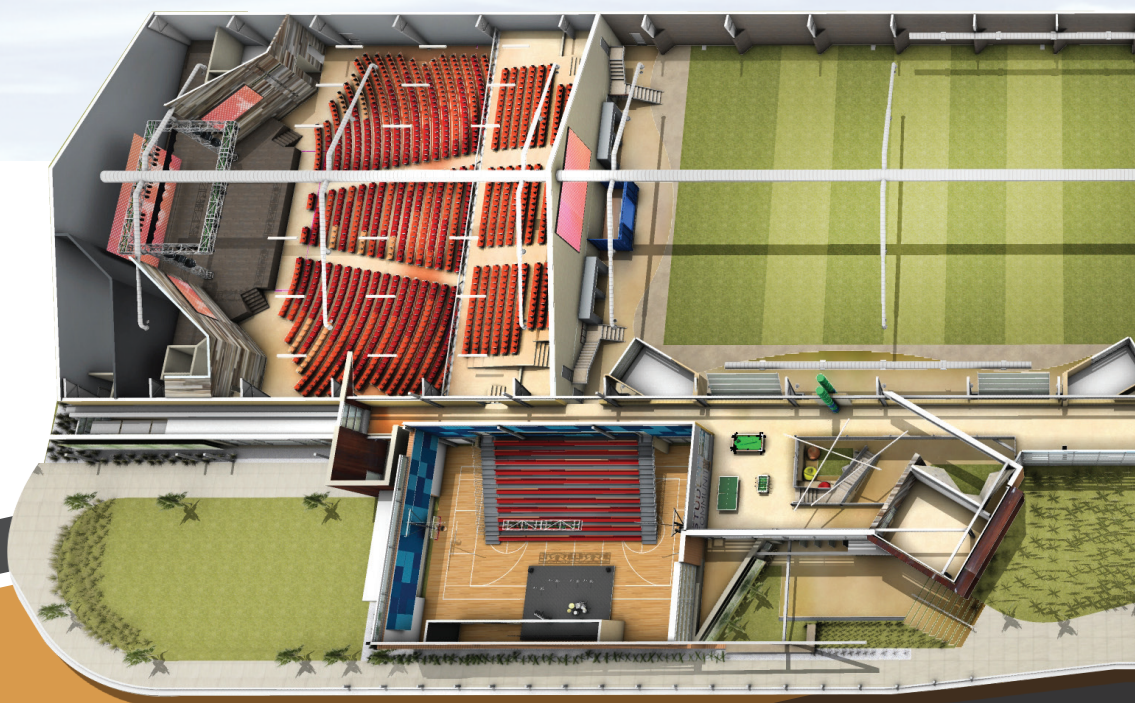


NEW ANN ARBOR CAMPUS



- **50,000 SQ. FT. WAREHOUSE** *which can be renovated*
- **40% LESS COST** *in 50% less time*
- **INDOOR GREEN** *space*
- **27 ACRES** *of outdoor green space*
- **600 PARKING SPACES** *(Brighton currently only has 410)*
- **800 SEAT AUDITORIUM** *which is easily expandable.*

ALL IN FOR VISION



RENOVATED
BRIGHTON
CAMPUS



- **30% MORE** *parking spaces*
- **15k SQUARE FOOT** *new build*
- **7K SQUARE FEET** *of redefined interior space*
- **1656 SEATS TOTAL** *to max out current auditorium*
- **FULL COURT** *basketball*
- **ADDITIONAL SPACE** *for School for the Arts and Recreation*
- **EXTENSION OF KID COMMUNITY** *themed space*

ALL IN FOR VISION



NEW LANSING CAMPUS



- **MERGED** *with* **MERIDIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
- **20,100 SQUARE FOOT** *building*
- **510 SEAT AUDITORIUM**
- **188 PARKING SPACES**
- **NEW ENTRY WAY** *added to existing building*
- **RE-BRANDED LOBBY** *area*

