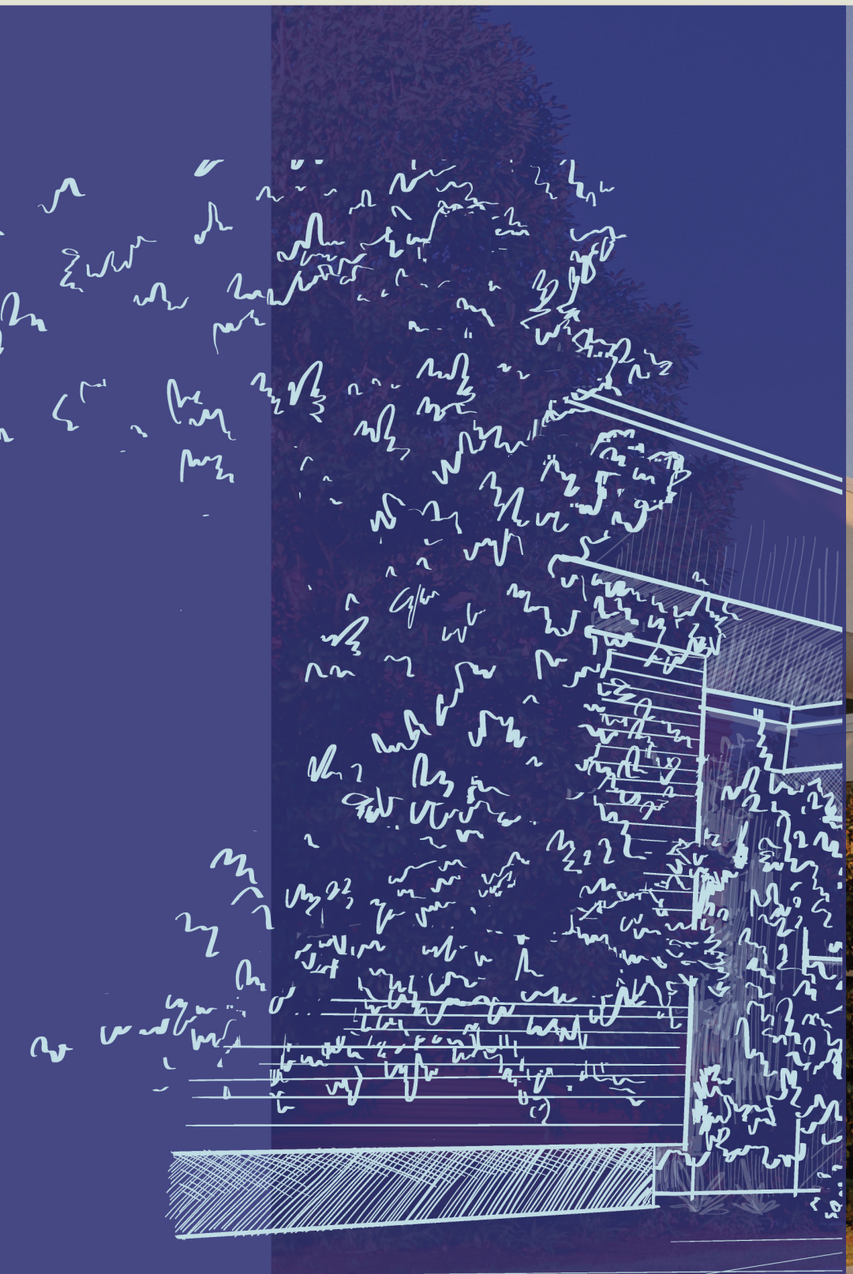
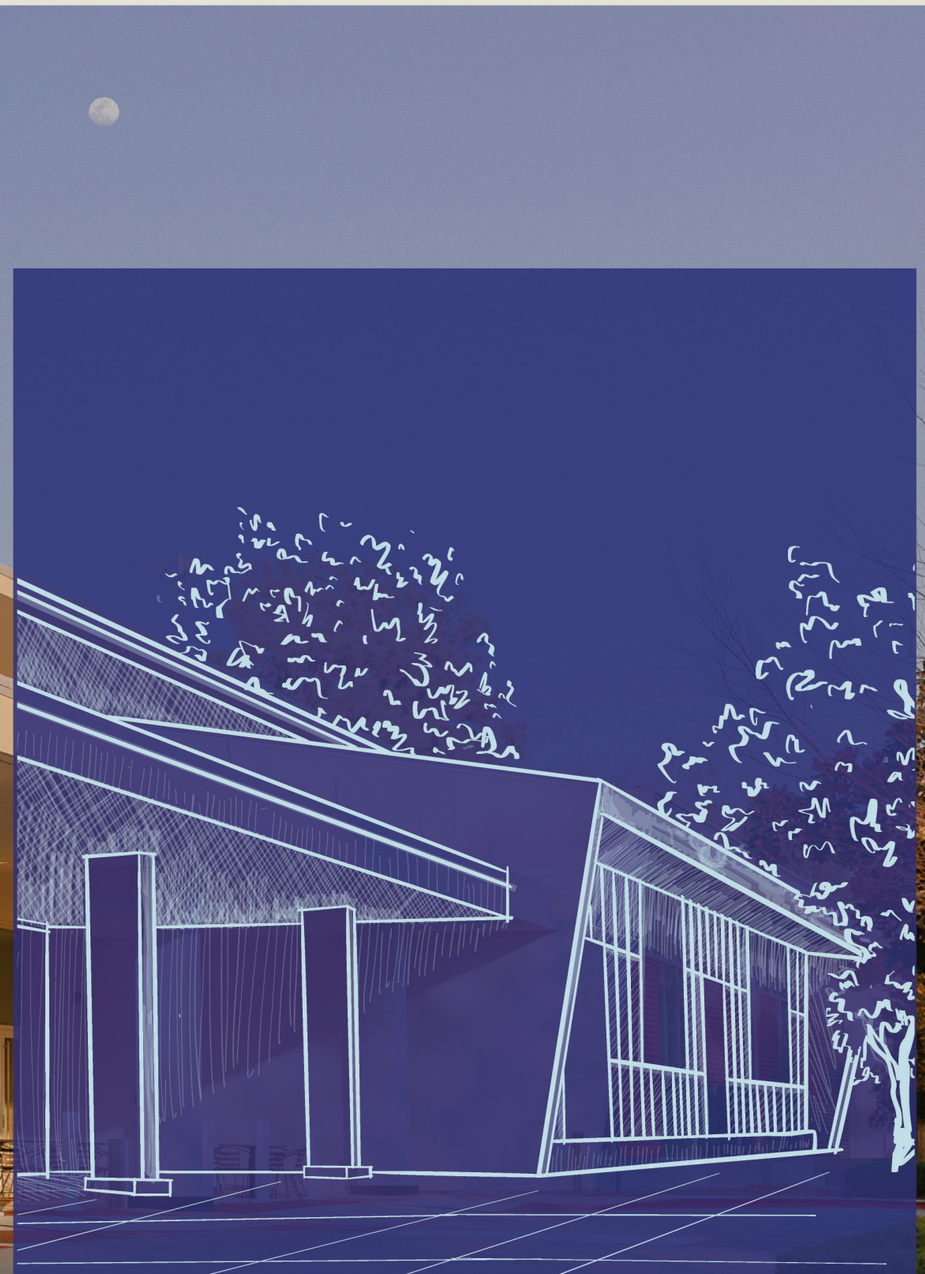
