



## Now is the time ...

Dear Lifer,

God is at work at Bay Life Church! For nearly 25 years, God has called us to be and make disciples. In 2013, we came together as a church to RISE UP and wipe out a debt that was holding us back from God's call to reach our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since then, we have seen God's power moving in the lives of thousands in our community and around the world.

In many ways, God's work here has just begun! Now is the time to GO FORWARD, to invest in the next generation of Christ followers by adding to and repurposing our facilities to better disciple our children and students, to prepare to plant additional Chapels in our region, and to be even more involved in what God is doing in our community and around the world.

This Giving Guide will show you some different ways you can be an integral part in helping our church Go Forward in the vision God has given us. Please pray and ask God for guidance as you look at your options. Whatever you can do will make a big difference.

This is our moment to go forward and create a new generation of disciples in our homes, our communities, and around the world!

Going Forward For His Glory,

Mark Saunders



## What Your Giving Will Accomplish...

When Lifers like you boldly stand up to help us raise \$2 million towards the vision God has for our church family next, we can GO FORWARD and:

- **Build an additional 15,000 square foot space** for discipleship and development of the next generation of Christ-followers.
- **Help fund a new facility for Women's Resource Center** to expand their community impact and outreach and co-locate with the Bay Life Counseling Center.
- **Refurbish current Student Center** to maximize disciple-making with children.
- **Repurpose existing portable buildings** for office and meeting space.
- **Update and modernize** the Bay Life Worship Center lobby.
- **Construct covering / shade areas** for the Bay Life courtyard to improve year-round usage and baptism areas.
- **Prepare to revitalize other churches in the area as God allows** just as we've done with The Chapel in Mango.

Please prayerfully give your best.

***"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it completion at the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1:6 ESV***



## Go Forward GIVING GUIDE

*Building Towards What God Has Next...*



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# GO FORWARD

## Giving Options!

Ways you can help Bay Life Church expand our campus to better accomplish God's mission!

**Give at Bay Life Church** It's always easy to give at Bay Life Church. Simply place your check in offering during any of the weekend services, indicating on the check that it is part of your GO FORWARD commitment.

**Give Online** There are several benefits to Online Giving. It's convenient, simple, and secure.

 To give now online, just go to **baylife.org/give.**

**Online Bill Pay** You may use your bank's online website to send a check to Bay Life Church (via the Bill Pay Option). You don't even need a stamp! Just direct your bank to send your check to the following address: 1017 Kingsway Rd, Brandon, FL 33510

**In the Mail** If you aren't near Bay Life Church and prefer not to give online, feel free to mail your gift to Bay Life Church GO FORWARD CAMPAIGN, 1017 Kingsway Rd, Brandon, FL 33510. Be sure to include your name and address on any check or envelope so that gift credit may be provided for tax purposes. Also make a note that your gift is for your GO FORWARD commitment.

**Text to Give** You can give from your phone by texting FORWARD and the amount you want to give to 813.308.0608 (e.g. 'FORWARD50' gives \$50 dollars and 'FORWARD1000' gives \$1000 dollars).

**Other Gifts/Donations** Please contact Tom Eichem (teichem@baylife.org) if you want to discuss a possible gift of other items (vehicles, stocks, bonds, real estate, etc)

**God blesses us so that we might be a blessing to others.**  
**Your investment in Go Forward is an investment in our future.**

## How to make your pledge

- After you have prayerfully decided what God would have you give, place your total commitment amount here.
- Break out where your resources will come from to make up your commitment.
- Denote your payment schedule.
- Pray over your commitment and return it to Bay Life Church's business office by **April 29**.

After prayerful consideration, I/we plan to give a total of: \$ _____ to help Bay Life Church Go Forward.		
The gift will be given accordingly: \$ _____ one-time gift during the next twelve months or \$ _____ months for 36 months or \$ _____ annually for 3 years or \$ _____ other giving schedule (outline on reverse) or \$ _____ TOTAL over three years <small>Church-wide giving begins March 24, 2018</small>		
Signed: _____ Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____		

## Before You Give...

Use the following to help you make a decision about committing to **GO FORWARD**:

### Pray

Pray for God to lead you in how you might sacrificially give to help Bay Life to move ahead in our calling to be used by God to reach the lost and make disciples. Also, pray for God's provision through other Lifers.

### Make A Plan

With a spirit of sacrifice and thanksgiving, decide on a commitment that's pleasing to God. Then, determine how best to carry out your commitment — through monthly gifts, by reducing your budget, or some other creative giving option.

### Take Action

Respond in proportion to God's blessing and provision. Paul says that gifts are "acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have" (2 Corinthians 8:12). Once you have prayerfully decided on how God wants you to respond, make the commitment!

### Joyfully Fulfill Your Commitment

As you go about faithfully fulfilling what God has called you to, do so joyfully — knowing that God is pleased! Look for peace from God that surpasses all understanding as you fulfill God's plan.

**Every dollar you give will help Bay Life Church accomplish God's mission for our church.**

## How can I give my best?

Creative ways to plan and make the most of what God has entrusted to you.

If you want to give, but just don't see how you can squeeze any more out of your budget, you are not alone. We understand how tight budgets can be.

That's why we've come up with a list of creative ways to give that you may have overlooked. Each one requires sacrifice on your part, but like King David said, "I will not offer up to the Lord anything that costs me nothing!" You may want to combine one or more of these to represent your commitment, or come up with some of your own!

- Find ways to cut your food budget.** Whether you decide to clip coupons, cut back on restaurants, drink water at restaurants, or fast a meal a week, the money you save can turn into hundreds – even thousands – of dollars over the course of a year. Make sure you deliberately set that money aside in your budget for your commitment.
- Give up your favorite treat for a year.** No one said this would be easy! But passing on that daily latte can add up.
- Commit your income tax refund check to the Lord.**
- Did you get a raise this year?** Take just that amount and set it aside for God's purposes.
- Redirect money for major purchases.** If you were going to buy a new washer, dryer, new piece of furniture or some other major purchase — hold off for a little while and use the money to take care of God's business instead.
- Adjust your vacations.** Take a more inexpensive vacation — like going somewhere closer to home . . . or cutting it to three days instead of a week. With no airfare and less hotel costs, the savings can add up quickly.
- Wait for a movie to come out for rental.** One trip to the movie theater can cost over \$40 with popcorn and candy for two people!
- Make small cuts.** Eat at home instead of getting fast food and cutting back to basic cable are small, disciplined actions that can make a big difference in your budget.
- Have a garage sale!** Go through your home or storage building and find things you can sell in a garage sale to help with your commitment.

**These are just a few ideas that can help multiply your commitment. A little creative thinking and small adjustments in our lifestyle can help our congregation GO FORWARD and accomplish God's vision for us to minister to our community and beyond.**