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CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH



CLAIM THE  
CITY



# TOGETHER WE CAN

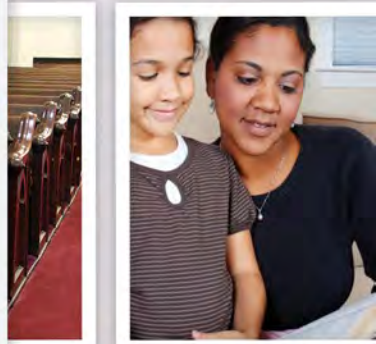


EXPAND THE  
KINGDOM



STEWARDSHIP  
INITIATIVE

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## DEAR FELLOW DISCIPLES,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I communicate with you what God has done and is doing in the life of our church. From 1921 to the present moment, God has supplied the needs of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church so that we could be a beacon of hope in Memphis and a catalyst for the Kingdom here on earth as it already is in Heaven. Since our inception, we have advanced God's plans for the world through our own congregation and we have birthed other vibrant congregations that are making an impact where they are in this vast city.

This year we took a step of faith to acquire the Southwind Campus of our church which solidifies that we are one congregation reaching more people for Christ from two locations. As we have trusted God, we know that the promise of Scripture is true, "my God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory." As God responds, we now have a responsibility to partner with God in what God has already set in motion.

I invite your participation in partnership with God and our church in the "Together We Can" Stewardship Initiative of which we seek to "Claim the City and Expand the Kingdom." As you explore this brochure, I am asking you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial commitment you and your family will make beyond your tithes and offerings to partner with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ in this awesome opportunity to advance the Kingdom! Remember, it is not "equal giving but equal sacrifice"!

Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!  
Together We Can...Together We Will,

# OUR FAITH JOURNEY

## MISSISSIPPI BOULEVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FROM THERE TO HERE TO NOW...



## LEADING

- ✓ Increasing evangelistic opportunities by taking the Kingdom message to the lost and forgotten in non-traditional ways to win souls for Christ.
- ✓ Leading initiatives with governmental civic, and religious leaders in efforts to mediate racial tensions, reduce poverty through job creation and reduce crime.
- ✓ Partnering with the business community to provide training in business management, entrepreneurial and vocational skills as a beginning point in developing the workforce and in the creation of jobs.
- ✓ Partnering with schools to assist students interested in college and ACT and SAT preparation.

## WHAT GOD WANTS...

God is calling Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church to become “the place” where the vision God has given to this church of Leading, Learning, Living and Loving Without Limits can be fully realized in the lives of our members and our community by:

## LEARNING

Strengthening our faith and deepening our relationships with each other and God in life group fellowship and training around our campuses and the city.

Serving as a GED (General Equivalent Diploma) preparation site for those who did not complete high school so they can begin to create for themselves a better future.

Making room for the next generation through a “Next Generation Learning Lab” that provides learning opportunities and programs that build leadership and decision making skills and serves as a platform for success in the future.

## LIVING

Remodeling our nursery in Midtown and enhancing our children’s programming at Southwind to create a learning environment that is fun, colorful, creative, healthy and safe.

Providing information to the community on available resources to assist them in areas that will make their lives better (Community Resource Center).

## LOVING

- ✓ Increasing the number of meals to the elderly and other struggling families that seek our assistance through our Manna Outreach Ministry.
- ✓ Building in partnership with the Disciples of Christ and Housing Urban Development another senior assisted housing facility on our Midtown campus.
- ✓ Working with the Veterans Administration office to provide transitional support services for veterans and their families
- ✓ Providing temporary housing and rehabilitation opportunities for the homeless.

CLAMING THE CITY  
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## STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q. What is the "Together We Can: Claim the City and Expand the Kingdom" Stewardship Initiative?

A. It is a church-wide stewardship initiative to mobilize all members of the church to commit their spiritual, financial and material resources to expand ministry opportunities at our two campuses and in the city.

Q. Why are we doing this stewardship initiative?

A. God has given Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church a vision for this congregation and this city. God wants us as "one church in two locations" to claim the city and expand his Kingdom throughout the areas in which we are planted. God planted us in the areas we are in and now God is calling on us to make disciples throughout the city and bring honor to his name. We begin this process by eliminating our debts to free up resources so we can do Kingdom building work and live out our vision of Leading, Learning, Living and Loving Without Limits.



