



# Momentum



MANDARIN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*More people moving toward Jesus*



*Unless the Lord  
builds the house,  
the builders  
labor in vain.*

Psalm 127:1



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Momentum is building here at MPC—and it's unmistakably the Holy Spirit at work. He's inviting us to trust Him and create space for more lives to be transformed by the Gospel. This isn't just about us—it's about our children, our community, and countless others who have yet to walk through our doors. The momentum is real. The invitation is clear. It's time to ride this wave. Join us in this 25-month initiative to make room for ***more people to move toward Jesus.***

Think about the next person or family who will experience hope and new life through the power of the gospel...

... through our investment to make room for  
***more people to move toward Jesus.***

What part does God want you to play in helping us reach our goal and strengthen our ministry for the future? I encourage you to read through this booklet and ask any questions you may have. Then, would you pray about your participation and join us as God guides you?

The momentum is building, and God is moving in powerful ways at MPC. It's like catching a wave. We have this incredible opportunity right in front of us and we don't want to miss what the Spirit is doing. Our success will depend on God's gracious provision through the faithful and generous response of every one of us.

## **Will you join us as we ride this wave of momentum together?**

We're praying that everyone who calls MPC home will participate. We're praying that your "Yes" to this initiative will be an exciting spiritual journey that draws you closer to God as you discover the joy of generosity and multiply your impact for eternity.

I am extremely excited about the future of MPC and grateful to be part of this church family. Thank you for your partnership in accomplishing our mission together. I cannot wait to see how God continues to work through us as we ride this wave of His blessing.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

**Andrew Stepp**  
Senior Pastor



# History



CLEANIN' UP



AROUND THE GROUNDS



AFTER CHURCH  
EASTER SUNDAY—1967



## 1961-1979

### Foundation & Growth

First worship service held, congregation established, and initial ministries launched with construction of our facility at 11844 Mandarin Road.

## 1980-1994

### Expansion & Development

Continued growth led to construction of a new sanctuary, educational facility (Woody's), expanded classrooms, modern kitchen, and larger fellowship hall.

## 1995-2020

### Strategic Growth & Campus Expansion

Expanded facilities with acquisition of additional property on Loretto Road and riverfront property. This growth established our two primary campuses: our Office Campus, which houses our preschool and fellowship spaces, and our Church Campus for worship services and Sunday school.

## 2025

### Our Next Chapter

Launch Momentum initiative to enhance our campuses, making room for more people to move toward Jesus by expanding Next Gen Ministry, Community & Connection, Bible study, Outreach and more.

## How can I be involved?

- Pray for God to bless this generosity initiative and to step boldly into His vision.
- Make a 25-month commitment above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings.
- Join our church-wide Bible study on Nehemiah (page 11 in this booklet).
- Sign up for one of our 2025 Vision Gatherings on October 16, 19, or 21.
- Mark your calendar for our Momentum Commitment Sunday on November 16, 2025.

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or visit  
[mandarinpres.com/momentum](https://mandarinpres.com/momentum)

Don't miss this wave of opportunity.  
Let's ride it, together.





# Generosity Journey

The Generosity Journey is a tool designed to help you focus on your giving and be increasingly intentional about it. This journey focuses on the behavior and attitudes of our hearts.

Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice. These are not steps to get you closer to God, but steps to help you mature in generosity to be like Him.

*Where are you in your generosity journey?*

## FIRST-TIME GIVER

**2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15**

A First-Time Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time out of a response to God's Word about giving.

## CONSISTENT GIVER

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8**

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and gives it regularly to exercise the discipline of giving steadily. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be learning the behavior of consistency.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVER

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-18, 22-23**

A Sacrificial Giver is someone who recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and is honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Sacrificial Giver gives in a way that changes them. Their giving governs their spending and saving rather than their spending and saving governing their giving. They seek to honor God with 100% of what he has given them, whether direct monetary giving or a God honoring use of an existing resource like a home or vehicle.

## LIFETIME GIVER

**1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19**

A Lifetime Giver is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of the generosity rather than month-to-month or even year-to-year generosity. A Lifetime Giver makes decisions in the short term to have long-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity.

## INTENTIONAL GIVER

**LUKE 14:28-35**

An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about making their giving a deliberate choice that redirects how they prioritize their spending. This may be the moment when someone begins to tithe, committing a defined share toward a certain amount or percentage they want to give to God.

