



BUILDING
FOR LIFE

NEXT GENERATION

OVERVIEW



Goal: \$250,000
Now thru July 2026

*(Jesus) "I will build my church, and all the powers
of hell will not conquer it."*

– Matthew 16:18

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➤ A Next Generation Vision

It's amazing what God has done since we purchased this property in 2017. We completed phase 1 construction, launched services, built our new patio and baptistry. And now, we have an opportunity to build something that lasts beyond our lifetimes.

Through the ***Building for Life: Next Generation*** project, our church is stepping out in faith to prepare our campus and Ministry Center for the generation that follows us.

This 12-month project is a powerful opportunity to leave a legacy that impacts lives for Jesus long after we are gone. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 between now and July 2026 to complete **four mission-critical projects** that will enable our church to better reach our community, disciple the next generation, and steward our property and facilities well.

Four Key Areas of the Next Generation Project:

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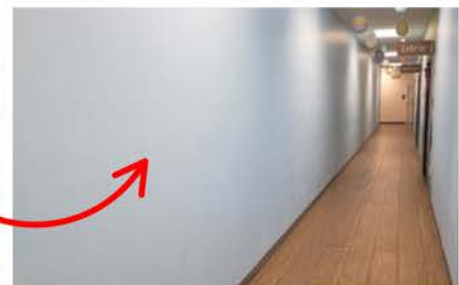
Create a 68-foot Living Bible Wall Mural for our Children

Plus, replace the floors, repaint classrooms and invest in security

Journey Kids is rapidly growing, having doubled in attendance over the last year.

Our church is committed to reaching and discipling the next generation. Through the ***Next Generation*** project, we will invest in facility and security improvements that will significantly enhance the children's ministry environment, including:

Creating a 68-foot Living Bible Wall Mural – Children will step into the world of the Bible as they walk down the hallway leading to their classroom. This visual walk-through of God's story will stretch the entire length of the Journey Kids hallway (68 feet!) and provide a warm, welcoming, "Wow!" experience for every child and parent on Sunday.



Replacing the Floor in the Journey Kids Hallway and Church Lobby

- A moisture issue in the concrete slab of our building is causing the existing floor to bow and restrict. While it is safe for now, it will create a tripping hazard in both our church lobby and children's ministry space within the next year. Through the **Next Generation** project, we will fix the moisture issue and install an attractive porcelain tile floor providing a long-lasting solution for years to come.



Repainting the Journey Kids Classrooms to Create a Better Experience for our Children

- Because we are serving more children than ever - and our Kid's classrooms are so frequently used - the time has come to repaint and refresh the 1st floor Journey Kids classrooms to repair wear-and-tear and create a brighter, more engaging space.



Ongoing Security Investments - We will continue to invest in top-notch check-in and security solutions to simplify and accelerate check-in and ensure that our children are able to learn about Jesus in a safe and nurturing environment.

Think of how these upgrades will bless our children and families!

"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."
- Proverbs 22:6

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Install Retractable Awnings on our Patio to Make Baptism More Comfortable and the Patio More Usable Year-round

One of our greatest joys has been celebrating so many people getting baptized in our new baptistry. Together we have created a picturesque space to commemorate this beautiful picture of new life in Christ. With the summer months, however, comes the summer heat, which makes it uncomfortable (and for some... impossible) to attend Sunday baptisms.

To make these special moments more welcoming and comfortable, we will install electronic retractable awnings on the patio to **provide much-needed shade** during baptisms and outdoor gatherings. These awnings will also make the patio space **more useful on Sundays**.



Imagine enjoying the service from the comfort of the outdoor patio if you choose. Or being able to spend time with friends after the service in this serene space without the wilting heat of the Florida sun. Or how this shade will make weddings and group gatherings more available year-round as well.

"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."
– Romans 6:4

"So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." – Romans 15:7

3 Beautifying and Securing the Parking Lot and Landscaping

The first impression someone receives from our church happens before they hear the music and message. **A warm welcome starts in the parking lot.** We live in a beautiful area and want to provide a tranquil experience to prepare you for worship when you arrive.

