

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR STU

"If you want to know what makes our church tick, it's this value that it's not about me, it's about others...that we are on a passionate pursuit, we are on a rescue mission, we are on an unending search to find God's lost children and bring them home to Him. We want to live our lives in such a way that we populate heaven and rob hell...and when you give here, it's an investment that helps us spread the message and the good news of Jesus to more and more people and that's how you make a difference."

- Pastor Stu Hodges

This last step will start to feel like a graduation since you are almost done. Congratulations! I'm so thrilled that you've invested in your spiritual journey by completing all four steps. I believe you're all going to leave today feeling inspired and encouraged to keep growing in your faith and to truly make a difference. Today's step might be the most challenging of all our Growth Track steps. It's probably the most counter-cultural and it's certainly one of the most difficult steps to apply; however, if you put the principles you learn today into practice in your life, it will be the most rewarding and fulfilling thing you can do. I'm praying for you as you take Step Four and I'm excited to hear the stories of how you're making a difference!

Cheering you on!

Pastor Stu

GROWTH TRACK STEP 4: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

- 1 Timothy 6:18 NIV

Your _____ is not all about _____ life.

"In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

- 1 Timothy 6:19 NIV

The number one way to make a difference is through your _____.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Matthew 6:21 NIV

_____ **is how you make a difference with your life.**

3 BIBLICAL TERMS

1. Tithe

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house."

- Malachi 3:10a NIV

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

- Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

2. Offering

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

- 2 Corinthians 9:6b-8 NIV

3. The Gift Of Giving

"If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously."

- Romans 12:8a NLT



OUR GIVING BUCKETS



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General Operating Budget

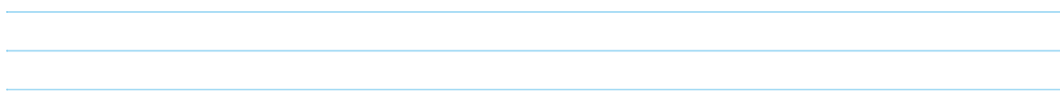
This bucket covers our general operating costs. Rent, payroll, utilities, Sunday morning ministry expenses, and outreach are just a few examples of how we use our General Operating Budget.

Future Expansion

This bucket builds new buildings and funds future campuses.

Heart For The House

This one is all about saying yes to exciting opportunities that God places in front of us. From launching our campus inside the Indian Creek Correctional Center to helping our Online campus reach every state and over 120 countries around the world, this allows us to fund the very best of what God has in store for His church. This bucket is only open for a few weeks at the end of every year.



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_____ can make a difference with your life!



2023 Annual Report

ATTENDANCE GROWTH



OVERALL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

136,002 ↑ 121%

FIRST TIME GUESTS

8,097 ↑ 333%

CAMPUS AVERAGES

ONLINE 134,479 ↑ 123%

NEWPORT NEWS 434 ↑ 15%

YORKTOWN 1,067 ↑ 29%

WE LIVE FOR THIS

SALVATIONS

404

BAPTISMS

296

VOLUNTEERS

1,016

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Care Week Total Hours | 4,034 |  |
| Meals packed for Local Partners | 40,115 |  |
| Care Week Volunteers | 455 |  |
| International & National Partnerships | \$58,221 |  |
| Counseling & Aid | \$13,537 |  |
| Local Partnerships | \$54,404 |  |
| Church Planting | \$3,150 |  |
| God Behind Bars | \$24,000 |  |

GIVING

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Average Giving | \$66,158 |
| Total Operating Budget | \$3,440,197 |
| Total Future Expansion | \$96,458 |
| Total Heart for the House | \$920,351* |

*Total is updated from previously announced due to actualized gifts and updated accounting

TOTAL GIVING ----- **\$4,455,006**

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Give Online

watersedgechurch.net/give

Waters Edge App

Download our app on and select the giving tab.

Giving Envelope

You can also use an offering envelope for cash or a check. These are available on every campus and can be placed in a blue drop box, handed to an usher, or mailed to the following address: P.O. Box 8147, Yorktown, VA 23693.

Donate Cryptocurrency

Waters Edge Church now accepts over 50 forms of Cryptocurrency.

Non-Cash Gifts

If you would like to give other gifts, like stocks or different tangible assets, you can email finance@watersedgechurch.net.

90-Day Tithing Challenge

Aren't convinced that giving is your next step? We challenge you to step up and try it for 90 days. Take the 90-Day Tithe Challenge and see how God honors your commitment!

The Bible tells us to give generously and cheerfully. If you want to take a next step in your obedience to God by tithing, jump in here. If you tithe (giving 10%) of your family's income for 90 days and at the end you don't believe that God has blessed you for your obedience, then we will give you all of your money back!

Let us know you're taking the Tithing Challenge. We'd love to send you some resources to help and encourage you.

watersedgechurch.net/90-day-challenge

CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GROWTH TRACK!

What's Next?

Our staff are available if you have any questions. In the coming week, your Campus Pastor will reach out to discuss any next steps you are taking.



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