



Abound

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:8



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South CLT Pres is seeing GROWTH.
We have an OPPORTUNITY to flourish.
God is calling us to ABOUND in every GOOD WORK.

Are we ready?

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God has brought us to this point
and we are

READY TO ABOUND



THE STORY

Five years ago, God used a small team to plant South CLT Pres in Ballantyne with a vision to make followers of Christ who honor him above all, love people well, and impact the community and the world with the gospel. Little did we know how God would help us to survive through a pandemic and even thrive as a church. The South CLT Pres family is now poised to abound in spiritual maturity, grow the church, and reach our neighborhoods with the gospel.

THE CHALLENGE

Our facility needs are rising quickly. The obstacles to ministry development are apparent and felt. Our growing church requires room to expand its gospel reach and discipleship. We have an opportunity to position ourselves to disciple a new generation. Now is the time to secure a space that enables our current and future ministries to abound in every good work and to bless our neighbors in South Charlotte and beyond.

THE OPPORTUNITY

We are asking everyone at South CLT Pres to pray, engage, and give in fresh ways for the next two years. As you consider your part in the Abound Initiative, ask yourself:

- If someone were to look at how I use my time, my energy, and my resources, what would they learn about my priorities?
- Am I engaged in the lives of my neighbors in a way that looks like every other person or are those interactions being conformed to the gospel?
- How might my financial commitment affect my heart and the lives of others?

HOW WILL WE *Abound?*

CREATE STABILITY

Putting down roots in a stable location is essential to reach South CLT and our South Carolina neighbors.

- Settle into a long-term space for worship
- Develop specialized spaces for children's ministry, youth, and discipleship
- Cultivate a common place for gatherings and outreach

STRENGTHEN DISCIPLESHIP

The Abound Initiative will expand and deepen learning environments for believers to follow Christ in all areas of their lives.

- Grow life-on-life discipleship, children's, youth, and care ministries
- Mobilize members to use their spiritual gifts to serve the church
- Identify, develop, and equip new volunteer leaders, interns, and officers

AMPLIFY OUTREACH

Our neighborhoods are increasingly unchurched and Jesus calls us to be generous with the gospel.

- Support new regional church plants and new international church planting partnerships
- Plant our own daughter church within the next five years
- Start new service missions, sports outreaches, and marketplace initiatives to the Charlotte metro area





Our Vision To Abound

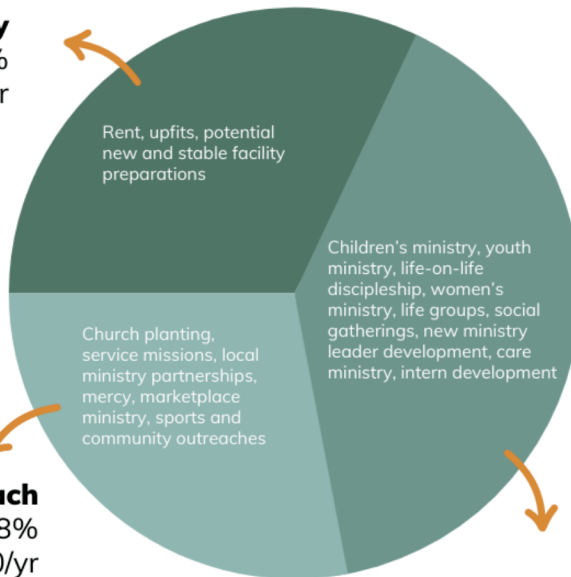
For our vision to ABOUND locally and globally,
God is calling us to ABOUND in generosity.

We have been given free grace.

Now, we sacrificially give by grace.

Prayerfully consider how your gifts will enable
ministry, missions, and our vision to ABOUND.

Create Stability
32%
\$400,000/yr



* One-fund over two years

** Salaries split between Strengthen Discipleship, Amplify Outreach

Strengthen Discipleship
40%
\$500,000/yr

ONE-FUND TARGET GOAL

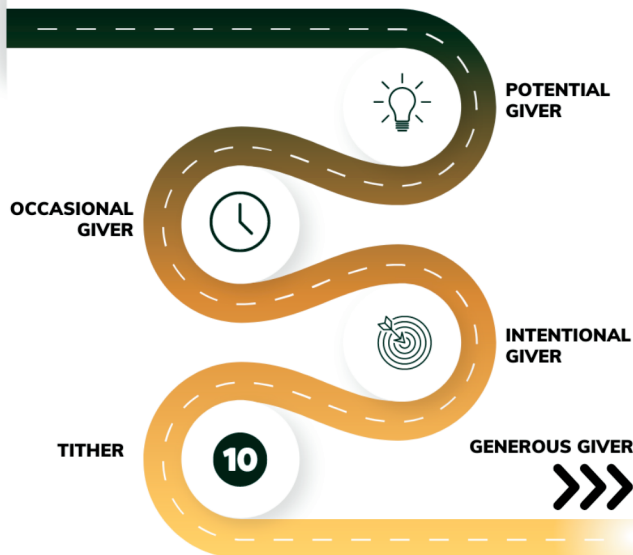
OVER TWO YEARS

\$2,500,000

A Heart of Generosity

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." In Matthew 6:21, Jesus is teaching that what we give our money to is what we tend to love the most. This means when we invest the resources God has given us back into his church and his kingdom, those things become our passion. For this reason, ask new questions about your giving and generosity so that we might mature in our love for God and his church at South CLT Pres. As you consider The Generosity Road below, try to identify what question you are currently asking about money and which part of the road characterizes your giving. Prayerfully consider taking a turn toward greater generosity.