In addition, we want to **increase the safety and security of our parking lot after hours** when no one is around. The Boca Raton Police Department recently completed a security assessment of our property. And while our building and security systems passed with flying colors, their main point of concern was the parking lot. Why?

- + At night, **the parking lot is dimly lit** because of the 50-year-old globe lights. This can lead not only to low visibility during evening events, but also invite unwanted trespassers and activities in the parking lot overnight when no one is here. This new phase of the ***Building for Life*** initiative will upgrade the parking lot lights to increase visibility and security.



- + The current landscaping and bushes provide a **visual blockade for those walking and driving** in the parking lot on a busy Sunday morning, as well as a hiding place for someone who might have bad intentions. Through the *Next Generation Project* we will protect children and families – as well as our property – by removing the bushes and installing beautiful new landscaping that meets safety requirements and creates a warm, welcoming first-impression. **These improvements will make our property more beautiful when we are here, and more secure when we are not here.**



- + The **parking lot is prone to extensive flooding** during heavy downpours in the spring and summer months, rendering up to half of our parking lot unusable when it happens on Sunday mornings.

Removing the hedges will help create some natural drainage areas. And while this will not fully fix the flooding problem (that will require a larger project in the future to install proper parking lot drainage) – it will assist with runoff.



- + The **security fence in front of the church** – guarding sensitive HVAC, electrical, and elevator equipment – is at the end of its life, being **held together by 2x4's and bungee cords** - and needs to be replaced with a sturdy and secure privacy barrier.



*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
– Colossians 3:23*

4 Securing Our Future by Reducing Our Mortgage Debt

Beginning in 2016, the people of The Journey gave sacrificially so that we could make a downpayment on this property and have a permanent place to call home.

In October 2017, we purchased this property, securing a safe, low-interest loan. In the last 7+ years we have met all of our obligations and never missed a mortgage payment, even during the uncertain days of Covid.

The first phase of **Building for Life** (2019-2023) allowed us to meet our financial obligations while completing the initial repair projects to our building. The second phase (2023-2024) enabled us to build our beautiful new baptistry. Now, in the *Next Generation* phase we will work to **improve and secure this building** as our church home for now and the next generation.



A NEX~~T~~ GENERATION CHALLENGE

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The timeline to complete these projects is now through July 2026, in time to celebrate the beginning of the Fall ministry season as children go back to school.

The goal for this project is substantial because the work to be done is significant. Therefore, **it will take all of us** to meet it. If your life has been blessed by the ministry of The Journey – and if you believe in helping us build a better future for ourselves, our children, and those we will reach in the years to come – **will you join us in this new initiative?** What could you sacrificially give above – and beyond your normal tithe – to support this project?

How Can You Help Fulfill our Next Generation Commitments?

We are asking everyone in our church to make an initial sacrificial gift to this project, as well as make a pledge to give over the next 12 months to complete these projects by July 2026.

So, will you pray about how you will be involved with the ***Building for Life: Next Generation Project?*** This project is not about equal giving, but equal sacrifice, and it will take our entire church to meet this goal.

What is the Initial Gift and 12-Month Faith Pledge?

Because the goal is \$250,000, we will not be able to raise that amount in one day. So, we will ask everyone to make an initial gift to kick-start the project.

THEN... Will you also make a pledge to give a certain amount over the next 12 months?

The amount you choose is a matter of prayer between you and God.

Let God stretch you to have an even greater impact.

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For example, let's say that you pray, and God leads you to give an initial gift of \$800. And you make a pledge to give \$200 a month for the next 12 months. Over the course of the next year, that would equal a \$3,200 gift to the **Next Generation Project**.

Maybe you aren't in a place to write one \$3,200 check, but over the course of 12 months you can make a substantial contribution.

I just use that as an example. That amount will be too much for some, and it will be too small for others in our church. The point is that this is a big vision, and it's going to require all of us to see it fulfilled.

I encourage you to use the **Gift Profile** in this packet to guide your prayer time and preparation to give.

How Can I Make a Pledge and Give?

- Use the Commitment brochure in this packet to give your initial gift and make your 12-month pledge.



