

**DEAR GLEN MAR FAMILY,**

I want to thank you all for your generosity. Thanks to your years of sacrificial giving, we were able to move into our facility on New Cut Road, beginning a new chapter in our church's ministries. When I arrived at Glen Mar in 2010 to be the lead pastor, our church debt topped 10 million dollars. Today—because of your faithful giving, as well as your stretch giving to pay down additional principal owed to our lenders—that debt is now under 7.6 million dollars. While the number remains daunting, this is a good moment to stop and celebrate what God has already done in providing for our church.

Your generosity has been amazing, and our church is doing amazing things to impact the lives of people we know and don't know. We touch thousands of people through our 25 non-profit partnerships like Grassroots, Bridges to Housing Stability, Hurley Community Development, and the Miracia Hospital in Haiti. We connect with thousands of people through our worship services, Walk to Bethlehem, and Vacation Bible School sessions. We offer people life-changing opportunities to give back and partner with us through mission trips. Because of your amazing generosity and service to the community, the theme we have chosen for this capital campaign is "Invest in Amazing."

We want to keep doing amazing things for God, so over the next several weeks, we will once again be asking for your support. In addition to your annual support of the operating budget, we are hoping you will partner with us over the next three years to continue the journey to pay off our debt, which over time will free up more funds for ministry. We invite you to do amazing things by getting involved to grow your own faith.

You will be hearing more over the next several weeks and will also be receiving invitations to attend our vision weekend and worship services. I hope you will make every effort to be present and available to learn more about how you can partner with us to help "amazing" happen for Glen Mar well into the future.

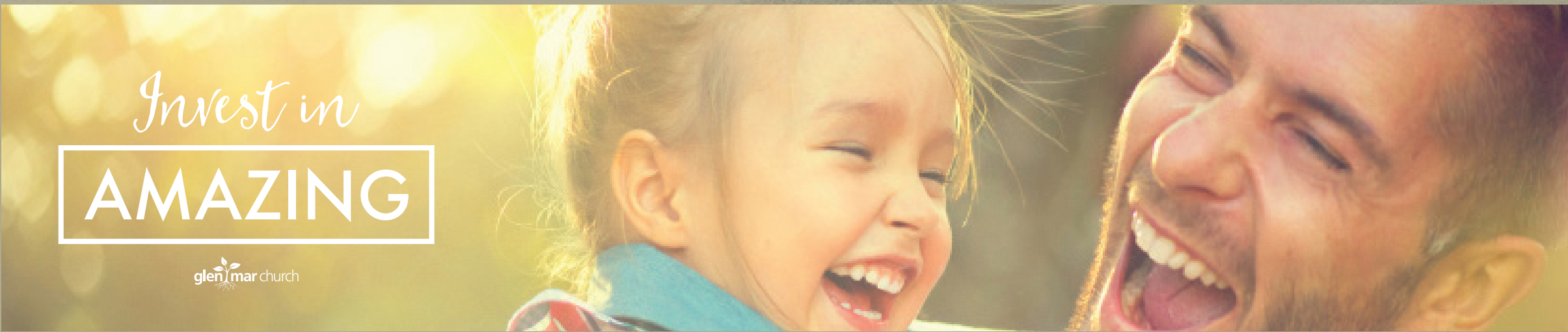
For now, please be in prayer for our church. Pray for God to lead us individually and together as the body of Christ here in Howard County. Let's pray for amazing things to happen in us and through us.

Grace & Peace,

*Matt*  
Matt Poole







# Invest in AMAZING

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## THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT GOALS BEHIND “INVEST IN AMAZING.”

The first is to empower our church community with the resources needed to continue making a difference in peoples’ lives through Jesus Christ. The second is that through the act of sacrificial giving, each of us will take another step in our walk with God.

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 tithe, 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 22 & 23: VISION WEEKEND

Join us for worship to hear more about Invest in Amazing. Campaign leaders will be available in the Gathering Place between services to answer your questions.

### May 4 & 5: EARLY COMMITMENT

These events allow key leadership to learn about different options for giving. They will have an opportunity to commit early. Contact the church office if you would like to be included.

### May 20 & 21: COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Join us for this exciting weekend of worship as we make our commitments to Invest in Amazing.

### June 10 & 11: CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Gather with us as we praise and worship God on this special weekend of celebration! We will receive our “first fruits” offering for the three year giving period.

YOU ARE *the Future* OF GLEN MAR

**JULY 1954**  
First worship service of Glen Mar UMC held at Ellicott City Junior High. 56 people in attendance.

**1955**  
First church building constructed on Glen Mar Road.

**1962**  
Glen Mar Road education building consecrated.

**1987**  
Church membership passes 1000.

**1989**  
First worship service in new sanctuary on Glen Mar Road.

**1998**  
Facility study determines need for new site to support growing ministries.

**2008**  
Move to new church building on New Cut Road.

**2010**  
New education wing completed. Children’s Sunday School attendance passes 200.

**2016**  
Renovation of the Chapel. Renovation of the Gathering Place. Installation of the Cross at Route 103 & New Cut Road.