

# OVER FLOWING

Evangelism • Fellowship • Discipleship • Generosity



## To Our Madison Family,

We're inviting each of you to engage deeply with our mission as we embrace a pivotal moment for growth within our community. Blessed by God's abundance, we face both challenges and opportunities. Our current facility is overflowing, signaling a time for expansion not just in space but in spirit, reaching within and beyond our walls to touch more lives.

Our faith has always led to growth, and as we step into this next chapter, we're excited by the possibilities God is unveiling. The Overflowing Initiative calls for your active participation. Imagine the impact of investing in our families and those who haven't yet encountered Jesus Christ, leveraging our collective resources in new, God-led directions.

We encourage you to explore this booklet, reflecting on how you can contribute to our shared vision. Inspired by the early church's unity and generosity (Acts 2:42-47), let's commit to overflowing in purpose and service, trusting in God's promise to multiply our efforts for the greater good (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

Join us in praying, committing, and participating in this journey of faith. Together, let's witness God's transformative work in and through our church family, our community, and throughout the world.

## Blessings, Your Shepherds



*Craig Behel*



*Robert W. Cole*



*Mike Dyer*



*Daniel P. Evans*



*Dan McPhee*



*David J. Haylett*



*Mike Hesser*



*Bob Ziegler*



*Dan Kelly*



*Ben May*



*Ed Miller*



# OUR *Past* POINTS TO OUR *Future*

## 1879

T.B. Larimore, founder and president of Mars Hill Bible College in Florence, AL was invited to preach in the town of Madison in 1879. The preaching of the Gospel that day resulted in several conversions and steps were taken to build a meeting house which was completed approximately between the years of 1880 and 1881. The church began meeting in their new building with 17 members. The church continued to meet in this building until a new building was constructed in 1967.

## 1880

The first building was constructed on Sturdivant Street around 1880. A small classroom addition was later added to accommodate the growing congregation.

## 1965

In 1965, Charles Rodman donated land for the construction of a new church building on the corner of Slaughter Road and Eastview.

## 1967

In 1967, the Madison church constructed a modern A-Frame Building adjacent to the original building on Sturdivant Street in downtown Madison.

## 1987

By providence, two elders ended up at Redstone Federal Credit Union in Madison on the same day at the same time. Both men were sent by the rest of their elders to see what the credit union could offer as they both sought to expand facilities in their present locations. The two men knew each other and began talking about the exciting plans they had. In the middle of that conversation they cancelled their appointments and decided to go somewhere to get coffee and dream together. They took their idea back to their respective groups and that is what began the process of merging together.

## 1989

Through many conversations and hard decisions, the two groups moved forward with the plans on the merger. A 10-acre location in the middle of Hughes Road became its target, along with a capital program to raise the money to build a structure large enough to hold the two groups together, but also to build for future expansion. While all of this was going on, a groundbreaking was planned along with joint services on Sunday evenings, alternating from the Slaughter Road and the Madison church locations. The paperwork completed, the decision was made for us to retain the name, Madison Church of Christ. 471 were in attendance on that first Sunday, January 15, 1989.

## 2000

To allow for increasing and rapid growth, the Annex addition was completed in 2000 giving us more classrooms, a new church office, and expanded fellowship hall. This addition gave us the current facility that we have today. We would go on to renovate the basement (Madison Room) and auditorium to create additional space as our needs for classroom space changed over time.

## 2011

In 2011, the shepherds of the Madison church saw a growing need to reach the Hispanic population of Madison. A full-time minister was hired and a weekly Hispanic worship service and Bible study were added.



## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The Madison Church of Christ is a church living out its mission from Christ, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). Throughout the New Testament, we notice a four-fold function of the church: **Evangelism** (sharing the Gospel), **Fellowship** (building up the church), **Discipleship** (maturing in Christ), and **Generosity** (using God's blessings to bless others).

The **Overflowing** campaign will help enable us to expand our current facility in order to more effectively bring about growth in all four of these areas by:

### NEW CLASSROOMS

The new expansion will create approximately 30 additional classroom spaces that will enable us to have more flexibility and room to expand our growing attendance. This will also create dedicated areas for ongoing ministries like Komfort & Kindness and Care Bears. Having more classroom spaces and configurations provide us with the flexibility to provide more intergenerational Bible studies which foster spiritual mentorship and discipleship.

