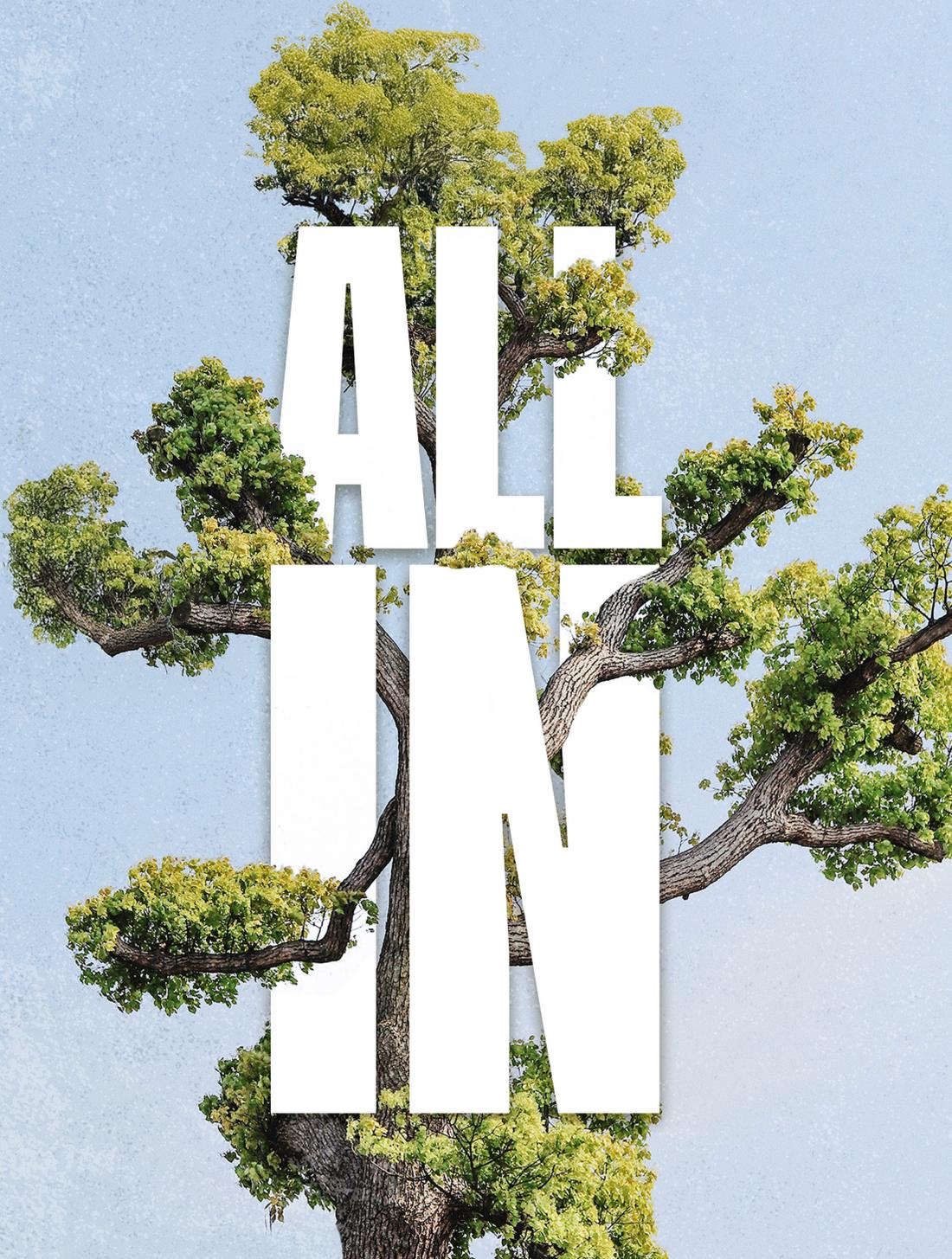


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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR TONY JOHNSON

It's been one year of going all in for the movement of God at 2|42, and we're just getting started. In the last year, we've seen an unprecedented amount of baptisms, welcomed new families every week, and watched as God moves mightily in the next generation. I couldn't have predicted what God is doing, but I believe He wants to do even more. In order for us to receive what the Holy Spirit is doing, we must be prepared to step into this new season. It will take each one of us giving our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Are you ready to be *all in*?

