



We're Two Steps Closer to Our Celebrate Baptism Vision! Now Let's Finish the Final Two Steps by September 2024

As you saw in the video announcement from Pastor Jason on Easter Sunday, we have accomplished **Stepping Stones #1 and #2** (see page 3 for details), and our patio is now closed in preparation for demolition that will begin in April.

We now move forward to the final two **Stepping Stones #3 and #4** (see page 4) so that once demolition is complete, we can begin building our new baptistry.

What an exciting season of ministry! We've been blessed to **baptize over 450 people** in the history of our church. God has chosen our church to be a place where people are being saved and baptized. It's a great privilege and responsibility.

And through the Celebrate Baptism Project we will be able to fulfill our dream of **transforming our beautiful outdoor fountain into a permanent baptistry** where we can celebrate those who are coming to faith in Jesus being baptized every week.

The Celebrate Baptism Project will allow us to:

1. **Build the baptistry** where hundreds (or thousands) of people – like your children, grandchildren, friends, family, and neighbors – will be baptized.
2. **Create a beautiful outdoor space** for greater ministry use, including events, fellowship, weddings, etc.
3. **Address important concerns including the flooding hazard** posed by the lack of drainage on our patio and the **dilapidated wooded cover** left here by the previous owner.



This Project is not about a Patio... it's about People who are coming to faith in Jesus and need to be baptized.

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"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." - Colossians 2:12

What Will Our New Baptistry and Patio Look Like?



Every week at The Journey, at least one person makes a commitment to follow Jesus. Imagine the opportunity to gather on our completely renovated, modern patio the week after that decision for Christ to celebrate their baptism. Then imagine being able to offer these baptism opportunities every week!



ABOVE: The patio will provide room for 50-75 people to gather for baptisms and other celebrations.

BELOW: Accent lighting will provide the perfect backdrop for Worship Nights under the stars.



What is the Goal of the Celebrate Baptism Project?

GOAL: \$250,000

Timeline: Now through September 2024

GIVEN TO DATE: \$115,347.02

To ensure we stay on track with our goal, we have adopted
Four Stepping Stone Goals:



The first two Stepping Stone Goals have been met, which means that we are now moving into the demolition phase, slated to begin in late April / early May. This will include:

- Removing the dilapidated wooden cover to protect against possible storm dangers,
- Removing the existing pavers on our patio,
- Removing existing landscaping and trees on the patio to open up the patio for greater seating capacity and pave the way for our new landscape plan,
- Remove the old, rusted gate leading into the patio.
- Preparing our fountain and patio for construction, new pavers, and new landscaping.



Dilapidated wooden cover that will be demo'd.



Old, rusted gate that will be replaced.

This is an exciting time as we begin demolition, but it's important to remember that **after we demo we must build**. And in order to build we must **reach our next two Stepping Stone goals**.

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What's Next for the Celebrate Baptism Project?



What is Stepping Stone #3?

\$175,000 by June 30, 2024

Our next goal is to reach **\$175,000 by June 30**. This will ensure that once demolition is complete, we can begin Phase 1 of construction, which will include:

- Regrading the patio to protect against flooding dangers.
- Creating proper drainage for water runoff.
- Digging the “hole” where our new baptistry pool will be built.
- Replacing the pool equipment that will supply the baptistry.
- Constructing the support structures for the Altar Wall and Garden Walls.



The Final Stepping Stone is #4

\$250,000 by September 30, 2024

Stepping Stone #3 is about preparation. But until we reach Stepping Stone #4, all we will have is an empty hole, unplanted gardens, and bare-framed walls. That's why this is the most exciting part of this project! Because that is where we will:

- Complete the concrete work and plumbing for the baptistry.
- Install our beautiful new pavers.
- Finish the slat stone Altar Wall and glass-tiled Garden Walls.
- Complete the landscaping and plant the Honor Gardens.
- Install the Pecky Cyprus Cross.

Top-quality building materials have been selected to ensure the aesthetic beauty and long-lasting durability of the Baptistry and Patio. And you even have the opportunity to sponsor specific items **in Honor of** or **in Memory of** a loved one. See included “Special Opportunities” flyer.



How Can I Be Part of the Celebrate Baptism Project so that we Hit Our Goals and Stay on Track?

Our goal is to complete construction by August so that we can celebrate a Grand Opening and begin baptizing weekly this fall. But we won't get there without you. So, will you be part of this project that will lead to the baptisms of hundreds of people? Here's how you can make a difference:

(1) PRAY. Pray and ask God what He would have you give so that together we can reach our goal for the ***Building for Life, Phase 2: Celebrate Baptism Project***.

(2) GIVE. If you haven't given yet, give your FIRST and BEST gift to the Celebrate Baptism Project this month. You may also consider automating your gifts to help us plan boldly for the Baptistry and to help you stay on track with your pledge.

(3) HONOR. Enclosed you will find a flyer displaying Special Opportunities to sponsor items on our patio **In Honor of** or **In Memory of** a loved one.

Ways to give to the Celebrate Baptism Project

- 1** GIVE USING YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE. Fill out the enclosed postage paid Offering Envelope and drop it in the mail.
- 2** GIVE ONLINE AT BOCAJOURNEY.COM/GIVING. Select "Building for Life" in the dropdown menu to give to the Celebrate Baptism Project.
- 3** GIVE BY TEXT. Just text the amount you want to give plus the word "LIFE" to 561.420.0606 to give to the Celebrate Baptism Project by text. (i.e. "500 Life" to give \$500).



However you choose to give, would you consider automating your gifts to have an even greater impact?



Scan the QR code to watch a video, download the Overview Packet and give.



Got questions? Call/Text Pastor Jason at 561.420.0606, download an Overview Packet today, or visit www.BocaJourney.com/Life