



WHATEVER IT TAKES.



The Why & How

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So whatever it takes, I will be one who lives in the fresh newness of life of those who are alive from the dead.

PHILIPPIANS 3:11 (TLB)

LETTER FROM SENIOR PASTOR, MIKE LINC





What a journey we have been on! I look back on the story of NorthStar and remember our first service on January 5, 1997 at the Comfort Inn/ Days Inn Conference Center on Barrett Parkway. But the story began before then - in a home in Acworth, where a group of people gathered and began to pray for a church for people who didn't go to church. We stand here today because of the people who were willing to dream and buy into something that didn't exist. We are now able to experience the fruits of their faithfulness!

We've seen God's hand at work for 27 years in and through NorthStar Church - but we continue to look ahead to what's next. In late 2022, our staff and church family began to pray, and we've witnessed God do some amazing things! The Springs - where we have witnessed more than 150 baptisms - began construction in early 2023. Then, as we were heading into the summer, we made the decision to go to three services. It was during that season that God really began to tug at my heart and say, "Mike, there's something more that NorthStar can do, but it's going to stretch you, it's going to expand you, and it's going to get you out of your comfort zone."

Back in 2014, NorthStar owed \$6.8 million on our facilities and land. We launched a campaign called BOLD, and with God's provision, that debt was paid off in 2018! We have been living a great life and watching God do some amazing things. But, earlier this year, I was challenged through a conversation with another pastor. He made this statement: If your prayers don't intimidate you, they're an insult to God. I began to seek the Lord and to seek wise counsel, and I felt a conviction that if we didn't move forward, I am being disobedient as the shepherd and leader of NorthStar. That brings us to where we are today. Stating it plainly, there are critical needs we must address.

Within a 15-minute drive of NorthStar, nearly 90 percent of people do not attend church. Our church family is **LIVING SENT**, but we don't currently have the space to adequately accommodate the children, adults, or the community events we host year-round. What will it take? It's going to take **ALL OF US** - including you. Let's band together and do whatever it takes to create space for others to find their way home to NorthStar!

Mike

Mike Lynch, Senior Pastor

LANDMARK MOMENTS IN

JAN. 5, 1997

NorthStar launches
at Days Inn/ Comfort
Inn Conference Center
in Kennesaw, GA

FEB. 1997 - OCT. 2000

NorthStar meets in
North Cobb High
School Theater

APRIL 1998

Land purchased on
Blue Springs Road
(current campus)



NORTHSTAR'S HISTORY

1997 - 2000

Today and
Tomorrow Campaign

NOV. 2000

First service in
Compass Center

JAN. 2003 - DEC. 2006

Bridge to Tomorrow
Campaign



LANDMARK MOMENTS IN

NOV. 2005

40 Campaign for
True North Building
(student gathering
space and staff
offices)

MAY 2007

True North Building
officially opens

FEB. 2013 - FEB. 2016

BOLD Campaign



NORTHSTAR'S HISTORY

AUG. 2018

Paid off \$6.8M in debt on buildings and property

AUG. 2023

NorthStar outdoor baptistry opens (The Springs)

JAN. 2024

Whatever It Takes Campaign launches (expanding Kids space, increasing worship seating, and addition of central lobby/ community space)



THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET
INTO THE HOUSE AND SET HIM BEFORE
JESUS. WHEN THEY COULDN'T FIND A WAY
IN BECAUSE OF THE CROWD, THEY WENT
UP ON THE ROOF, REMOVED SOME TILES
AND LET HIM DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF
EVERYONE, RIGHT IN FRONT OF JESUS.

LUKE 5:19-20 (MSG)

WHATEVER IT TAKES – A THREE-YEAR FAITH JOURNEY

*What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. **Hebrews 11:1***

Hebrews Chapter 11 opens with a definition of faith. It's the only place in Scripture where we find someone explaining – in simple terms – the meaning of this 5-letter word that's so very essential to all we believe as Christians.

The author of Hebrews goes on to share example after example of men and women who demonstrated great faith in their lifetime. Though they trusted God and won his approval, none of them received all that God had promised them; for God wanted them to wait and share the even better rewards that were prepared for us. (v. 39-40)

We have reached a pivotal moment in the life of NorthStar Church – and we have the chance to be part of the exciting story that is unfolding. In the past year alone, we have experienced unprecedented growth. Additionally, our communities of Acworth and Kennesaw continue to be a central focus of our mission to help people find their way Home! We open our doors to several hundred community events annually, and the demand for community event space continues to increase! What an incredible opportunity to show God's love to tens of thousands of people!