*But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.  
2 Cor 8|7*

**FEB 2005**

2|42 plants at Scranton Middle School with over 500 in attendance

**MAR 2009**

Ann Arbor campus launches in a hotel with over 400 in attendance

**FEB 2020**

Livonia, Taylor, and Monroe campuses launch

**FEB 2018**

Saginaw campus launches

**JUNE 2021**

Saginaw campus moves into permanent facility

**AUG 2021**

Tony Johnson becomes Lead Pastor of 2|42

**JUNE 2012**

Ann Arbor moves into its first facility

**FEB 2013**

Brighton campus moves into its permanent community center

**DEC 2017**

Ann Arbor moves into its permanent community center

**OCT 2016**

Lansing campus launches

# 2|42 TIMELINE



## OUR PRIMARY GOAL

**Our primary goal through *All In* is that 100% of people at 2|42 would engage in this initiative to experience a life-changing encounter with God.**

Everyone has a next step to take. As you discover how God wants you to be All In, we ask you to commit to the discipleship process and resources at [242community.com/allin](https://242community.com/allin).

# HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

We are asking you to go on a spiritual journey with God and your family—to take the biggest steps of generosity you’ve ever taken.

## THREE *ALL IN* CHALLENGES



### **Pray Consistently**

Would you pray for God to bring this initiative to fulfillment?



### **Commit Fully**

Would you commit to being *all in* for this movement of God?



### **Give Generously**

Would you ask God what He would have you give over the next year?



# THE HEART OF ALL IN

## John's Story

John was raised in a Christian family from a young age. But he drifted away from God as he grew up. He joined the military after high school, and it was then that he began to struggle with alcohol. As life spiraled out of control, John found himself in a dark place. Through a series of events, friends Toney and Kathy invited him to 2|42 for the very first time. He's been attending ever since.

Today, John celebrates over a year of sobriety and is a testimony of God's goodness. John took his next step of baptism at the Taylor campus and found community in a small group, which provides the support he needs to continue taking next steps with God every day.

When you go All In, you make it possible for more people like John to find a supportive community where they can grow closer to God.

# THE HEART OF ALL IN

## Cameron's Story

Cameron packed his bags with reluctance, convinced CIY MOVE—a summer camp for high school students —would be a wasted week. His faith felt hollow, performing more for his girlfriend than from a genuine interest in God. As a logical person, he struggled with doubt about God's existence. The first days of camp seemed to confirm his assumption: this church stuff wasn't for him.

But everything changed on the third day of camp. Surrounded by other students with similar struggles, Cameron realized he wasn't alone. When a leader noticed his struggle, he offered Cameron encouragement: "Lean into it and go all in."

Cameron's small group became a safe space for late-night discussions and deep questions. But it didn't stop there! The change continued once Cameron returned home. After talking with his family, he chose baptism as his next step!

Going All In at 2|42 means going All In for multi-generational impact. It makes things like summer camps possible—a unique opportunity for kids and students, just like Cameron, to encounter God.







# WILL YOU GO ALL IN?

## MAKING AN ALL IN COMMITMENT:

### Exercise and reflection to do at home prior to Commitment Weekend

1. List out the financial commitments you currently have—those that go beyond a one-time payment and have a time duration to them. Examples would be a home mortgage, a lease agreement, a car loan, a cell phone contract, your child's tuition for school, your own tuition for school, etc.
2. Now, write out the commitment you are planning to make for *All In*. Where does it fall in the priority of these other commitments? Do you need to change or modify one or more of these other commitments in order to be able to fulfill your *All In* commitment? What if you wanted to increase your *All In* commitment? What would that require? Is there a financial commitment you currently have that appears to be prioritized above your ability to make a truly surrendered giving commitment? With your current priorities, are you fully engaged with God's mission of helping people take their next step with Christ?
3. If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value?
4. Would that statement be true about you? Or, is there something that needs to be explained or modified?
5. If you keep this commitment, what spiritual transformation will occur in you?
6. How will you leverage this change to influence others such as your children, your co-workers, your friends, your family, or others in your circles of influence?





**Pray over your commitment** as you prepare to commit your card in service on Commitment Weekend, February 15. Prayer is the most important thing in this whole process, and prayer is what gives us the bold heart of Christ within us.

**Let's do this!** Let's be people boldly surrendering themselves to God in every area of their lives and declaring, "I'm *All In!*"

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Name(s)

Phone

Email

Please return completed card on Commitment Sunday, February 15, 2026.

You may think your gift doesn't matter when compared to our total goal for *All In*. You're wrong! Every gift matters to God. It's not about the amount, but what that amount means to you (Luke 21|1-4). Use this table to see how your monthly gift adds up over time!

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# ALL IN BREAKDOWN

## Primary Goal: 100% Mobilized

We are asking every person in every household at 2|42 to go *all in* for the movement of God at 2|42. This includes everyone joining together to pray consistently, commit fully, and give generously. When we all are *all in*, we will see God do amazing things!

Whether you've never given anything before, whether you're an infrequent contributor, or whether you're a consistent and thoughtful giver, there is a next step God is asking you to take in this journey.



## Secondary Goal: 100% Funded

You are encouraged to invest, through additional giving, in the journey that will launch 2|42 into the coming years of ministry. We are expecting God to grow us in generosity and fund the movement to which He has called us.