You can also make your pledge online at www.BocaJourney.com/Next. While you are on the website, you can make your initial gift and automate your 12-month pledge at www.BocaJourney.com/Giving. Click on *Building for Life* in the fund drop-down menu.

- If you prefer our Text Giving platform, simply text any amount plus the word **Next** to 561.420.0606 (i.e. text **500 Next** to 561.420.0606 to give \$500). From there, you can also automate your Building for Life 12-month pledge using Text Giving.
- For your convenience, you may also give by **PayPal, Venmo, Cash App** or our new **Apple Pay** and **Google Pay** options. Just write "Next Generation" in the memo line.
- You may give **in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds**. For information on this type of giving, contact Pastor Jason Hatley at jh@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x310.
- Call The Journey office at 561.420.0606 x301 to give by phone.
- **Remember:** all gifts to The Journey Church are 100% tax deductible.

"The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD." - 1 Chronicles 29:9



Milestones to Reach the Goal and Complete the

NEXT GENERATION PROJECT

To help us stay on track with our goal and 12-month timeline - and to expedite the process of construction - we have set Four Milestones to reach our goal of \$250,000 by July 2026.

MILESTONE #1

\$75,000

by September 30, 2025

Milestone #1: The first \$75,000 by September 30, 2025

As soon as we reach \$75,000, we can move forward on the first phase of projects in this initiative:

- Upgrading the lights in our parking lot
- Installing the new security fence in front of our church
- Repainting the parking stops in the parking lot

MILESTONE #2

\$125,000

by December 31, 2025

Milestone #2: \$125,000 by December 31, 2025

When we reach \$125,000, we will begin the second phase of projects in this initiative: **installing electronic retractable awnings** to provide much needed shade to the patio for baptisms, Sunday services, groups and fellowship events

MILESTONE #3

\$200,000

by March 31, 2026

Milestone #3: \$200,000 by March 31, 2026

Upon completion of Milestone #3, we will begin the third phase of projects in this initiative:

- Upgrading the parking lot landscaping to beautify the front entry and increase security
- Improving flooding conditions in the parking lot by providing some natural runoff just in time for the rainy season

MILESTONE #4

\$250,000

by June 30, 2026

Milestone #4: \$250,000 by June 30, 2026

When we reach our goal, we will be able to complete the final phase of construction:

- Replacing the lobby and Journey Kids hallway floors
- Repainting our Kids Classrooms
- Installing the 68' Living Bible wall mural





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"According to your faith will it be done to you." – Matthew 9:29

Gift Profile

In order to reach our \$250,000 goal and fully fund these new projects, it is important that each individual of our church is involved. Every gift will not be the same, but each gift is vital. The following is a projection of the number and kinds of gifts that will be necessary to reach our goal:

NUMBER OF GIFTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
ONE	50,000	50,000
TWO	20,000	40,000
ONE	15,000	15,000
SIX	10,000	60,000
EIGHT	5,000	40,000
TEN	2,500	25,000
NUMBER UNKNOWN	2,499 (or less)	20,000

GRAND TOTAL: \$250,000

The above amounts represent the total contributions of an individual to the Next Generation Project, including a one-time gift given and additional gifts pledged over a 12-month period (July 2025 - July 2026).



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How did we arrive at the goal of \$250,000 for Building for Life: Next Generation?

A: Based on conversations with our contractor and bids we are receiving for construction, we will need to raise \$250,000 for materials, labor, and construction of the four areas of this project.

Q: How does it work?

A: We are asking everyone who loves our church to consider making an initial sacrificial gift.

We're also inviting you to prayerfully make a 12-month commitment to help us reach our goal of \$250,000. It will take all of us giving sacrificially to reach this goal. Please pray about making both a cash gift and a 12-month commitment—give God a chance to stretch your faith!

Q: How will the money we raise be used?

A: The Building for Life fund is kept separate from the general ministry funds. All Building for Life gifts will be used specifically for the areas of the initiative outlined in this packet. It is important to remember that our Building for Life gifts are to be in addition to our regular giving for the ongoing operation of the church. Otherwise, our day-to-day ministries would suffer.