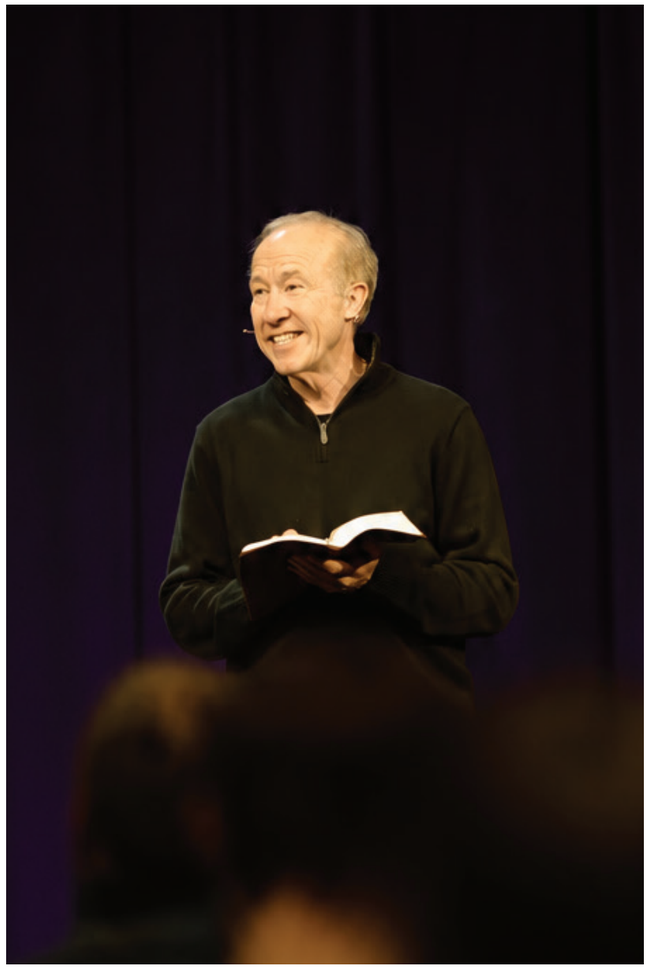
Prepare Initiative
One Year Update