If 100% of people at 2|42 get fully engaged, we expect to see an increase in generosity like we've never seen before.



# ALL IN FOR MINISTRY

## \$20,000,000

Our general ministry fund is anything but general!

We are helping people take next steps with God week-in and week-out through weekend worship services, Kids, Students, Groups, Teams, and through the use of our facilities and community centers.

- **2|42 Kids — empowering faith in young hearts**  
2|42 Kids offers age-appropriate Sunday programming that aligns with adult service times, ensuring that while adults attend their service, children are engaged in meaningful worship and learning. We also host family-friendly events, provide spiritual formation classes, and organize summer camps that are fun and formative.
- **2|42 Students — helping students take next steps with God**  
2|42 Students is a vibrant ministry designed for students in grades 5th – 12th that creates a space where teenagers can feel known by God and their peers.
- **Groups — grow with others**  
Following Jesus happens one step at a time, but it shouldn't happen alone. If you want to grow with others and build a community that knows you, groups are a great place to start.
- **Teams — change the world**  
When you serve on a team at 2|42, you connect with God and others to fulfill His mission – *together*. God gave you specific gifts and abilities to serve the community and change the world.

Over the last five years, we have reduced over \$1 Million in debt, while supplementing revenue loss by selling assets and being strategic with ministry-funding revenue endeavors. This increases our capacity for more ministry opportunities!

Now we're allocating \$20 Million, or \$192,000 per week, for ministries and projects associated with our church buildings and programs.



# ALL IN FOR MOVEMENT

## \$10,000,000 - \$15,000,000

God is moving us to leave a legacy that lasts far beyond ourselves. During the two-year *All In* initiative, we're allocating \$10,000,000 - \$15,000,000 to pay towards the mortgages on our current buildings and property, which will expand our capacity for what God has in store for 2|42.

### FOR MOVEMENT

- **Prioritizing Kids**
- **Mobilizing Disciple-makers**
- **Planting Churches**
- **Launching Leaders**

Each of the seven campuses of 2|42 has its own ministry context and community outreach potential, so the impressions of what it looks like to prioritize kids and mobilize disciple-makers may look different from place to place. The good news is we want you to be part of building what it looks like to be the movement of God in those areas!





We believe God has called all of 2|42 to multiplication because of what we read in Matthew 28|19-20, “Therefore 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Together, we will plant churches and launch leaders, bringing the Gospel to people who have no hope and shining light in communities that feel dark.

By 2028, we want to...

- **Plant 4 new churches**
- **Launch a robust internship and residency program**

With reduced debt, we will be able to reallocate resources to prioritize kids, mobilize disciple-makers, plant churches, and launch leaders.

**TOTAL ALL IN GOAL: \$30M - \$35M**

# 5 NEXT STEPS IN A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

*These stages focus on behaviors and attitudes of our hearts—our discipleship—rather than on amounts or percentages. Each step represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice that transforms us into the likeness of Christ who gave up everything.*

## INITIAL GIVER

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God’s Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

## CONSISTENT GIVER

A Consistent Giver is someone who commits to give something on a regular basis. Consistent Givers start to think of their giving in the same way they think about other budget expenses that are always paid, regardless of seasons of plenty or want. They often set up an online recurring gift to help.

## INTENTIONAL GIVER

Intentional Givers think about giving in relation to other things they spend their money on: “Why do I give the cable company or my cell provider more money than I give to God?” They consider a percentage or amount they want to commit to in order to consciously grow in their generosity. Intentional Givers look at their budget and consider how their giving reflects their view of God and commitment to His Kingdom. This may also be the point when someone begins to tithe, which is being intentional about a certain amount or percentage that they want to give to God.

## **SURRENDERED GIVER**

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver gives in a way that changes them. Their giving governs their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't concerned with what they ARE giving but more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why. They seek to honor God with 100% of what He has given them, whether direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

## **LIFETIME GIVER**

A Lifetime Giver is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than month-to-month, or even year-to-year, generosity. A Lifetime Giver makes decisions in the short-term that have longer-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, and how much savings they choose to keep all in relation to their generosity capacity. A Lifetime Giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal that governs their larger-ticket decisions. Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a Lifetime Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger-item purchases like homes, cars, investments, and the like.



# WHAT IS A ONE FUND INITIATIVE?

You may have been part of church initiatives in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your usual gifts to complete special projects. At 2|42, these have been used to make new buildings and ministries possible. Normally, you gave that gift to the “Building Fund” while also continuing to give to the “General Fund.” While this can be an effective way to think about giving, it becomes difficult to celebrate the total giving at 2|42 in one single number. We believe we’re all on ONE MISSION—to passionately share the message of Jesus Christ and lead people to follow Him.