### LARGE FELLOWSHIP SPACE

A large open space provides flexibility to host local outreach events regardless of weather, provides an effective space for our growing MKC ministry to use, as well as facilitates adequate to gather for church family gatherings and fellowship.

### FUTURE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our expansion also opens up possibilities for us to explore several identified needs in our Madison community like coat closets and opportunities to provide food to those in need.



## WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

God has consistently showered the Madison church with an overflowing abundance of blessings. Our history in this community shows that when we commit fully to God with our resources and creativity, He provides overflowing blessings.

We see our facilities as a tool to steward. Our building is a gathering place that should be seen as a blessing from God to enhance our ministry to the community of Madison. Over the last three years we've seen a steady rise in our attendance for worship and Bible study. In 2023 alone, our congregation added 149 new people to our church family representing 75 families. Again, this is just in the last year! Many of our Bible study classrooms are at or near capacity from week to week and nowhere is that impact felt more than in our children's classes. In the first four months of 2024 we are expecting to add more than twenty new babies.

We see these growth trends reflected in the population data of our community as well. The Huntsville area has experienced a **20%** population growth since 2010 with our Hispanic population seeing a **67%** increase over that same period of time. The Madison congregation has seen a **13%** growth in the last year alone while our Iglesia attendance has increased by **22%**! We don't see these trends changing any time soon.

Our shepherds have spent time in prayer, conversation, and consideration for how the Madison church can best minister to our community moving forward. With continued growth in mind, they feel the best avenue for impacting our community is to expand our current facility in our current location.



## WHY ARE WE DOING IT NOW?

While we want to always participate in growing the Kingdom of God across the world, we also realize that the fields are white for harvest right here at home. **The mission field is next door.** We believe this expansion will help equip us to be a more effective light to our rapidly growing community. We believe the need is urgent and this is the time to maximize our wonderful, God-given property located in the heart of our community!



# THE FOUR-FOLD FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH

## DISCIPLESHIP

ACTS 2:42

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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## FELLOWSHIP

ACTS 2:44

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common."

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ACTS 2

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## EVANGELISM

ACTS 2:47

"...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

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## GENEROSITY

ACTS 2:45

"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."



Our estimate for the building is \$8 million. Our goal is to fund this 100% through the generosity of our members.

| Gifts @ Level | 3 Year Commitment | Total Per Level | Per Year for 3 years |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1             | \$600,000         | \$600,000       | \$200,000            |
| 2             | \$480,000         | \$960,000       | \$160,000            |
| 3             | \$300,000         | \$900,000       | \$100,000            |
| 7             | \$150,000         | \$1,050,000     | \$50,000             |
| 10            | \$120,000         | \$1,200,000     | \$40,000             |
| 12            | \$90,000          | \$1,080,000     | \$30,000             |
| 15            | \$60,000          | \$900,000       | \$20,000             |
| 18            | \$30,000          | \$540,000       | \$10,000             |
| 18            | \$15,000          | \$270,000       | \$5,000              |
| 18            | \$9,000           | \$162,000       | \$3,000              |
| 20            | \$6,000           | \$120,000       | \$2,000              |
| 30            | \$3,000           | \$90,000        | \$1,000              |
| 60            | \$1,500           | \$90,000        | \$500                |
| Many          | <\$1500           | \$50,000        | <\$500               |

If 4 people wrote a \$2 million check, our goal wouldn't be met.

-David Glenn, MCOC Shepherd

Here are a few ways to give that you may not have considered:

IRA  
Appreciated Stock  
Donor Advised Funds  
Qualified Charitable  
Distributions (QCDs)

Property  
Beneficiary Designations  
Trusts  
Wills

# CAMPAIGN GOALS

## 1. SPIRITUAL

FLOURISH IN EVANGELISM, DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & GENEROSITY.

## 2. CULTURAL

MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY.

## 2. FINANCIAL

100% OF OUR PEOPLE GIVING GENEROUSLY.