In the pages to follow, you'll see three initiatives God is leading us to undertake through this campaign. Our prayer is that your family will prayerfully join us in this journey – one that will require sacrificial giving, and one that will result in "even better rewards"!



KIDS FIRST



Live

Train up a child in the way he
should go; even when he is old
he will not depart from it.

PROVERBS 22:6 (ESV)

KIDS FIRST

Above all, safety is the priority in all we do as a church.

- We will do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to secure our kids spaces on campus and ensure the safety of the children on our campus.

Room to Grow: On any given Sunday, NorthStar hosts 450-550 children in our Compass building – from birth up to 5th grade. We have worked hard through the years to enhance the gathering spaces for our kids. But we still have limited space to grow this ministry and accommodate the growing number of young families bringing preschool and elementary children.

- Studies have shown that children under the age of 13 are five times more likely to accept Christ than adults ages 19+.
- We will do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to provide additional opportunities and larger gathering spaces for our children to learn about Jesus and come to put their faith in him!



WHAT + HOW

Nurturing the faith of the next generation by creating a safe, welcoming space for them to grow in their relationship with the Lord.

NEW CHILDREN'S BUILDING

- ◉ Enhanced security for our children's areas
- ◉ Larger gathering spaces for kids
- ◉ More room to accommodate children Birth-Elementary

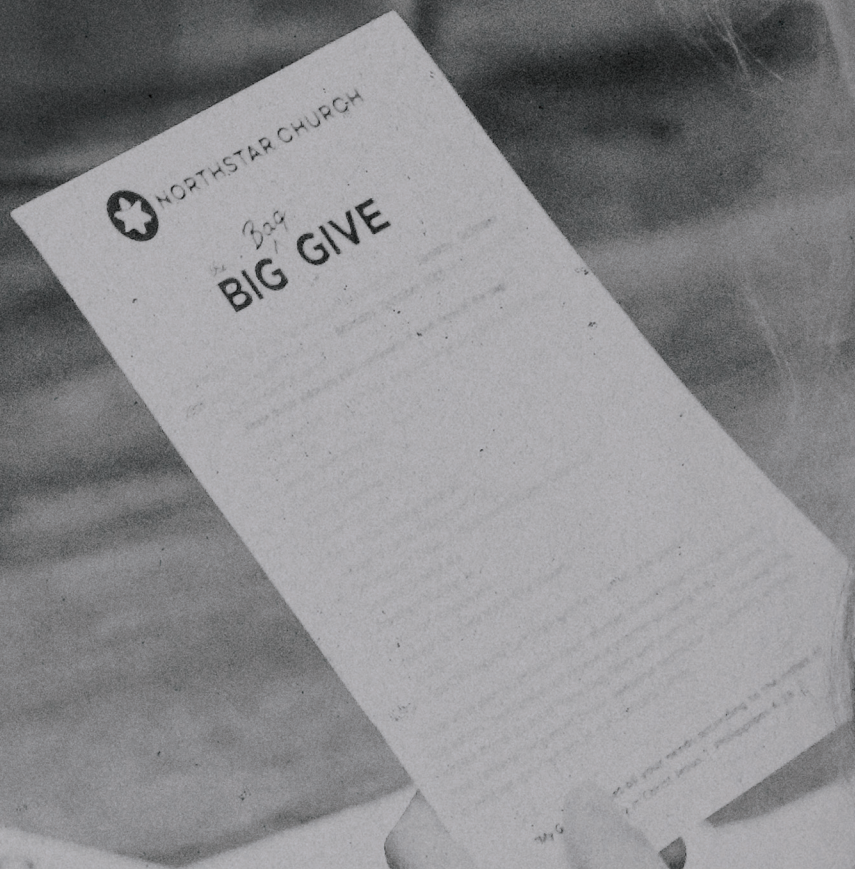








FOR OUR
COMMUNITY



Also work for the success of the city I have sent you to. Pray to the Lord for that city. If it succeeds, you too will enjoy success.

JEREMIAH 29:7 (NIRV)

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

NorthStar hosts more than 300 community events each calendar year, with 50,000+ people attending non-NorthStar events on our campus!

Despite the number of events we can accommodate, there are still many instances when we must tell an organization we cannot host an event because our spaces are already booked.

We know many examples of men, women, and students ultimately coming to attend a service at NorthStar Church because of an impression made on them at a community event we hosted.

- We will do **WHATEVER IT TAKES** to continue to be a light to our community and provide meeting and event spaces for these organizations.