*What could be your next step?*



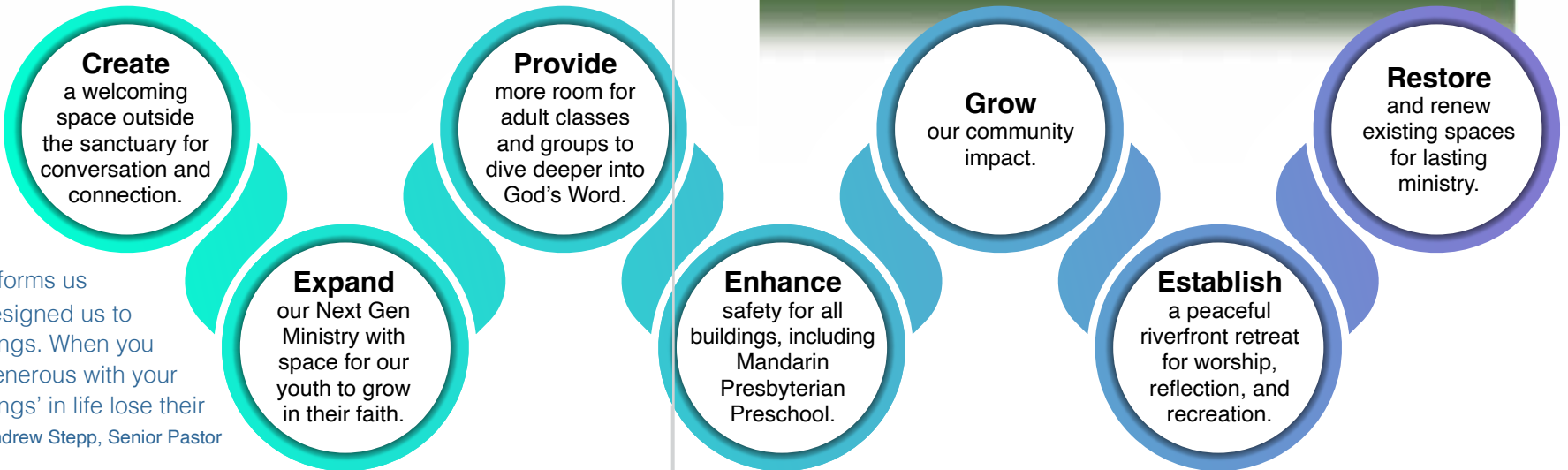
# Vision Renderings



Exterior Updates



Together we'll be able to:



“Generosity transforms us because God designed us to be generous beings. When you become more generous with your life, the ‘other things’ in life lose their grip on you.” – Andrew Stepp, Senior Pastor



We've included a Commitment Card at the back of this booklet. Please take time to think and pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God over the next 25 months. Then, complete the card, detach, and enclose it along with your courageous gift (or give online at [mandarinpres.com/momentum](http://mandarinpres.com/momentum)) on or before Momentum Commitment Sunday, November 16, 2025.

**Momentum**

*Ride the Wave of Momentum*

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- CREATIVELY**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Giving Potential**

MONTHLY GIFT	25-MONTH TOTAL
\$40,000	\$1,000,000
20,000	500,000
10,000	250,000
4,000	100,000
3,000	75,000
2,000	50,000
1,500	40,000
1,200	30,000
1,000	25,000
800	20,000
600	15,000
400	10,000
300	7,500
200	5,000
100	2,500
40	1,000

**1 COURAGEOUS GIVING** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make your one-time courageous gift online at [mandarinpres.com/momentum](http://mandarinpres.com/momentum) or by check, payable to MPC with designation "Momentum."

**2 CONSISTENT GIVING** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The total amount you plan to give above your regular giving over the next 25 months.  
☐ WEEKLY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week x 100 Weeks  
☐ MONTHLY \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month x 25 Months

**3 CREATIVE GIVING** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your gift & list approximate cash value below:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**25 MONTH TOTAL (1+2+3)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Series Guide

We are embarking on a discipleship journey. Our prayer for you during the next seven weeks is that you will grow in your relationship with Jesus.

MPC is a church that is studying and growing in God's Word throughout every season.

During this initiative, we're focusing on the book of Nehemiah. We prepared this guide, which follows the sermon series, to help you along the way. We encourage you to join our church-wide Bible study on Nehemiah if you haven't already. Please contact Renata at [rkamp@mandarinpres.com](mailto:rkamp@mandarinpres.com) or stop by our welcome desk on Sunday to join a sermon-based small group.