ALL IN FOR

DETROIT CHURCH
DETROIT, MI



BELLE ANSE
HAITI



GRAND BOIS
HAITI



STARTING POINTE
APEX, NC



2ND CAMPUS
RALEIGH, NC



2|42 COMMUNITY CHURCH
ANN ARBOR/BRIGHTON/LANSING, MI



THE RIDGE
GREENFIELD, WI



LAKEPOINT CHURCH
MUSKEGO, WI

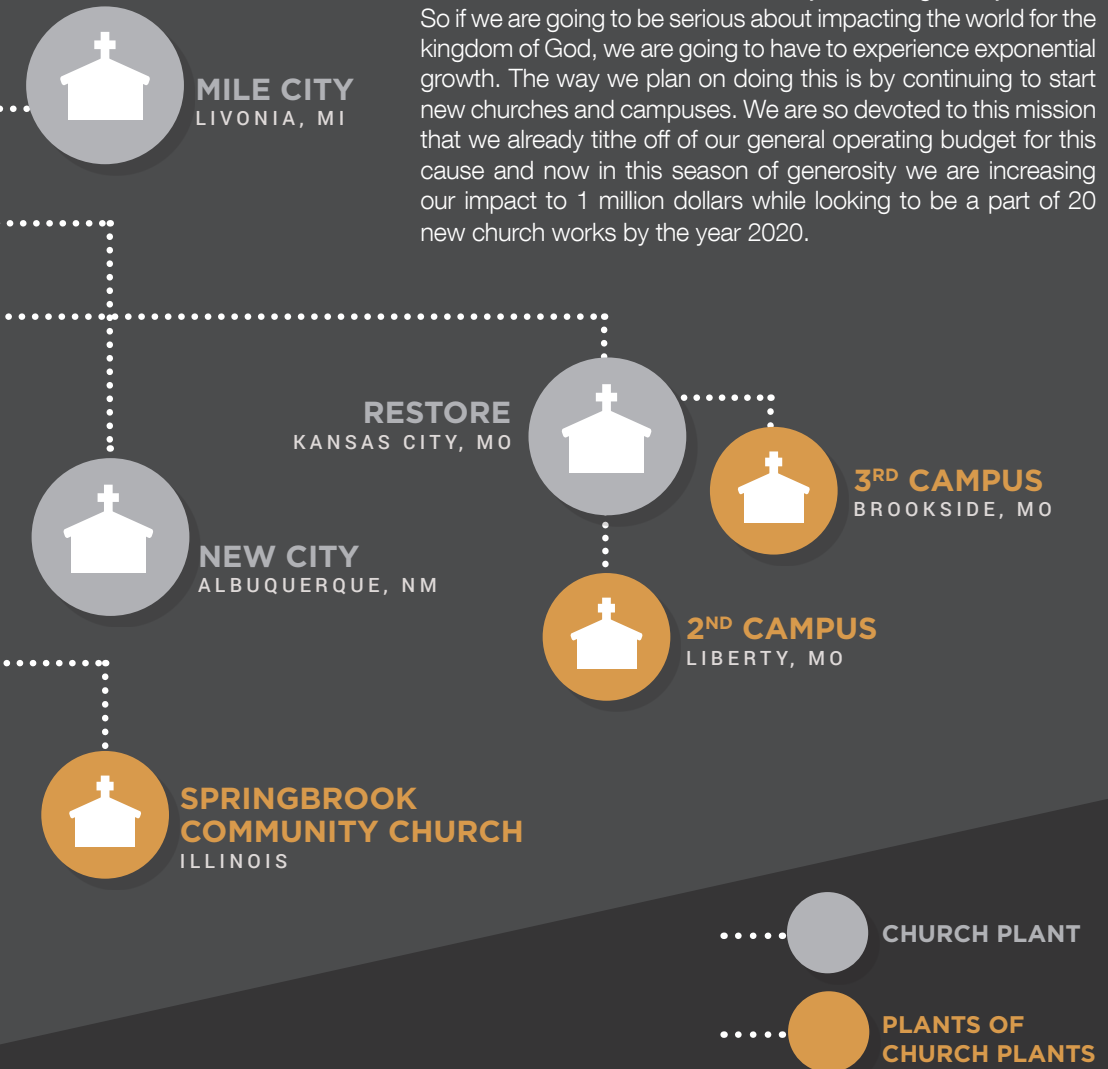


LEGACY CHURCH
MILWAUKEE, WI



MULTIPLICATION

We are also aware that we can grow fast for years to come by adding to the number of people attending at both of our current campuses but that wouldn't be enough to reach the people in our communities and the world. Addition just won't get the job done. So if we are going to be serious about impacting the world for the kingdom of God, we are going to have to experience exponential growth. The way we plan on doing this is by continuing to start new churches and campuses. We are so devoted to this mission that we already tithe off of our general operating budget for this cause and now in this season of generosity we are increasing our impact to 1 million dollars while looking to be a part of 20 new church works by the year 2020.