Q: I have already automated a gift to Building for Life. How does the Next Generation Project impact that?

A: Because Next Generation is a special project of the Building for Life initiative, we kindly ask that you continue your current support of Building for Life which is vital to paying down our debt and the future of our church, and prayerfully consider increasing your automated giving to go toward the Next Generation Project.

Q: I don't know how much I should give. How do I decide?

A: I am reminded of the story of the poor widow whom Jesus honored because of her giving in Mark 12:41-44. When the woman gave two copper pennies – all that she owned – Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others, for they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."*

From her story we learn three important truths...



1. Your attitude is more important than your amount in giving.
2. It is always possible to give something IF we really trust God.
3. God measures our faith by comparing what we've been given with what we have left over after we've given.

This is why **our theme is “equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.”** As you consider what a genuine “sacrifice” will mean to you, I urge you to pray and ask God to reveal how much you should give. He will guide and direct you (Proverbs 3:5-6). Let him stretch your faith. Then respond in faith by simply doing what he asks (Mark 10:27).

Q: Can I give online, via bank check, through auto-debit, text giving, or crypto?

A: Yes to all. When you give online at **BocaJourney.com/Giving**, simply select “Building for Life: Next Generation” under the “Fund” drop-down menu. Likewise, you can use your bank’s online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Just mark in the memo area that your gift is for the Building for Life: Next Generation Project.

In addition, you can give a one-time or recurring gift through **Apple Pay or Google Pay** at BocaJourney.com/Giving.

Or you can give by **PayPal, Venmo or CashApp**. Just designate “Building for Life: Next Generation” in the memo line. Complete details available at BocaJourney.com/Giving.

You can also give via a simple text message. Text any amount plus the word **Next** (i.e. **500 Next to give \$500**) to 561.420.0606 at any time.

You can now give **Cryptocurrency**. Go to **BocaJourney.com/Crypto** to learn more.

If you would like to make a special, one-time auto-debit over and above your regular giving, call 561.420.0606 x301 – it’s quick and easy.

Q: Can I make in-kind gifts of stocks or bonds?

A: Of course! Since The Journey is a 501c3 organization, there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, contact Pastor Jason at jh@bocajourney.com or 561.420.0606 x310. You can also visit our website at **BocaJourney.com/Stocks-Bonds** for details and bank / routing information.

“They said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ So they strengthened their hands for the good work.” – Nehemiah 2:18



DISCERNING GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT



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The most important decision you or your family will make during our Next Generation Project will be your own giving commitment. How do you know what God wants you to give over the next 12 months. **Here are some steps to determine your contribution:**

1. SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE IN YOUR DECISION.

As you consider what you will give, seek God's guidance. Remember, the more thought and prayer you give to your commitment, the more God will build your faith.

2. PRAY THIS EVERY DAY:

Lord, show me how to give in a way that stretches and builds my faith more than ever. I want to trust you for a miracle. God is more interested in you trusting Him than in the amount you commit to give. The more you sincerely pray this prayer, the more God will show you how you could give more than the first amount that popped into your head. If you're married, pray together with your spouse.

3. REMEMBER OUR THEME IS "EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS."

Obviously, everyone in our church family doesn't have the ability to give the same amount. God doesn't expect that. But God does want all of us to make a genuine sacrifice for Him, which will be different for each of us. If my gift is not a sacrifice, then it doesn't require any faith. David said: *"I will not sacrifice to the Lord an offering that cost me nothing"* (2 Samuel 24:24).

4. DECIDE WHETHER YOU WILL GIVE BY REASON OR BY REVELATION.

When I give based on REASON, I simply look at how much I have, figure out a "reasonable" amount to give, and then I commit to give it. This is the most common way people give to charities. It's an act of unselfishness, but it requires no faith, and no sacrifice. But there is an even better way to give.

When I give based on REVELATION, I pray, *"Lord, what do you want to give through me?"* This kind of giving requires faith. The Bible says, *"Without faith it is impossible to please God"* (Hebrews 11:6).