“Now to Him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask  
or imagine, according to  
His power that is at work within us”

Ephesians 3:20

## Sermon Series



Each sermon comes with space  
for notes and prayer requests.  
Use it to capture what God is  
teaching you, then look back to  
see how He's answered prayers  
and moved in your life.



# The Big Picture

Insights to inspire your reading of *Nehemiah*

Nehemiah has 13 chapters and is the 16th book of the Old Testament.



Jerusalem was located in Judea which was a province of the Persian Empire from 539-332 BC.



In the Hebrew Bible, Nehemiah was originally combined with Ezra.



Nehemiah ends Old Testament history—about 400 years before Christ's birth.



“Nehemiah” means Comfort of Yahweh.



He was cupbearer to King Artaxerxes (465–424 BC).



He led Jerusalem for 14 years (444-432 BC).



- Rebuilt walls and gates
- Repopulated Jerusalem
- Built the governor's house
- Organized civic leadership
- Renewed the people's faith

Explore Nehemiah in-depth—scan below for the Bible Project's video overview.



## Things to look for as you read

- Nehemiah's personal dependence on prayer
- The multifaceted opposition to God's people and their faithful and courageous response
- How everyone takes ownership of the projects, not just Nehemiah

- Worship, Scripture, and joy as the climax in the story
- Walking with integrity before God and neighbors
- God's providential provision—He is the Hero!





# Nehemiah 1:1-2:10



Nehemiah's memoir begins with news of the humiliating condition of Jerusalem. His instinctive reaction is prayer. The first step in all circumstances, whether significant or insignificant, is to align our hearts with God's in prayer.



## Nehemiah 1:4

“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.”

## Notes





READ



## Nehemiah 2:11-2:20

## BIG IDEA



Upon arrival in Jerusalem, Nehemiah surveys the wreckage around the city under the cloak of night, and gives a reality check to the leaders. Momentum requires an honest assessment of the current situation and a willingness of everyone to take ownership.

### KEY VERSE



## Nehemiah 2:17-18

“ ‘...Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.’ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.”

## Notes







## Notes



“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”



READ



## Nehemiah 5:1-7:3

## BIG IDEA



In addition to external enemies, there was also internal conflict among the Jews. Following God's vision not only requires achieving the end goal but also doing it in a way that honors God and is faithful to His character.

### KEY VERSE



## Isaiah 1:16-17

“Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”

## Notes





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## Nehemiah 8:1-18

## BIG IDEA



As the Jews prepare for a reformation they begin by gathering around God's Word and remembering with joy God's faithfulness to His people.

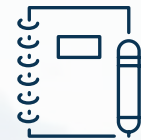
### KEY VERSE



## Nehemiah 8:10

“...This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve,  
for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

## Notes





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# Nehemiah 9:1-10:39

## BIG IDEA



True repentance requires two steps:

1. Confession – ownership of our own brokenness and where we have fallen short of God’s standard
2. Covenant – a firm commitment to do things differently, to do things God’s way instead of our way.

### KEY VERSE



## Psalm 51:10

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew  
a steadfast spirit within me.”

## Notes





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Nehemiah 12:27-13:31

## BIG IDEA



God's people celebrate the completion of the wall with great joy and fanfare, but in less than half a generation they lose their way again. In our relationship with God every day is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to following Jesus and surrendering to His Spirit.

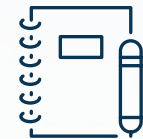
### KEY VERSE



## Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

## Notes





# Questions & Answers

## What is Momentum?

Momentum is a God-sent, God-sized vision for MPC. It's a 25-month journey of sacrificial giving designed to expand our ministry to create room for more people to move toward Jesus. By making this commitment together, MPC will be able to expand and enhance our campuses to fulfill our mission in Jacksonville and beyond.

## What if I'm new around here?

Thank you for being a part of MPC! Momentum is an invitation for everyone at MPC. It's about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. In 2 Corinthians 8:6, the apostle Paul calls giving an "act of grace." We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling and strategic missions to give toward. If you're ready for it, this is a perfect time to make MPC your home and join us in this Momentum initiative.

## What does it mean for my Momentum commitment if I'm on a limited income?

Momentum is about your sacrificial generosity to God's mission. God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as he does in times of abundance. That looks different for every person. We believe God will provide for you as you seek ways to sacrifice and work toward a generous commitment—whatever that means for you. Regardless, we'll all be supporting, loving, encouraging and praying for one another through this spiritually stretching season at MPC.