Love one another as Jesus loves
Proverbs 3:5-6
Sharpie Ultra Fine



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Last year, we entered a season of preparation that we called the Prepare Initiative. If we are going to see revival in our city, if we are going to witness the fire of God in our church, we must prepare.

Some of these preparations will be tangible – new buildings, new church plants, new ministries. But far more important is our spiritual preparation. We devote ourselves to extraordinary prayer. We engage in deep-hearted worship. We practice abundant generosity. We live a lifestyle of repentance. We love boldly.

Some of you weren't here last year. We're excited to tell you about the direction God is leading our church.

Others weren't able to make a commitment last year, but God is stirring in your heart. We would love for you to get involved.

And many have already been giving generously. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your faithfulness.

As we approach the end of 2026, I want to ask you to pray about how God might be calling you to give toward his work at WoodsEdge. Would you pray about making a special year-end gift or making a giving commitment toward the Prepare Initiative?

Above all, we can each commit ourselves to this season of preparation. "Consecrate yourselves," Joshua 3:5 says, "For tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

We believe amazing things are ahead – for our families, for our church, for our city. It's time to consecrate ourselves. It's time to prepare.

We are not content to be a successful suburban church. We want to see the fire of God!

Jeff Wells

JEFF WELLS
SENIOR PASTOR

WHAT IS THE PREPARE INITIATIVE?

The Prepare Initiative is a two-year giving initiative launched in November 2025 to support ongoing ministry, needed campus expansion, new church plants, and community outreach.

WHAT HAS BEEN GIVEN SO FAR?

Our Goal: $47 million
Received: $20,270,700
(as of 10/20/2026)

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Visit ***woodsedge.org/prepare-faq*** to find answers to your questions. Have a question that isn't answered in the FAQ? Fill out the form on the site to send us your question and we'll respond shortly.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Pray about what God might be leading you to give. Fill out a commitment card online or ask for one at the info desk. Then respond in faith and give as God leads you.

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PREPARE FOR MINISTRY

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE **MINISTRY OF GOD**

- Support ongoing ministry by fully funding two years of our ministry budget.