Q. Will this initiative allow the church to pay off some of its debts?

A. Yes, this successful initiative will allow the church to pay off debts which will free up financial resources so we can expand ministry opportunities at our campuses and in the city.



Q. What is the financial goal of the stewardship initiative?

A. The financial goal is \$2M. This amount would allow both campuses to pay off debts and begin to expand ministry and evangelistic opportunities throughout the city.



Q. How will the church raise the \$2M?

A. The money will be raised through financial commitments made by our members in obedience to God's calling.

Q. How long will I/We have to pay on my commitment?

A. We are asking you to make a two-year commitment which is 104 weeks; 24 months.

Q. Can we make a family commitment?

A. Yes, we are asking that commitments be done as a family unit.

Q. When will the commitment process begin for the stewardship initiative?

A. We will officially kick-off the "Together We Can" Stewardship initiative on Sunday, May 31, 2015. If people want to commit on that day we will accept their commitments. However, the official commitment Sunday is June 28, 2015.

Q. Can I give toward my commitment once a year or every two to three months?

A. Yes, you can. However, most of us find it easier to give and keep up with our giving on a weekly basis.

Q. Can I change my commitment later?

A. Yes, because our future is uncertain, some of us will be blessed so that we can increase our gift. In some situations or unfortunate circumstances beyond our control may force some of us to lower or even cancel our gift.

Q. Will my commitment be made public?

A. No, your commitment nor how much you have contributed toward your commitment will be made public. It is the church's policy to keep all financial contributions in the strictest confidence.



INFORMATION FOR YOU  
ABOUT THE "TOGETHER WE CAN" INITIATIVE

## STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



**Q.** How much will I be expected to commit and give?

**A.** Your commitment and gift is a personal matter between you and the Lord. "Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice" is what we are asking members to experience.

**Q.** How do I/we make my/our commitment?

**A.** We will have commitment cards available for you to complete and drop into the box at the commitment table or drop into one of our commitment boxes at the campuses. Also, we are developing a process that will allow people to make a commitment online if this is more convenient for them.

**Q.** How do I/we make our commitment payments?

**A.** Special envelopes will be provided for your use. You can also go online to make payments at [www.theblvd.org](http://www.theblvd.org) and in the future you will be able to text your payment or use The BLVD app to make the payment. If you want, we can set-up automatic deposit payments (ADP) so you won't have to remember to pay this commitment.

**Q.** Do you think God will help me meet a commitment which right now seems to be beyond my means?

**A.** Just as surely as God helps in other areas of our lives, he will open doors and help you with this sacrificial gift. Please know that God has already made provision for you to commit and give. God now wants YOU to believe that he will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory.

**Q.** Will my commitment and giving to this stewardship initiative be included with my tithes and offering?

**A.** No, all gifts to the stewardship initiative are over and above your tithes and offerings.

## INFORMATION FOR YOU ABOUT THE "TOGETHER WE CAN" INITIATIVE

## JOIN THE FAITH JOURNEY – BELIEVE GOD – MAKE A COMMITMENT

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 4:19 ESV)

## STEWARDSHIP GIVING CHART

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required...Therefore, I will not offer to God that which costs me nothing." (Luke 12:48; 2 Sam 24:24)

Given Weekly	Given Monthly	Given Annually	2-Year Total
\$5	\$21.67	\$260	\$520
\$10	\$43.33	\$520	\$1,040
\$15	\$65.00	\$780	\$1,560
\$20	\$86.67	\$1,040	\$2,080
\$25	\$108.33	\$1,300	\$2,600
\$30	\$130.00	\$1,560	\$3,120
\$35	\$151.67	\$1,820	\$3,640
\$40	\$173.33	\$2,080	\$4,160
\$45	\$195.00	\$2,340	\$4,680
\$50	\$216.67	\$2,600	\$5,200
\$60	\$260.00	\$3,120	\$6,240
\$70	\$303.33	\$3,640	\$7,280
\$80	\$346.67	\$4,160	\$8,320
\$90	\$390.00	\$4,680	\$9,360
\$100	\$433.33	\$5,200	\$10,400
\$150	\$650.00	\$7,800	\$15,600
\$200	\$866.67	\$10,400	\$20,800
\$300	\$1,300.00	\$15,600	\$31,200
\$400	\$1,733.33	\$20,800	\$41,600
\$500	\$2,166.67	\$26,000	\$52,000
\$600	\$2,600.00	\$31,200	\$62,400
\$700	\$3,033.33	\$36,400	\$72,800
\$800	\$3,466.67	\$41,600	\$83,200
\$900	\$3,900.00	\$46,800	\$93,600
\$1,000	\$4,333.33	\$52,000	\$104,000

Note: You can choose any amount for your commitment that is not on the chart. Example: \$65 per week or \$10 per month. This chart is a guide that is based on 52 weeks a year.



