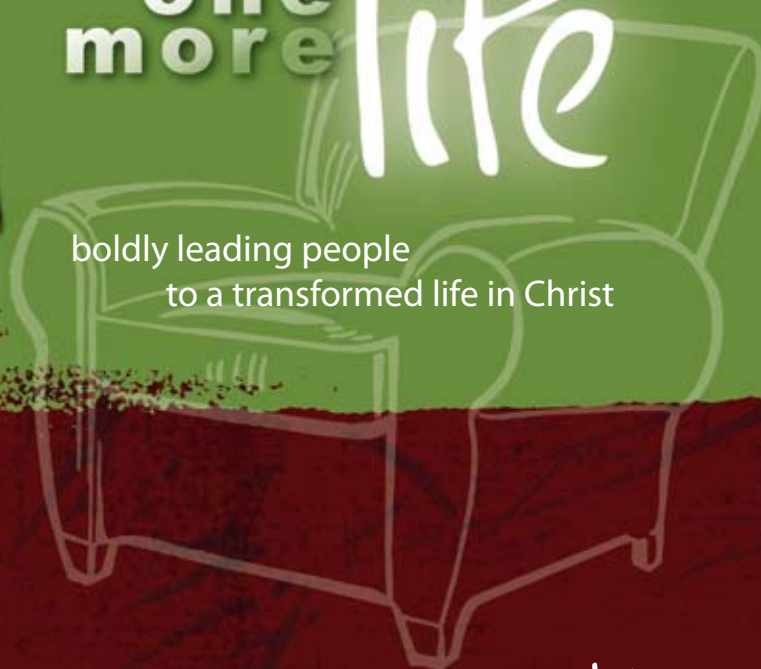




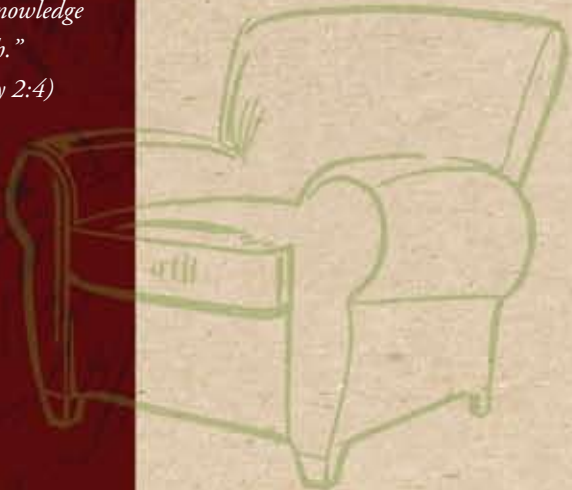
one more life

boldly leading people
to a transformed life in Christ





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I grew up hearing about the “scarlet thread” that weaves through scripture... that story line travels from Genesis to the book of Revelation. It is the story of God’s character and plan, man’s sin problem, and God’s amazing solution. For generations, the Jews had been blinded to what the New Testament writers called “the mystery of the gospel.” Sadly, that mystery was the very heart of God ... it framed so many of the stories of God’s work among His people and is the very essence of His character and it is hard to imagine how they missed it.

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We have a clear mission to join the Lord is in His work to reach those who are hurting, alienated from God, purposeless and without hope and bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus. We already enjoy the benefits of faith and now have the privilege of seeing others join in and become part of God’s family.

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Outreach: *Prayer for 5, Share with 3 and Bring 1 to Easter Sunday service.*

Giving: *Ask God to show you what He wants you to do.*

All I want you to do is prayerfully consider what God wants you to do ... then do it. Don’t be afraid – God always provides what we need to obey Him but we have to take that first step of obedience. Our lives are far shorter than we realize and one day the opportunities now before us will be a memory ... let’s walk by faith and choose to serve the Lord. There is no better investment of who you are and what God has given you than in building His kingdom!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Paul



Live the mission



Invest in the future



*“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”
(Acts 4:13)*

*Throughout my childhood there were many occasions when I felt God trying to reach me. Through the witness of childhood friends and the impact of my Grandmother especially, I knew that God loved me. While I was in the Marines I felt Him at work as He brought my wife Katie into my life through a mutual friend. Then in 2009 I visited FaithBridge Church and felt the need to respond to Him. I met with Fred Kyle and went home that night and gave my life to Christ. Since then my life has been truly blessed!
Jason Buchanan*

Christians are a people on mission—God’s mission. Jesus commands all those who would join God on His mission to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Jesus Christ has commissioned FaithBridge Church to join God in His mission. His “Great Commission” demands great courage! That is why the mission of FaithBridge is “to boldly lead people

to a transformed life in Christ”. This boldness has characterized the church since the time of the first century apostles. Our passion is for east Jacksonville to take note of the courage of ordinary people who have been with Jesus.