$29 MILLION

PREPARE FOR MOVEMENT

WE INVEST IN A GENERATIONAL **MOVEMENT OF GOD**

- New building for grades 3-6, increased capacity for all children
- New prayer chapel, including 24/7 prayer room
- Needed campus renovations

$14 MILLION

PREPARE FOR MISSION

WE FOCUS ON THE WORLDWIDE **MISSION OF GOD**

- Local church planting efforts in both English and Spanish
- International church planting efforts in Latin America, Europe, Africa, and South Asia
- New community outreach projects
- New international mission projects

$4 MILLION

THE IMPACT WE'VE MADE & THE IMPACT AHEAD

MINISTRY



CHURCH PLANTER DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 2025

WoodsEdge launches its Church Planter Development Ministry. So far 13 couples have gone through the initial Discovery Workshop.



BAPTISMS

AUGUST 2026

We celebrate 92 baptisms, our most ever in a single day. Over the last year, we have baptized 215 people.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

SEPTEMBER 2026

We launch 15 new groups at Group Formation. More than 1400 people are finding community at WoodsEdge in over 130 groups.



LOCAL MINISTRY

Through our regular budget, WoodsEdge supports 51 trusted ministry partners working in areas like foster care, women at risk, prison ministry, addiction, refugees, and more.



GENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

We are deeply invested in the mission to raise up a new generation that loves God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

MOVEMENT



CHILDREN'S BUILDING

FEBRUARY 2026

Construction begins on our new building for grades 3-6, with completion expected by the end of the year.



WORSHIP CENTER RENOVATIONS

AUGUST 2026

The first phase of our Worship Center renovation adds new screens and projectors and updates stage lighting.



STUDENT BUILDING REFRESH

SEPTEMBER 2026

We begin enclosing the patio of the Student Building and renovating the café area to create a welcoming entrance that faces the inner circle of our campus.



PRAYER CHAPEL

A new prayer chapel will be an expression of the importance of prayer to WoodsEdge and will provide a space for weddings, funerals, and a 24/7 prayer room.



CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

Needed updates to our campus include further upgrades to our Worship Center and Ministry Teams building as well as a fully covered walkway around the campus.

MISSION



SPANISH CHURCH PLANTS

DECEMBER 2025

Two new Spanish-language church plants launch in partnership with Restoration Church and Collective Church.



HOPE CENTER EXPANSION

JULY 2026

A new, expanded refrigerator and freezer allows us to double the capacity of our food pantry.



INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PLANTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

WoodsEdge partners with Judea Harvest to support four new churches in South Africa and Lesotho.



NEW CHURCH PLANTING EFFORTS

We are partnering with church planters not only in Houston, but in Mexico, South America, Europe, Africa, and South Asia.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Additional expansion will take place at the Hope Center, and we will invest in our city through urban renewal projects with Restoration Community Development Corporation.

FALL 2025 | SPRING 2026 | SUMMER 2026 | FALL 2026 | WHAT'S AHEAD...

WOODSEDGE STORIES

JENNA'S STORY

My real father abandoned me as a child. He left to start a new family, and I've spent my life feeling intensely insignificant to him and to God. That feeling gave me an excuse to let fear and anger rule my life and fester deep in my heart. That sin caused damage in my marriage and my children's lives. I desperately needed freedom for the sake of my faith and my family.

Through re:generation, the Lord revealed that my pain was connected not just to unforgiveness but also to abandonment. Everything finally clicked. Because of the love Christ showed me through His death and resurrection, I should extend that same love and grace to my earthly father. Because Christ reconciled with me, I should reconcile with my father.

What once felt impossible suddenly made perfect sense. God filled me with courage, and I traveled to Vermont to reconcile with him face-to-face. I finally forgave my father.

DENISE AND TORRENCE'S STORY

Torrence and his brother – we call him Uncle Skip – have experienced a 20-year estrangement. So we went into the Awaken Houston fast asking God to reconcile our family relationships.

Shortly after the fast began, Uncle Skip reached out to our son. Skip revealed that he was hospitalized with heart failure and kidney failure. His heart was operating at 19% and he was not eligible for a heart transplant due to his diabetes. He would soon be released to go home on hospice.

Our son shared with Torrence what was happening, and Torrence reached out to his brother. They immediately reconciled. Uncle Skip had a total heart of repentance. We both spoke life into him. We told him that there was no condemnation in the Lord.