ABRIDGED TIMELINE

GOD TELLS BOB SMITH TO START A NEW CHURCH TO REACH NEW PEOPLE

2002

25 PEOPLE MOVE TO MICHIGAN TO START THE CHURCH

2004

GRAND OPENING OF 2142 WITH OVER 500 ATTENDING

2005

2007

2142 HELPS LAUNCH RESTORE CHURCH IN KANSAS CITY

2009

NEARLY 100 BAPTISMS HAPPENED DURING WEEKEND SERVICES

2010

2011

ANN ARBOR CAMPUS MOVED INTO NEW FACILITY ON MAPLE RD.

2012

2142 MOVES INTO BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

THE PEOPLE OF 2142 MOVE BEYOND VERSE 2:42 WITH THE THRU47 CAMPAIGN

2ND CAMPUS OPENS IN ANN ARBOR WITH OVER 400 IN ATTENDANCE

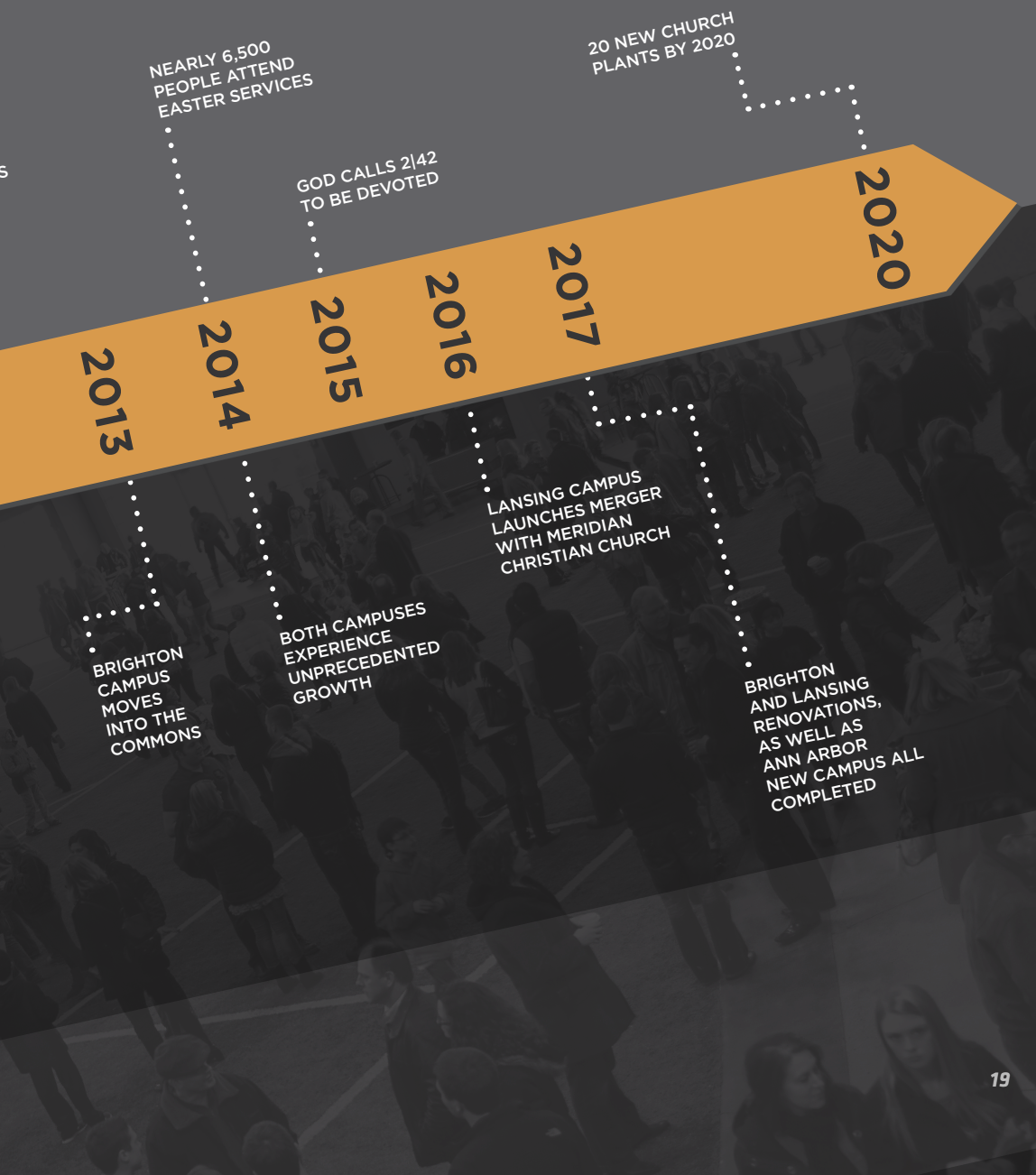
2003

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GOD INVENTS TIME

JESUS CHRIST DIES ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS

LINE OF 242 COMMUNITY CHURCH



HOW WILL YOU RESPOND

01 **PRAY**

Peter and John were seen to be DEVOTED in sharing their faith. They were recognized for being with Jesus in Acts 4:13. Our DEVOTEDNESS doesn't come from our personality or even our emotions but seeking God through prayer. Our DEVOTEDNESS comes by being with Jesus. Ask God what He wants you to give to the DEVOTED initiative. Worship Him for His DEVOTED grace towards you to make you His child. Surrender all you are and all you have to Him. Be DEVOTED as you pray!

02 **REFLECT**

As you are praying, we believe the Holy Spirit will be speaking to you. Take some time to reflect on what you think God is saying to you. If you are married, talk together about what you sense the Spirit is leading you toward. If you are finding yourself in different places, continue to pray and reflect; humbling yourselves before God and each other.

03 **TAKE A DEVOTED STEP**

Discipleship and stewardship go hand in hand. As we go deeper into our relationship with God, we learn what it means to value Him above all else. Growing as a follower of Jesus is a journey of ongoing steps of trust in Jesus. We don't grow without taking a step of faith. So growing in stewardship requires us taking a step in trusting Jesus as we give what He has called us to give, because we value Him more than anything.

A black and white photograph of a man singing into a microphone. He is wearing a denim shirt and has a lanyard with a badge around his neck. The background is blurred.

OND

A black and white photograph of a large van with the words 'FREE STUFF VAN' written on its side. Below this, it says '2142 COMMUNITY CHURCH' and 'WWW.242COMMUNITY.COM'. There are people visible near the back of the van.

FREE STUFF VAN
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THE DEVOTED

