




Invest in
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 glenmar church

YOU ARE *the Future* OF GLEN MAR



Glen Mar has impacted my life in a very positive way. I have developed many new friendships within the community. Glen Mar has been there numerous times for my family, but a time that stands out is when my mom was passing away two years ago. Pastor Matt was there to pray with everyone in my family. Even though he had prior commitments, he took the time to comfort us. In addition, when my mom passed away, we received so much assistance from the Glen Mar congregation for her memorial service—setting up tables, chairs and flowers, the prep for lunch, and people just offering the grace of God. Members of the congregation then brought meals for about a month. It really helped out.

BADA HEBRON

Almost ten years ago our church took a bold step of faith to move to our current location. We envisioned a place where we could do greater ministry, and we decided to invest in the amazing vision to reach more people with the life-giving message of Jesus Christ. This year's capital and operating campaigns are our way to live out the faithfulness that initially emboldened us to make that decision. We want to continue to Invest in Amazing for today and into the future.

I am proud of all the amazing things Glen Mar is doing to serve the community, to reach out to others, and to make disciples right here in our congregation. I know that this year's efforts will lead to even greater ministry opportunities in our future together.


I want to invite you to partner with us to deepen our investment in this ministry of disciple-making. Will you pray about how God might be calling you to invest in God's amazing work here at Glen Mar? Will you ask how God might want to use you to make a difference in other people's lives? Perhaps it's to make a sacrificial gift above and beyond what you are currently doing. Or maybe it's time for you to start giving for the first time. Whether you have been giving sacrificially for many years or are becoming a first-time giver for the next three years, I want to say thank you!

I trust that God will provide for you and for our church as we respond in faith to God's call to give—whatever that may look like for each of us. God has brought us this far, and God will continue to bring us to the place where we will be able to celebrate God's provision. What we accomplish together will impact the lives of many people for generations to come. We may not be able to see all the amazing things that God will do through our generosity, but we are a faithful people. We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on the unseen things of God's eternal kingdom (2 Corinthians 4:18).

Grace & Peace,

Matt Poole

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'M' and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.




My husband Bryan and I just started coming to Glen Mar in 2017, but it has already made a huge impact on our lives. We tragically lost my mom in 2014 and, two years later, my dad to cancer. My dad was like no one I ever knew. He was humble, kind and believed in the Lord. My dad's dying wish was that one day Bryan and I would draw closer to God. We visited Glen Mar and, in the very first service, I experienced a "God moment," allowing myself to be uncharacteristically vulnerable when Pastor Matt asked those in the congregation to raise their hands if they were "spiritually poor." People from all different walks of life surrounded me and prayed for me. I had to choke back my tears, I was so moved. The welcome of this community since then has been overwhelming. I feel so blessed to have found it.

CHRISTY MURPHY

INVEST IN *Amazing*

We have seen God's amazing grace at work in our lives and through our many ministries at Glen Mar. "Invest in Amazing" is a spiritual challenge to elevate all of our giving commitments—our time, talent and treasure—so that those who come through our doors and those we serve in the world can continue to experience the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Our commitments to the operating fund help pay for the annual costs of doing ministry. As our congregation has grown and our ministries have expanded their reach, new needs have arisen that are currently unmet by our annual revenue. In making a commitment to the capital budget, we take a step over and above our regular giving to pay down the debt on the facility that makes such vibrant ministries possible.

Perhaps a worthwhile question to prayerfully consider is what an incremental increase in your giving might look like. If you currently don't give, beginning with a small, sustained pledge would be a great first step on your faith journey. If you currently give, but haven't yet tithed, consider tithing or growing toward tithing as your next step. If you already tithe, pray about how God might grow your faith through this campaign and use you to do even more through the ministries at Glen Mar. No matter where you are on your giving journey, we pray that you will give as an act of faith, trusting that God will continue to do amazing things with our investments.



In the summer of 2011, my perspective changed forever when I was hit by a car while riding my bike. An accident that could have taken my life instead gave me a new one. The Glen Mar community that had long supported me through my youth now became even more valuable, helping me cope with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and the challenges I would face recovering. Through my accident, I experienced God's love through this community—both from longtime friends and also church members I'd never met before. To this day, I consider Glen Mar a second home.

JASON PRECHTL

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PARTICIPATION GOAL:

100%

Our primary goal is 100% participation. We want 100% of those who call Glen Mar home to open themselves to the Lord as it relates to generosity.