How can you live the mission? Pray for 5 people, share your faith in Christ with 3 people, and invite 1 person to the FaithBridge Easter services on Sunday April 4, 2010. Join us as we go and boldly lead One More Life to transformation in Christ. Now go live the mission.

Every mission needs a base camp. God has blessed us with an amazing facility, which serves as our strategic base camp for a ministry bridging East Arlington, the Intracoastal West, Mayport, and Atlantic Beach. In order to boldly lead people we must first connect with them. If we are going to reach our community, we must build a bridge from our base camp to where they live.

The Apostle Peter was a man on God’s bridge-building mission. His first sermon boldly extended the bridge of God’s promised salvation to those who were separated from Him by an ocean of sin and guilt. There are multitudes in our

communities who are still far from God. To maintain our base camp, build a bridge to those who are far off and to boldly lead people to a transformed life in Christ, resources are required. Investing your time, your talents and your money are just some of the ways you can invest in the future of Faithbridge.

God is the Master Bridge-Builder! He has bridged the ocean of sin separating us from Him with the Cross. Now He commissions us to join Him in extending the bridge to “all who are far off”. God gave the life of His Only Son to bring us, who were far off, close to Him. How much will you give to help bring One More Life across our bridge and into our base camp?

“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off.” (Acts 2:39)



Faithful leap

“By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family.” Hebrews 11:7

We have been married for 30 years and began attending church over 20 years ago. After a few years we had heard several sermons on giving and testing God in this area (Mal 3:8-12). I decided I wanted to test God but Todd said we couldn't afford it. After a few months of secretly titheing and testing God to see if He would indeed "pour out the blessings," I told Todd and showed him our checkbook. We were both amazed. God had done what He said He would do. Over the years, I have said we didn't have enough money to tithe and Todd would tell me "tithe comes first." And God has continually shown Himself true to His word. We have come to see it all as God's money. He generously allows us to keep 90 if we gladly give Him back 10. It is a lesson we have lived out again and again. Todd and Karyn Wiseman

Giving our time, talents and resources

FaithBridge—with a name such as ours, it should come as no surprise that faith is very important to us. But ours is not a generic faith, nor do we place faith in ourselves or even in our church. Our faith is in Christ alone.

What is faith? What does it look like? Often faith is described as the opposite of fear. Sometimes faith is described as a “blind leap”. Yet Christian faith is not the absence fear and is certainly not blind. So, Christian faith is a fear-inspired leap.

There has never been anyone who took a bigger leap than Noah. His story is used in the New Testament to define and exemplify Christian faith.

Noah couldn't see the flood, which would destroy the world, but he was motivated to build a boat by holy fear—a fear which was a gift from God. In faith, Noah leapt from a flood he could not see into the arms of the One he could.

Times are difficult. So asking for a financial commitment to FaithBridge may feel like we are asking you to jump off the bridge. We are asking you to leap, but not to us. We are asking you to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to commit and then step out in faith trusting Him to supply all you need to keep your commitment. We will be calling for your commitment to One More Life on Sunday March 28, 2010.

Exalt Christ

Through Expression and Celebration

The church of Acts was just that—a church of acts! Their devotion was demonstrated in their daily habits, which create a pattern for us to follow. Every day they met together for worship, Bible study, and prayer. They even shared their meals together! They shared everything and God was a part of the sharing as well.

Acts 2 tells the story of the first large church service in the New Testament. On the Day of Pentecost 3,000 souls were added to the fledgling church. Even though it was a difficult time and place, their church was not defined by her difficulties, but by her devotion. They were simply devoted with all their hearts to God and each other.

A church is also a small visible manifestation of the eternal unseen reality of heaven. But what does that mean. In Revelations 5, John describes what amounts to the great vision statement of The Church. He tells us what it will be like when we get there and in doing so he tells us what our present reality will reflect. In short, heaven is a celebration and church should be as well.

Our passion is for FaithBridge to be a vision of heaven on earth. To accomplish this we are devoted to being an Acts-like church! The key to having an Acts-like church is exalting Christ. The action of the Book of Acts began when the Holy Spirit was

poured out on the church and Peter preached the exalted Christ to the crowd. All of our action as a church begins when we exalt Christ. Our celebration, our worship will always lead our devotion to God.

Are you fully and continually committed to helping FaithBridge become an Acts-like church? Our hope and prayer is that you will join us in our mission of boldly leading people to a transformed life in Christ. May it be said of us, “the Lord added to their number” One More Life boldly led to transformation in Christ. Has Christ transformed your life? Will you help us bring Him One More Life?