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The DEVOTED Journey is a tool designed to help a person move from money being their god to money being a tool for God's kingdom. The DEVOTED Journey focuses on behaviors and attitudes of our hearts rather than on amounts or percentages, further transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

Each step of the DEVOTED Journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps you slowly ascend to get to God, but simply a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. Scripture encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)



ROOKIE GIVER

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.



REGULAR GIVER

This type of giver is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes this might be a reason for someone to set up recurring gifts online or to become disciplined with giving through regular envelopes or checks.

JOURNEY



RADICAL GIVER

A Radical Giver is no longer asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to give?" A Radical Giver is asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to keep?" They ask this so that they can release the rest for Kingdom purposes. Much like a Relational Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a Radical Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the like.



RELATIONAL GIVER

This type of giver begins to ask the question, "Am I giving in a way that changes me? Am I giving in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me?" A Relational Giver's commitment to giving actually governs the rest of his/her lifestyle. A Relational Giver has a giving commitment that is "larger than their current situation" so that they have to adjust the rest of their expenditures to meet that commitment.



RELATIVE GIVER

This type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they feel about it in relation to other things they spend their money on. This may also be the point of intentionality when someone begins to tithe, reflecting that they are being intentional about a certain amount/percentage that they want to give to God.

ONE FUND INITIATIVE

What's a "One-Fund" Initiative?

You may have been part of church campaigns in the past during which you were asked to give a second gift 'above and beyond' your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible. Normally, you gave that gift to the 'Building Fund' and you also continued to give offering to the 'General Fund.' This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don't have a baseline for their "usual giving" or who aren't able to really celebrate the total giving they are engaging in at 2|42 in one single number. We believe that it's all ONE MISSION that we're on — the mission to help people take next steps with God. So we as a leadership have decided that from now on, its going to be one fund to which we give our generosity at 2|42.