THE GENEROSITY ROAD



What do I do with my money?

Potential givers are moving in practice from owners to stewards. They have taken the first step of faith and invested something financially in God's church and his kingdom.

What do I do with God's money?

Occasional givers are beginning to understand the concept of biblical stewardship. They haven't yet developed a regular pattern of giving and don't yet give a certain percentage, but they give.

What does God say to do with God's money?

Intentional givers have an understanding that God owns everything. They give consistently, but they haven't yet reached 10%.

What does God want me to give from God's resources?

Tithers believe God owns everything. They live off 90% and invest 10% in his kingdom.

What does God want me to keep from God's resources?

Generous givers live out their belief that God owns everything. They keep only what they need while investing the rest in his kingdom.

Creative Ways To Give

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered. You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following seven options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.

- Practice priority budgeting**

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure, like a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchase.
- Increase giving with increased income**

We often increase our standard of living when we receive a raise or a bonus. Some families elect to keep their standard of living the same and increase their giving by the amount of the raise or bonus.
- Redirect current expenditures**

Families often have short-term expenses factored into their budget. When those expenses end, those funds can be redirected without major budget adjustments. For example, a family that pays off a loan may choose to continue budgeting the same amount of the loan payment as a gift.
- Sacrifice your extra time**

Extra time can be converted into extra income and greater giving capacity through part-time jobs.
- Donate stored resources**

Appreciated assets (like stocks or real estate) can also be resources for generosity. Talk to a financial advisor for ways to maximize these gifts.
- Give from your excess**

Some families save over a period of years for a special project. Funds initially saved for vacations, new vehicles, or other projects can be redirected as gifts.
- Commit unexpected cash**

Sudden influxes of cash due to an inheritance, a second income, or gifts can be added to gifts from regular income.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the financial goal of this initiative?

Our goal is \$2,500,000 over a 2-year period. We will need maximum participation from those who call South CLT Pres home in order to raise this amount of money. This initiative is roughly \$1,000,000 (66%) more than we expect to receive in regular givings in 2023-24.

Why are we doing this now?

Our church is growing and reaching our community, but we have an opportunity to do even more. We want to have maximum kingdom impact as we pursue what God has in store for us. We believe God has given us health and momentum for such a time as this. The time is soon coming when we will need to provide a stable space for the children's ministry and worship. We are preparing for this challenge.

How can I grow in my giving?

In the future, South CLT Pres will be starting discipleship groups for financial stewardship taught through a biblical lens.

Can my gift involve stocks or other assets in addition to cash?

Absolutely. If this is the case, please email admin@southcltpres.org for further assistance.

When do my gifts count towards the Abound Campaign?

All gifts to South CLT Pres from December 11, 2022 through December 31, 2024 will count towards the Abound Initiative.

Are my gifts "over and above" my normal tithes and other offerings?

We are taking a "One Fund" approach to the Abound Initiative. That means all giving is rolled into one budget (as opposed to keeping ministry and projects separate). With giving campaigns people typically give to one and/or the other, whereas with this One Fund initiative, everyone is giving to support the mission and vision of the church including facilities.

When will we be asked to make our commitment?

Commitment Sunday is November 13, 2022.

What will take place on Commitment Sunday?

On Commitment Sunday we will worship, celebrate, and pray over what God has planned for the coming years at South CLT Pres. We will ask our entire church to participate by committing to give financially to the Abound Initiative. We ask that everyone submit their Commitment Card, in-person or online (scan the QR code on the back of this booklet), at the end of our worship gathering.

Can financial commitments be changed if necessary?

Absolutely. We understand that life circumstances can alter our ability to give generously in negative and positive ways. If you need to change your commitment, please email admin@southcltpres.org.

Is there more information online?

You can visit southcltpres.org/abound or scan the QR code on the back of this booklet to view information about the Abound Initiative digitally.



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Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

Jesus has poured abundant life into us.
It's our turn to pour ourselves into his kingdom together.

What You Can Do Next

- Ask thoughtful questions about the biblical teaching on stewardship and the vision of the church.
- Pray about giving generously to the ABOUND Initiative.
- Move ahead on the [Generosity Road](#) (p. 7).

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