## What will be asked of me?

First and foremost, we're asking everyone to pray. Spend time in personal reflection with God. Pray for God's guidance. Pray for God to use MPC to impact our community in a profound way. Pray about how He wants you to be involved. Momentum will challenge each family to make a sacrificial 25-month commitment that goes beyond regular giving.

## Can I contribute to the Initiative without making a commitment?

Of course. But sacrificial giving requires a commitment. We're not asking for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. Therefore, it's important for you to make a formal commitment by turning in a Commitment Card.

## Why should I give to Momentum?

At MPC, we're not about growing numbers. We're about moving more people toward Jesus. Only through Jesus can we have freedom, hope and purpose. By helping us expand our ministry capacity, you make room for more people to move toward Jesus—including those who have yet to come—and create an impact for eternity.

## Can I give to Momentum in ways other than cash?

Yes! There are many creative ways you and your family can participate. Gifts may include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, investment property, real estate, or even collectibles. Personal items of lasting value, such as vehicles, boats, or jewelry, may also be considered. If you'd like help with facilitating a gift of property or stock, we're here to assist you.

## What if I have more questions?

Questions are welcome! Visit [mandarinpres.com/momentum](http://mandarinpres.com/momentum) to learn more about the initiative and find the right contact for your needs. Even better, come to a Vision Gathering—an inspiring time to catch the vision for our church and have other questions answered in community.

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Gifts Needed	Gift Amount	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total	Cumulative Total	% of Total
1	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	20%
1	2,000,000	80,000	2,000,000	5,000,000	71%
2	1,000,000	40,000	2,000,000	7,000,000	47%
2	500,000	20,000	1,000,000	8,000,000	53%
5	250,000	10,000	1,250,000	9,250,000	62%
8	100,000	4,000	800,000	10,050,000	67%
12	75,000	3,000	900,000	10,950,000	73%
15	50,000	2,000	750,000	11,700,000	78%
30	25,000	1,000	750,000	12,450,000	83%
35	20,000	800	700,000	13,150,000	88%
40	15,000	600	600,000	13,750,000	92%
40	10,000	400	400,000	14,150,000	94%
45	7,500	300	337,500	14,487,500	97%
50	5,000	200	250,000	14,737,500	98%
50	2,500	100	125,000	14,862,500	99%
50	1,000	40	50,000	14,912,500	100%
Many	Remainder	Various	87,500	15,000,000	100%

## Important dates:

OCTOBER		
12	16, 19 & 21	
Momentum Initiative Launch	Vision Gatherings	
NOVEMBER		
14	16	30
Day of Prayer	Commitment Sunday	Celebration Sunday

Come hear more at one of our Vision Gatherings.  
Scan here or visit [mandarinpres.com/momentum](https://mandarinpres.com/momentum)



## How to use your

# Commitment Card

### 1 Pray First

Ask God to guide your involvement in the Momentum Initiative.

### 2 Complete Your Card

Tear off the perforated section and fill in your information.

### 3 Record Your Commitment

Write down your *Courageous Gift*, *Consistent Commitment*, and any *Creative Non-Cash Gifts* (if applicable). Add up the totals and sign the bottom.

You can also complete your card at [mandarinpres.com/momentum](https://mandarinpres.com/momentum).

### 4 Turn It In

Return your Courageous Gift (or give online) along with your Commitment Card on or before **Commitment Sunday, November 16, 2025**.

## How to Give Online

- Visit [mandarinpres.com/momentum](https://mandarinpres.com/momentum), use the Church Center app or scan the QR code ▶
- Follow the step-by-step instructions.
- Select “**Momentum Initiative**” from the drop-down menu.



## Need help?

Contact our front office, 904.680.9944—we’ll be glad to assist.

## Giving Potential

MONTHLY GIFT	25-MONTH TOTAL
\$ 40,000	\$ 1,000,000
20,000	500,000
10,000	250,000
4,000	100,000
3,000	75,000
2,000	50,000
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☐ WEEKLY \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week × 109 Weeks

☐ MONTHLY \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month × 25 Months

### 3 CREATIVE GIVING \$

Describe your gift & list approximate cash value below.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**25 MONTH TOTAL (1+2+3) \$**\_\_\_\_\_





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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



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