DEVOTED will last for one year. In this year every gift that is given to 2|42 Community Church will go to DEVOTED. To help us to go All In for Mission, Vision, and Multiplication.

We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how a "one-fund initiative" works. Please take the time to fill this out. but don't worry, you'll get a shiny new one on Commitment Weekend.

As you pray and consider how God would ask you to devote yourself to generosity during this time, allow this gift chart to be a tool for you. Our hope is for it to be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity & devotion for Christ's Kingdom.

2 YEAR GIFT CHART

Gifts Needed	Gift Amount	Annually	Monthly	Gift Level Total
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
2	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$31,250	\$1,500,000
3	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,000,000
5	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$750,000
7	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$750,000
12	\$100,000	\$62,500	\$5,208	\$875,000
20	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,200,000
25	\$65,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$1,500,000
40	\$50,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$1,625,000
45	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$2,000,000
65	\$25,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$1,575,000
85	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$1,625,000
90	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$1,275,000
100	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$417	\$900,000
225	\$5,000	\$3,750	\$313	\$750,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$208	\$1,125,000
		\$1,250	\$104	\$550,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL				\$20,000,000

ATIVE

GENEROSITY GOALS

ALL IN FOR MISSION \$9 MILLION

- Maintain the health and momentum of both campuses to continue to help people take next steps with God

ALL IN FOR VISION \$10 MILLION

- New Ann Arbor facility
- Brighton 30% increase in space including parking, seating and additional square footage for the existing building

ALL IN FOR MULTIPLICATION \$1 MILLION

- 20 church plants by 2020 including additional campuses,
- Strategic partners, independent churches & foreign church plants

TOTAL GENEROSITY GOAL \$20 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

I'M NEW TO DEVOTED:

☐ I would like to make a 12-month commitment to DEVOTED generosity in the amount of:

\$

I'M ALREADY DEVOTED:

My current commitment is:

\$

At this halfway point in the DEVOTED journey, I would like to:

☐ Confirm my DEVOTED commitment to finish strong

☐ Increase my DEVOTED commitment to:

\$

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Campus I/We attend:

☐ Ann Arbor

☐ Brighton

☐ Lansing

DEVOTED
ACTS 2:12-17

WEEK 1
FOLLOW ME

SERM
NOTES **WEEK 2**
TRUST ME

WHAT WAS THE BIG IDEA?

WEEK 3

PRIORITIZE ME

WEEK 4
SUBMIT TO ME

FAQ GUIDE





WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

First and foremost we are asking that you pray and seek God's lead on what He is asking of you. 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 exciting season of your lives. Also, if you aren't involved in a small group or study group, we ask that you engage in one during this season.

DEVOTED Next Steps is our one year anniversary of the DEVOTED kickoff that began in May of 2016. We are asking that everyone at 2|42 take one of (3) DEVOTED next steps:

1. *Some of you will be committing to DEVOTED for the very FIRST time and will be making a 12-month commitment to DEVOTED from June 2016 - June 2017. Thank you for joining hundreds of us on this exciting journey as we all sacrifice generously as a church to help more people take next steps with God!*
2. *Others of you are already on this DEVOTED journey, and you will be committing to FINISH STRONG in this final year of DEVOTED as we all complete our commitments together by June of 2017. Thank you for your commitment to this journey!*
3. *Others of us are on this DEVOTED journey and we have had either an increase in faith or in finances, and we are being led to INCREASE our DEVOTED commitment as our next step. Thank you for your continued generosity as you continue to follow God's lead and determine what a DEVOTED next step looks like you for you in this next season. God wants to do BIG things through 2|42, and we need every single one of us to be a part!*

Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. It is an awesome God we serve! He is going to show up in huge ways and we anticipate a significant impact from our collective DEVOTED commitments. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Weekend June 18 & 19 and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and for our own faith.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL WAYS BESIDES CASH THAT I CAN GIVE MORE TOWARDS THIS INITIATIVE?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards this initiative. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He just might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please contact Bob Smith at bobsmith@242community.com if you would like to discuss this opportunity more specifically.



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