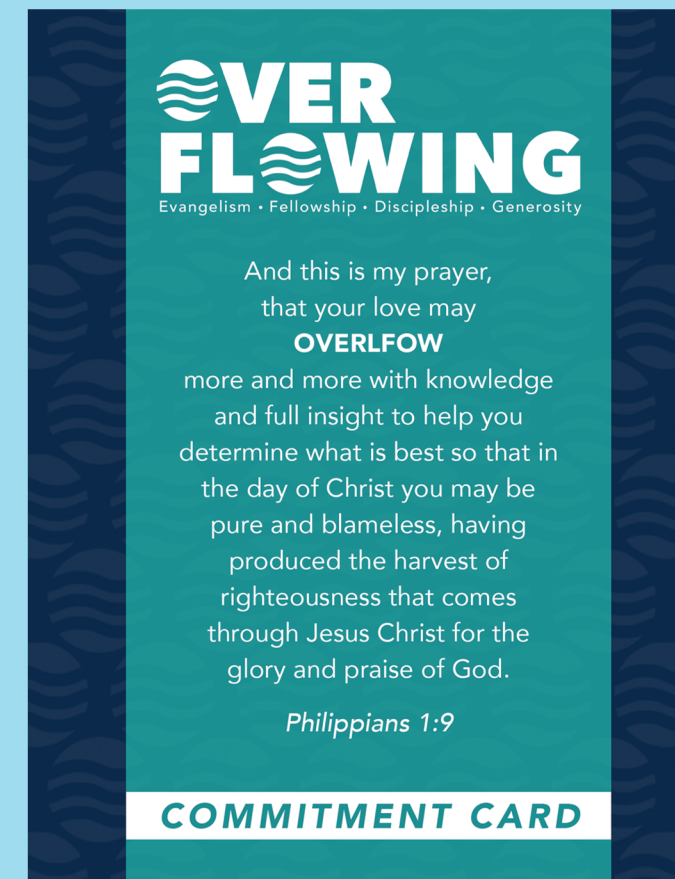
## WHAT DO WE NEED FROM EVERYONE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

-  **PRAY**  
for our church and for the Overflowing campaign
-  **ENGAGE**  
in the Overflowing events and church worship
-  **READ**  
Overflowing material
-  **DISCUSS**  
your commitment with your family members
-  **CONSIDER**  
sacrificial giving

## Will you make a generous commitment to the Overflowing Campaign?

On May 19, 2024 our Madison family will have the opportunity to express our commitment to God's growth here in our community by completing our Estimate of Giving Commitment cards.

You will receive your commitment card prior to Commitment Sunday to be completed and returned. Below is an example of what that card will look like.



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And this is my prayer,  
that your love may  
**OVERFLOW**  
more and more with knowledge  
and full insight to help you  
determine what is best so that in  
the day of Christ you may be  
pure and blameless, having  
produced the harvest of  
righteousness that comes  
through Jesus Christ for the  
glory and praise of God.

*Philippians 1:9*

**COMMITMENT CARD**

**MY / OUR COMMITMENT**  
Please complete the worksheet below.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

We are invited to commit our hearts in faith to share the love of Jesus Christ in our community.  
I/We endeavor to give to our Lord through the Overflowing Initiative, over and above our regular contributions.

TOTAL THREE YEAR GIFT AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/We plan to give accordingly:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly over 36 months  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly over 12 quarters  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually over 3 years  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ one time gift on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

I will make my gift by check or online giving.  
 I will make my gift in stocks/securities.  
 Please contact me about other types of planned gifts.



"In the summer of 2022, Paul and Courtney Lanza posted a picture on Facebook of their son Brenson leading singing on a Wednesday night at Madison. Having one son with another on the way, that picture really stuck with us. We wanted that for our boys. We needed that for our family.

**And we were willing to do whatever it took to make that a reality.**

After the birth of our son Luke, we made the trip across town from Owens Cross Roads to Madison one Wednesday night to visit. We knew from that night this is where we needed to be! Being part of this active church family with a deep desire to serve one another, this community, and grow closer to God has made life changing impacts on our family in a year and a half.

While the drive to Madison is long, there is simply no price you can place, whether monetary or time, on the value of investing in eternity for your family."

- Jake & Meleah Ellis

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**Campaign Kick-off**

**MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Commitment Sunday**