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CAPITAL FUNDS GOAL:

\$2.8M


Our capital stewardship goal is \$2.8 million in generosity over the next three years through the act of sacrificial giving. In addition to meeting our monthly mortgage payments, this will allow us to pay down \$700,000 in additional principal and save \$350,000 over the life of our loan - money that can be used for future, life-changing ministry.

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OPERATING BUDGET GOAL:

\$1.8M

The goal for our annual operating budget is \$1.8 million in generosity over the next year through the faithful giving of our tithes and offerings. In addition to making possible the day-to-day operations of the church, this will fund much-needed infrastructure and staff for our ministries and missions, while also allowing for ministry growth.



I found Glen Mar at a time when I was feeling lost. I was searching for a place to belong, and I ended up finding so much more than I had hoped for. At Glen Mar I've learned that I love being generous with my time and money, which is actually something I've wanted to do for a long time but didn't have the outlet. I was quickly embraced and welcomed by the awesome people on the Memorial Team, in Dancing Needles, in my small group Bible study, and others. For the first time in my life I actually enjoy—and look forward to—attending services on Sunday. But most importantly, I've been introduced to a loving God who accepts me for who I am, and I've learned that I am good enough to deserve his love—even with my flaws and failings. This is life-changing knowledge.

MARIA MISAK

TAKE YOUR *Next Step*

Over the next three-years, we are asking every Glen Mar family to prayerfully consider taking the next step in their financial giving. Maybe that means giving for the first time. Maybe that means giving differently. Whatever the step is for you, we believe that God wants to move each of our hearts to respond generously.

ATTENDING BUT
NOT GIVING

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BECOME A
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GIVE A PERCENTAGE OF
YOUR INCOME


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Glen Mar has given me and my family a spiritual home. After a battle with pancreatic cancer in 2011, I was happy to be alive. Although I had great support from family and friends, I was missing a church home. God was asking me to connect with him, and it took a near-death experience for me to start to listen. I'm glad I started listening, because my cancer has returned and it is something my family and I continue to live with. The difference now is that we have a church home in Glen Mar to help carry that burden. I have a place to come every week and feel recharged, rejuvenated, and connected to God. I am not physically the man I was before cancer; I am also not spiritually the man I was before cancer. My family is now involved in several aspects of the church, particularly in caring ministries. It might sound cliché, but I have found that the more my family is involved, and the more we invest, the more we receive in return.

TONY TACKA

HOW WILL YOU Respond?

In celebration of God leading us through this journey, our Glen Mar family will turn in our commitment cards for the church operating budget and church capital campaign together on the weekend of May 20 and 21 during our regular worship services. Then we will take the next step as we put our faith into action and watch God fulfill his vision for our church. On the weekend of June 10 and 11, we will share the results of our efforts and give thanks to the Lord with a celebratory meal and a chance to offer our "first fruits" for the three-year giving period.

THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS:

1. **Participate:** Turn in your commitment cards with your church family on May 20 and 21.
2. **Mail:** Mail in your commitment card using the envelope provided to you.
3. **Online:** Visit capitalcampaign.glenmarumc.org and submit your card electronically.

*All commitments are strictly confidential.

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GLEN MAR CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET

Grateful for the blessing God provides, this response represents my/our growing commitment to tithing and rooting people into the life-giving message of Jesus' love through Glen Mar Church. I/we plan to honor God by giving to make an impact in the community through our ministry.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:

\$ _____ Weekly for 52-Weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 12-Months

\$ _____ Annually for 1-Year

\$ _____ As Follows: _____

MY/OUR ANNUAL OPERATING FUND COMMITMENT:

\$ _____

I/we will begin giving on: _____

SIGNATURE _____

NOTE: This is a statement of intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.

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GLEN MAR CHURCH CAPITAL FUND

Understanding that all I/we possess is a gift from God, I/we rejoice in the privilege to participate in the **Invest In Amazing** campaign.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:

\$ _____ Weekly for 156-Weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 36-Months

\$ _____ Annually for 3-Years

\$ _____ As Follows: _____

MY/OUR TOTAL COMMITMENT:

\$ _____

I/we will begin giving on: _____

FOR GIFT ASSETS OTHER THAN CASH

Description _____

Approximate Value _____

SIGNATURE _____

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GLEN MAR FAMILY, YOU ARE *Amazing*



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