A short time later, Uncle Skip came home – but not on hospice! His heart was functioning at 50% which is amazing! He had a newfound love for the Lord. We had no idea what was happening with Uncle Skip, but God has shown us that he hears our prayers!





AMANDA AND AMELIA'S STORY

AMANDA: When Amelia was about to turn five, she started experiencing a lot of anxiety, having panic attacks. And I just remember saying, God, why? Why are you letting her experience this? Like, I've done everything right. And during that time, I believed a lie that if I did everything right, then nothing would go wrong.

AMELIA: The Lord has helped me through so much. I couldn't even go in elevators when I was little, and now I can go in them. Or I couldn't lock the door and now I can. Anxiety comes with like a superpower. You are able to notice more things. And I was like, okay, I have a superpower.

This summer at Craze, this little boy, Case, raised his hand when they asked if anyone wanted to accept Christ. And I just walked with him through that. I prayed for him that night. And the next morning before worship, he told me that he had done the prayer with his parents, and he accepted Christ, and he was just really happy.

AMANDA: When we keep our kids from struggling, we keep them from learning what it's like to actually depend on God and need God. I'm so proud of her and so proud of the way that she depends on God daily. Her anxiety is not completely gone, but every time she gets anxious, she knows to look to him.

DAVID AND NANCY'S STORY

In one of our pregnancy checkups, doctors saw something near baby Lizzie's eye nerve. For nearly four months, every appointment showed it was still there. We prayed with our small group and here on Wednesday nights – truly "praying without ceasing."

Then during one doctor's appointment, we noticed the doctor was going through multiple ultrasounds and even changed the machine. Finally, the doctor said, "If there was something, it is now gone. Your baby is perfectly fine!" On the day Lizzie was born, two doctors reviewed her file and said she was supposed to have something near her eye – but there was nothing there.

We are so grateful for all the people who prayed over Lizzie and over Nancy as if they were family. That's the church!

SARA AND SAMARA'S STORY

The most dreadful part for us was a conversation with our daughter a day before her heart surgery. We tried to reassure Samara not to be afraid and not to worry about the outcome. It's all in God's hands. If for some reason the worst happened, we would see her in heaven.

After the surgery, the surgeon told us things went well, but there was damage on her heart. After 10 days in the ICU, the lower chamber of her heart was not responding and was in a state of decline.

We asked the doctor what specifically was wrong because we wanted to pray for the exact problem. The doctor was dismissive. He said, "Praying is fine, but be realistic about the lifesaving procedure she needs."

The next day, I called my husband and told him to hurry back to the hospital. When he showed up, the room had four doctors trying to figure out what had happened.

He was freaking out, thinking the worst, but I said, "Her heart started working and they don't understand how that was possible." After a few days, the doctors said Samara was fine, getting better and could go home.

It's been two years now, and the doctor says her heart is healthy and strong.







YEAR IN REVIEW

$18,211
RAISED FOR FEED THE HUNGER DURING CRAZE

175
KIDS AT OUR KIDSEDGE PRESCHOOL

242
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST BY KIDS AND STUDENTS



646
WOMEN IN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



56
NEW COMMUNITY GROUPS

1400+
PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

1800
HOT DOGS SERVED TO OUR NEIGHBORS ON HALLOWEEN

1383
GIFTS AND 528 GIFT CARDS GIVEN TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING TREE



12,769
FAMILIES SERVED AT THE HOPE CENTER FOOD PANTRY

$3.6 M
INVESTED IN MISSIONS

536
NEW CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED AROUND THE WORLD

179
PEOPLE ON SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS



232
BAPTISMS

64
RE:GEN COMMENCE-MENTS



3462
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



4619
PRAYER CARDS PRAYED FOR

TOP SONGS IN WORSHIP

ALL HAIL KING JESUS
CHRIST AND CHRIST CRUCIFIED
FIRM FOUNDATION
MY HALLELUJAH
THE BLOOD





CONSECRATE YOURSELVES, FOR TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO AMAZING THINGS AMONG YOU.

JOSHUA 3:5

PREPARE

INITIATIVE