WHAT + HOW

Enhancing the church's accessibility and usability for the entire community, while creating a centralized meeting space and improving the traffic flow for Sunday attendees.

ADDING A NEW LOBBY AREA WITH 5000+ SQ. FT. OF MEETING SPACE

- Increased visibility of Guest Services area to enhance the First-Time Guest Experience
- Meeting space can accommodate 160+ people around tables for community events and church functions









LIVING SENT



As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

JOHN 20:20-21 (NLT)

LIVING SENT

Without question, the Number One reason people find themselves at NorthStar Church on a Sunday morning is because they were invited by someone. At the heart of our church family is the notion of INVESTING and INVITING others. It's Living Sent!

Reaching those that aren't in church...

- There are more than 70,000 unchurched and unreached people within a 15-minute drive of NorthStar Church.
- Perhaps more sobering is that there are more than 7,000 people within a one-mile radius of NorthStar who need to hear the hope that is only offered through Jesus Christ!

God is up to something at NorthStar...

- We have seen a 23 percent increase in our adult worship attendance in the past year.
- Further, we have been blessed to witness more than 150 baptisms at The Springs in 2023!



WHAT + HOW

Expanding our capacity for worship attendance to accommodate more of our community.

**REORIENTING THE ROOM TO FIT WITH THE NEW LOBBY
AND CREATING A NEW STAGE**

**ADDING A BALCONY TO INCREASE SEATING IN THE
COMPASS AUDITORIUM BY 30%**







GIVING JOURNEY

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." **Matthew 6:19-21**

Jesus spoke these words to his followers, imploring them to see the bigger – eternal – picture! They ring just as true today, as we battle the tension between immediate earthly rewards, and the infinitely greater heavenly rewards that await us.

In essence, Jesus's lesson here is that our money follows what we love most. And vice versa.

Before I started giving to the Church, I was more focused on my future, my family, and my "stuff." But, once I began to see what biblical stewardship was really all about, my focus began to shift from "me" to the needs of the church and our community. I began to recognize that my treasure truly is in heaven, and not in the things I amass here on earth.

If you currently do not give, my prayer is that you seek the Lord's guidance for how you can begin to live with open hands and take the next step in your faith journey. I hope you'll experience first-hand the joy of giving in such a way that allows you to store up treasure in heaven!

JAMIE MADDOX | ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

GIVING MINDSETS

TITHER

If you tithe, you know God owns everything, and you are living off 90 percent of your income. We encourage you to take an even greater step of faith by giving over and above your tithe to Whatever It Takes.

OCCASIONAL GIVER

If you have given occasionally, you are beginning to understand what biblical stewardship means. We encourage you to begin giving consistently to Whatever It Takes to establish a regular pattern of giving in your faith journey.

LIVING WITH OPEN HANDS

Still others give above a tithe, and allow God's blessings to pass through their hands and on to others by investing even greater amounts in His Kingdom. We encourage you to allocate the amount above your tithe to Whatever It Takes.

CONSISTENT GIVER

If you are giving consistently, you likely acknowledge that God owns it all, and you are simply a steward. If you have not yet begun to tithe (giving ten percent), we encourage you to stretch your giving muscles by trusting God even more and giving above your current level to Whatever It Takes.

FIRST-TIME GIVER

If you have never experienced the blessing of giving back to God, we encourage you to start giving to Whatever It Takes. God invites us to test him with our giving and see the blessings he will pour out! Read Malachi 3:8-12.

WHATEVER IT TAKES CAMPAIGN FUND

Week in and week out, NorthStar Church operates from what is considered a “General Fund.” When you give to NorthStar – whether it is scheduling a recurring payment from your bank, dropping a check or cash in the Live Sent box, or mailing a donation – it goes into one primary account. It is from that “fund” that the church is able to do ministry – which includes hosting events, sending teams on mission trips, doing acts of kindness in the community, paying salaries, and keeping the lights on!

The **WHATEVER IT TAKES** Fund is completely separate from our General Fund. When you make a commitment and subsequent donation to this fund, it is designated specifically for that purpose.

- If you have already been giving faithfully to NorthStar Church, we kindly ask that you continue to do so, and prayerfully seek the Lord’s direction on how you can give “above and beyond” to **WHATEVER IT TAKES**.
- As outlined on the previous page, we ask that if you have not been giving to NorthStar, that you would begin to establish a pattern of giving to **WHATEVER IT TAKES** and see how God uses it in your life!

are you ready to do
WHATEVER IT TAKES?

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