## COMMITMENT CARD

MAY 31, 2015 – JUNE 1, 2017

Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required. (Luke 12:48 ESV)

DATE: 5/31/2015 \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER #: 123456 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: MBCC Disciple \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: 123 Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP: Memphis, TN 38101 \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME #: 901-123-4567 \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: 901-890-1111 \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: MBCCMember@Godsaid.com \_\_\_\_\_

This card is for the "Together We Can: Claim the City and Expand the Kingdom" Stewardship Initiative. I/We believe God is asking me/us to take a journey of faith with HIM so that we can claim the city and expand HIS Kingdom work. I/We choose to be a part of God's work.

Weekly for 104 Weeks: \$35 | Monthly for 24 Months: \$ | Annually for two (2) years: \$

Total 2-Year Offering: \$3,640 | I/We will begin payment on: July 5, 2015

Signature: *Mboo Disciple*

NOTE: Those desiring to make a commitment other than cash (Example: property) must contact the Finance Office at (901) 272-5611 for processing.

# KEY STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE DATES

SUN., MAY 31



"Together We Can"  
Stewardship Initiative –  
Church-wide Kick Off

SAT., JUNE 13



FREE Financial Conference –  
"Building Your Empire: Getting  
Money Matters in Order" – 9:00  
a.m. – 2:00p.m. – Midtown  
Campus Contact Bettye Boone  
at blboone05@aol.com

