

MADE FOR MORE

KEEP SAYING *YES*

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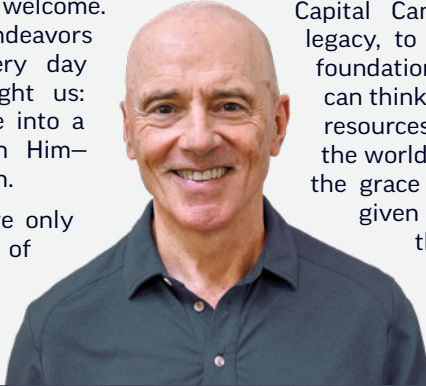
It's Our Turn

Greg Gordon, *Campaign Director*

My wife, Kathy, and I are honored to serve as two of the directors of the Made for More Capital Campaign. We are extremely excited about the campaign because it gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to **take a step forward in our faith** and use the resources God has given us to advance His Kingdom here in Dallas and beyond.

LOVERS LANE IS UNIQUE. We have never belonged to a church that has been more welcoming and made more clear that everyone—no matter who they are, no matter where they come from, no matter how they might be different, no matter whether they are respected or rejected by others—is welcome. This church endeavors to live out every day what Jesus taught us: to love everyone into a relationship with Him—with no exception.

Kathy and I have only been members of Lovers Lane for



three years, but the church has changed us. It has shown us how to love *others* the way Jesus would want us to love them. It has shown us what a difference a loving, welcoming church can make in a time where people are increasingly polarized, distrusting of each other, and even fearful of each other.



Lovers Lane is the church it is because of those who have gone before us. Its campus, its buildings, its missions, and its outreach are the result of the commitments of prior generations.

IT IS NOW OUR TURN. We have the opportunity through the Made for More Capital Campaign to build on that legacy, to put the church on a firm foundation for future generations. I can think of no better way to use our resources. Dallas needs Lovers Lane; the world needs Lovers Lane too. By the grace of God, we all have been given the opportunity to ensure that happens.

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders...”

HEBREWS 12:1

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

THE *Stewardship* PRINCIPLE

Stewardship is the recognition that God owns all that we possess. It acknowledges that God provides the resources for our lives, and, through us, the resources for godly work and for the church. We are managers and overseers of what God has provided for our lives. We are accountable for all that has been placed into our lives, not just for a portion. Our giving is an expression of love and gratitude.

THE *Voluntary* PRINCIPLE

Paul stated the voluntary principle when he said, *“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.”* II Corinthians 8:12 Again he said, *“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* II Corinthians 9:7

No one should determine the amount of another person’s commitment. Each person and household is challenged to seek God’s will in determining a personal giving commitment.

THE *Sacrificial* PRINCIPLE

In the Old Testament people came to worship with a sacrifice in hand. The word “sacrifice” can be defined as “to set apart” or “to make holy.” Sacrificial giving is the act of making sacred, or setting apart, our financial resources for God. Jesus chose those who gave sacrificially as models for giving: The widow who gave two mites, the boy who gave his lunch, and the woman who gave her alabaster box of perfume are prime examples.

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The Scriptures make clear that God measures the gift, not in relationship to others, but in relationship to one’s resources and in what is left over after the gift. Jesus said, *“From everyone to whom much as been given, much will be required.”* Luke 12:48

Prayerful Commitment

As we enter the Made for More campaign, we invite you to **begin with prayer**. Ask God how you are being called to respond—not out of pressure, but out of *faithfulness*. For some, the right answer may be to prioritize giving to the operational budget first, and that is a faithful “yes.”

Whatever your response, know this: *every gift matters*. Each prayerful commitment helps us move forward together in trust and hope.

LEVELS OF GIVING TO REACH \$8.5 MILLION

<i>A larger gift would be gratefully appreciated.</i>		LEADERSHIP LEVEL
1	GIFT AT \$1,000,000	
2	GIFTS AT \$500,000	
3	GIFTS AT \$250,000	
4	GIFTS AT \$200,000	
5	GIFTS AT \$150,000	CHALLENGE LEVEL
8	GIFTS AT \$100,000	
10	GIFTS AT \$75,000	
15	GIFTS AT \$50,000	PACESETTING LEVEL
20	GIFTS AT \$25,000	
30	GIFTS AT \$15,000	
40	GIFTS AT \$10,000	
50	GIFTS AT \$5,000	
100	GIFTS AT \$1,500	
<i>Every gift is significant, no matter the size.</i>		

GIVING IS FOR **3 YEARS** over and above our regular giving



Our Needs:

Through our Made for More campaign, we plan to make meaningful **improvements and upgrades** to our facilities that support our mission and long-term sustainability. These updates include interior and exterior repairs, refreshed spaces, and important upgrades to systems like HVAC, electrical, and fire safety.