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42, 44, 47)

Campaign highlights

- Pray for 5 people
- Share your Faith with 3 people
- Invite 1 person to attend Easter Sunday Services

- March 7 . . . One More Life Campaign Public Launch
- March 11 . . . March 24 – One More Life Home Gatherings
- March 28 . . . Commitment Sunday and First Fruits Offering
- April 4 Easter Sunday (Invite Someone to Attend FaithBridge)
- April 11 . . . Celebration Sunday



Q/A ways to give



Q: What is One More Life?
A: One More Life is a visionary call to our people to invest in the Lord's work through the giving of their time, talents and resources as we seek to more effectively reach our community for Christ. We're challenging everyone who calls FaithBridge home to PRAY for 5, SHARE with 3, and INVITE 1 to our Easter services on April 4, 2010. Part of the One More Life campaign does involve raising funds to help pay down our long-term capital debt. We hope to encourage cash gifts and sacrificial commitments for a two-year span of time from March 2010 through March 2012.

Q: What is our actual debt?
A: Our church has two bonds. Bond (A) is 5.16 million dollars for which we currently make monthly payments of \$41,000 at 9% interest. Bond (B) is currently valued at 1.95 million dollars and is continually accruing interest at 9.5%. Bond (B) is due in June 2013 at a total value of 3.74 million dollars.

Q: How do I make a commitment to One More Life?
A: Inside the brochure is a commitment card and giving schedule. Please fill out the card with the amount you intend to

give. On Sunday, March 28, 2010 we will have a time of commitment in our morning worship services. If you cannot be there with us on that day, please mail your commitment card to the church in the envelope provided or go to www.wearefaithbridge.com/commitmentcard where you can send your card electronically to our financial secretary.

Q: How should I give?
A: There are three ways to give.
 1. You can give far more when it is spread out over time, and you may choose to give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or make annual payments.
 2. You can give a gift of assets. In addition to monetary gifts, you may give real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, gold, etc. Call the church office for assistance.
 3. You can make the church a beneficiary in your will or trust. There are many tools available to you now that can benefit the church and leave an inheritance for your heirs at the same time. We can put you in contact with professionals in this area who can help you as you plan. Call the church office for assistance.

Q: When will I make my first contribution?
A: March 28, 2010 will be "Commitment

Sunday" when we will ask all FaithBridgers to bring both their commitment card and a "first fruits offering" to our worship services. We encourage you to give as much of your commitment as you can on that special day.

Q: What about my Regular Giving?
A: Your commitments to One More Life should be the amount God leads you to give over and above your regular tithes and offerings. We must maintain our giving to the regular budget so FaithBridge Church's day-to-day ministry to our people, our community, and our world will not be affected (Acts 20:35).

Q: Can I Change My Commitment?
A: Yes, you may increase, decrease, or stop your commitment at any time. It is understood the future is unknown and your circumstances might change. You are not legally obligated and no one from the church will ever contact you to collect on your pledge.

Q: Will My Contribution Be Made Public?
A: Absolutely not. Only the total amount of all commitments received will be announced on Celebration Day, Sunday April 11, 2010.

Next steps



To be a part of the One More Life campaign your next steps are simple.

- 1 **First**, identify 5 people and pray for them.
- 2 **Second**, find 3 people and share your testimony with them.
- 3 **Third**, invite one person to join you at FaithBridge for our Easter services as your One More Life contribution.
- 4 **And finally**, prayerfully consider how much you can give over the next two years and then on March 28th, Commitment Sunday, offer up your First Fruits Offering and turn in your commitment card with your pledge amount.



In our more than 12-year history as an organized body of believers, God has done many miraculous things.

In a way that only He could orchestrate:

- the door was opened for the purchase of the thirty-three acres that we call our church home,
- families have been put back together,
- God has put food on the tables of His children when they didn't know where the next meal would come from,
- children have been brought into a intimate relationship with Jesus,

- God has used these children to draw a wandering dad or mom to Him.

I could go on and on, but just let me say that I am absolutely certain that God has His hand on this church and wants to use each of us to minister to our City and our world.

A few months ago our Pastor shared with us about two mountains that we had to climb in regards to our debt. As he shared, God reminded me of what Jesus had to say about mountains in Matthew 21:21-22. "Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, "Go, throw

yourself into the sea," and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.'

As we begin this campaign I encourage you to do two things:

1. Most importantly, pray that God would lead you to at least one person to share your faith story with this year. Remember, God will be preparing the heart of that person as well.
2. Pray about what God would have you contribute to the financial needs of our church. Don't set your sights too low, God can move mountains.

Thank you so much for saying "Yes" to God.

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*All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more
and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*
2 Corinthians 4:15 NIV


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