WED., JUNE 24

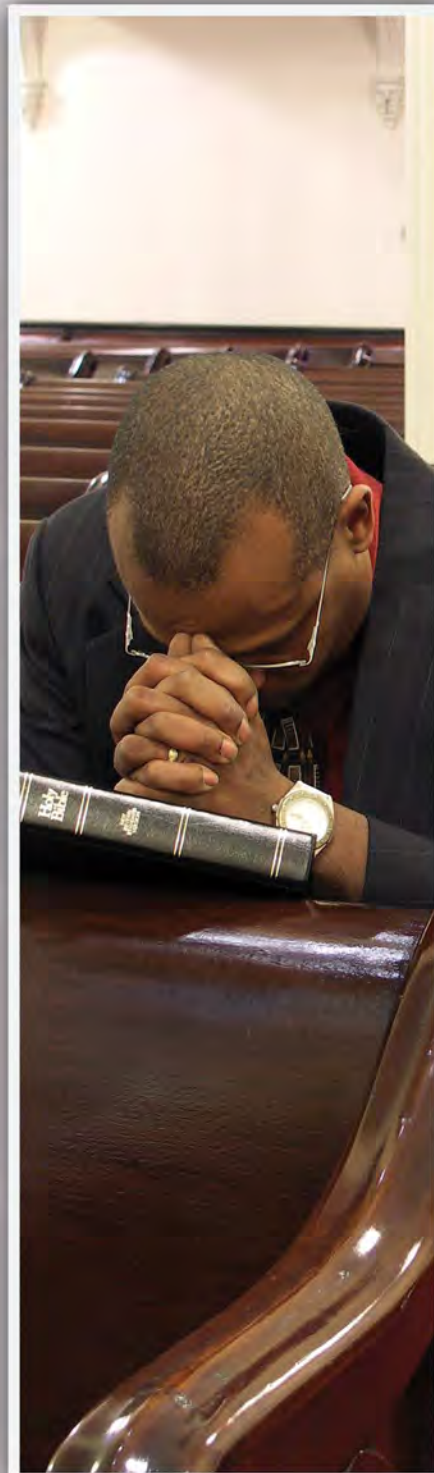


CHURCH-  
WIDE PRAYER VIGIL  
CHURCH REVIVAL –  
ONE NIGHT ONLY

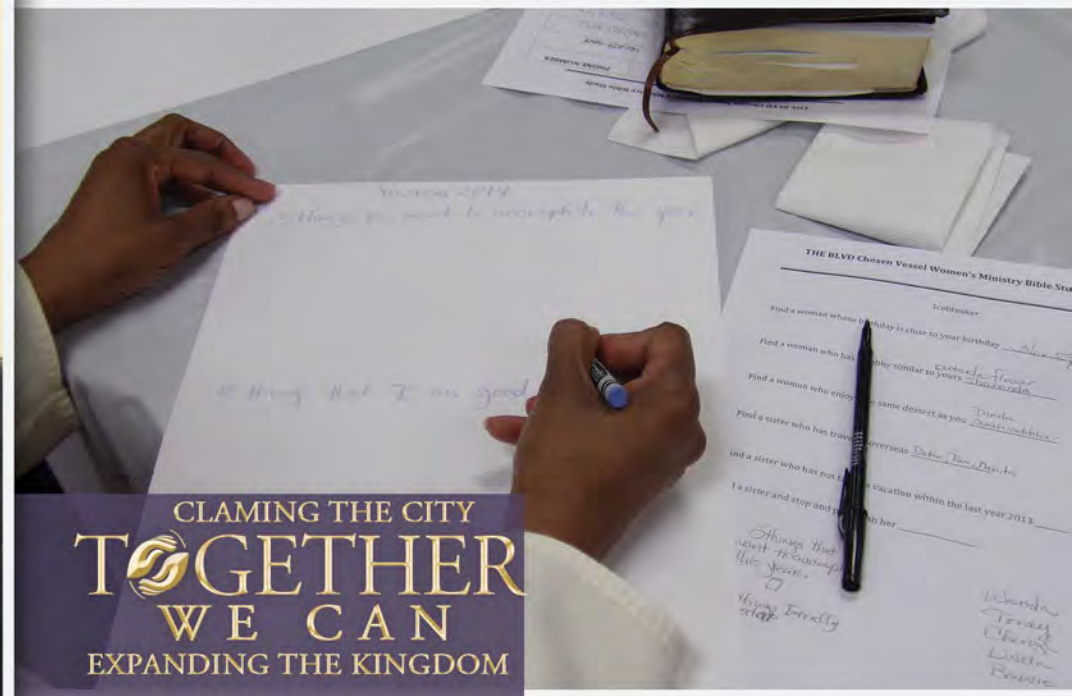
SUN., JUNE 28



"Together We Can"  
Stewardship Initiative –  
Church-wide  
Commitment Sunday

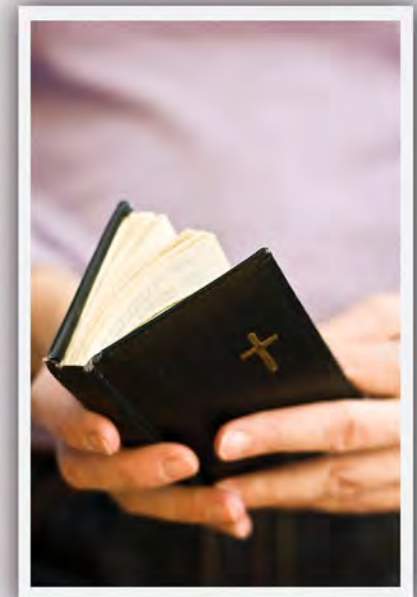


## STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE CORE TEAM MEMBERS



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NAME	DUTIES
Bettye L. Boone	Chairperson
Earnestine Small	Co-Chairperson
Carolyn Walker	Celebration Event Planning
Wanda Peasant	Diaconate Commitment Team
Shirley Rosebud	Food & Decorations
Callie Kearney	General Commitment Team
Deloris Burrow	General Commitment Team
Janice Booker	General Commitment Team
Jerome White	General Commitment Team
Linda Peppers	Ministry Commitment Team
Delois Brown	In-Kind Giving Coordination





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Missouri's Postmodern Christian Church

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A Church that is Leading,  
A Church that is Learning,  
A Church that is Living  
and Loving without limits.

WORSHIP SERVICES  
**MIDTOWN**  
SUNDAY, 10:30AM  
WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM

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WORSHIP SERVICES  
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SUNDAY, 9:00AM  
TUESDAY, 6:30PM