This work is about more than maintenance. It allows us to care for the spaces where ministry happens every day and ensures our campus remains safe, welcoming, and *ready to serve today and in the years ahead.*



Ask questions!

The final **MADE FOR MORE GATHERING** is on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00pm in Watson Hall.

COMMITMENT

A STATEMENT OF THE HEART

Many of us are asked, even expected, to make commitments in our lives. We make a commitment when we agree to take on a marriage, family, friendship, career, or education, to name a few. We commit to invest our time, energy, and money in things we hold dear, things we set as priorities in our lives.

So it is with our church family as we begin following through with the plans for our future. Our willingness to financially commit to the future of Lovers Lane speaks volumes about our priorities as we consider what this community means to each of us.

A Process of the Heart

AS YOU CONSIDER your own part in making a financial commitment to the capital campaign, these steps may assist you:

PRAY for guidance in reaching a giving decision which will be right for you and for Lovers Lane.

Allow **FAITH** to become part of your decision. Leave room for God's help, and God will aid you with the decision you need to make.

Consider **SACRIFICE** as a way to set apart a portion of what you have, to give something you personally value, as a way of expressing your love for God and Lovers Lane UMC.

May each of us arrive at a financial commitment that faithfully reflects our hearts!

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MATTHEW 6:21

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS MAY 3rd

You will receive a card during the worship service, with an envelope, to be collected during the offering.

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I am unable to give financially at this time but I will support Made for More through prayer.

This statement of intention may be revised should circumstances make it necessary.

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Because we believe in the future of our church and want to be a part of its success, we will commit to give to the **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**:

\$ _____ **WEEKLY** for 156 weeks: **FOR A TOTAL OF \$** _____
\$ _____ **MONTHLY** for 36 months: **FOR A TOTAL OF \$** _____
\$ _____ **ANNUALLY** for 3 years: **FOR A TOTAL OF \$** _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Or a single gift of: _____

NAME (please print) _____

ADDRESS / CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

SIGNATURE _____

*Not equal giving...
but equal sacrifice.*

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FAMILY MINISTRY UPGRADES

One of the most exciting parts of the Made for More campaign is the vision for a renewed and re-imagined space for Family Ministry. At the center of this vision is the **renovation of the Spire Cafe**, creating a dedicated environment where our students can grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with God. This transformation allows us to better meet students where they are, offering a space designed for **learning, connection, and belonging**, and a place they can return to each week as they grow.

Just as importantly, this renovation creates a more seamless experience for families. Instead of navigating multiple areas across campus, parents will be able to check in all of their children in one central location, making Sunday mornings more welcoming and easier to navigate for families of all ages and abilities.



This inclusive and accessible change will not only simplify Sunday mornings and make them **safer** but also will inspire a greater sense of **connection and community**, creating more opportunities for relationships to grow and deepen.

In addition, the creation of a **FAMILY MINISTRY WELCOME CENTER** will provide a warm first impression. Whether it's a first-time guest or a long-time member, families will be greeted by a space designed to help them feel supported and at



“WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION...”

PSALM 78:4

home from the moment they arrive, with volunteers ready to welcome and guide them.

This investment is about more than updated rooms. It's about creating spaces where faith can take root and flourish for the next generation. Through Made for More, we are saying **YES** to environments where children, students, and families can grow together in Christ, now and for years to come, continuing the work God has already begun in this place.

Join us!

Family Ministry Sunday

APRIL 19th ☺ During Worship

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate all that God is doing through KIDS, Students, and Families in the life of our church. All services will feature unique moments led by the next generation of our church!

We're Saying **YES**
to **MORE FAMILIES**



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Upcoming EVENTS:

Saturday, April 18th

Prayer Vigil

7:00am-7:00pm

Sunday, April 19th

Family Ministry Celebration
and MFM Gathering

During Worship

& 12:30pm

Sunday, April 26th

Ministry Impact

During Worship

Sunday, May 3rd

Commitment Sunday

During Worship

Sunday, May 17th

First Fruits Sunday

During Worship



Maundy Thursday "The Mystery"

Easter Saturday Night of Worship

Good Friday Requiem for Solace

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Don't miss
Ministry IMPACT Sunday
during worship on April 26th,
when you can learn more
about the ministries, missions,
and groups Lovers Lane
supports. Visit our ministry
impact towers in Aldersgate Hall,
and consider what God may be
calling you to say **YES** to!