The *All In* Initiative will last until March 2027. In these two years, every gift given to 2|42 will go to the All In Initiative—to help us go All In for the Vision, our Community, and the World.

We’ve included a sample commitment card so you can see how a “one fund initiative” works. Please take the time to fill this out, but don’t worry: You’ll get a shiny new one to submit on Commitment Weekend, February 15.



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# CREATIVE WAYS TO GROW IN YOUR GENEROSITY

Generosity Initiatives rely on church members making gifts that **expand and accelerate** their current level of giving. The best path to increased giving is the spiritual path, where you set your heart on things above. Financial priorities then take shape from the spiritual priorities.

One way of defining this is **“Lifestyle Stewardship,”** a term used to describe a level of giving that affects one’s living. The challenge of Lifestyle Stewardship is to find ways, boldly and prayerfully, to let your giving touch your living!

King David declared, **“I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”** (2 Samuel 24|24 NIV) David understood the gift that would touch the heart of God must first touch the heart of the giver! This is the spirit of Lifestyle Stewardship: If it is for my God, my gift must have value and meaning to me.

Often, Lifestyle Giving means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another. The three keys to effectiveness in Lifestyle Stewardship are:

- Reassess lifestyle
- Rearrange priorities
- Reallocate resources



Many believers have been amazed at their ability to give more generously to their church. The following eight steps are offered to help you in this regard.

### **1. PRACTICE PRIORITY BUDGETING**

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more to a generosity initiative. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure such as a new car, vacation, home remodeling, or other major purchase. Many Christians giving to generosity initiatives find a way to give through sacrificial commitments made in faith and coupled with priority budgeting.

### **2. REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENDITURES**

Often, families have significant short-term expenditures for special needs. One example is the large expenditure a family incurs for a child to attend college. A family realized that their daughters would be graduating from college during the two years of the generosity initiative and, as a result, they were able to increase their commitment to the second year of the initiative by thousands of dollars by giving what they had been spending on their daughters' tuition. Another example would be the cash flow that is freed up when a loan is paid off.

### **3. INCREASED GIVING WITH INCREASED INCOME**

Some people receive periodic increases in salary or bonuses from their employers. The temptation for many of us is to increase our lifestyle to fit the higher income. In many instances, families have decided that they will commit the full amount of salary increases.

#### **4. GIVE FROM YOUR EXCESS**

A young man decided that two collectors' baseball cards worth over \$20,000 he had been holding for a number of years would be the most appropriate means of touching sacrifice for his family. Some families save money over a period of years for a special project. A couple had saved \$80,000 to build a lake cabin. When their church entered a generosity initiative, they decided the needs of the church were greater than their need for a second home.

#### **5. COMMIT UNEXPECTED CASH**

Often, people pray for God to show them a way they can give beyond what they can presently see or afford. Sometimes, the answers come unexpectedly. A couple had been praying for weeks about their commitment to the church generosity initiative. Much to their surprise, they received an inheritance of several thousand dollars. They gave the entire amount to their church as part of their two-year commitment, in addition to a commitment from their regular income.

#### **6. SACRIFICE YOUR EXTRA TIME**

Some family members have extra time they would be willing to use in a part-time job to be able to give more to the church. This is particularly true for families whose children are grown and away from home and for semi-retired or retired couples. A man was in the process of retiring when his church entered an initiative. He and his wife secured new jobs and gave the first two years of their retirement income to the generosity initiative.

## **7. DONATE APPRECIATED ASSETS (STORED RESOURCES)**

Many people own stocks that are worth significantly more than the original purchase price. That is good news. The bad news is that if these stocks are sold, a significant portion of the gain would be lost to taxation.

Gifts of appreciated assets—typically investment securities or real estate—can be very advantageous to both the donor and to the church. By transferring ownership of the asset to the church, the donor avoids capital gains taxes on the sale of the asset. In addition, the donor receives an income tax charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset. That, in effect, makes these gifts less costly to make.

## **8. CONSIDER THE CHARITABLE IRA**

In 2015, Congress enacted a permanent extension of the IRA charitable rollover. As a result, individuals age 70½ or older can make gifts directly from their IRA to charity. An IRA charitable rollover is a wonderful way you can help continue our work and also receive a tax benefit this year.

### **BENEFITS OF AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to 2|42
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts

	SELL ASSET & GIFT NET PROCEEDS	GIVE ASSET DIRECTLY
<b>Value of Asset</b>	\$12,00	\$12,00
<b>Original Purchase Price</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Amount of Appreciation</b>	\$9,000	\$9,000
<b>Capital Gains Tax*</b>	\$2,340	\$0
<b>Proceeds to Church</b>	\$9,660	\$12,000
<b>(asset value minus taxes)</b>		

\*Assumes 12-month holding period, 15% capital gains tax, 6% state income tax rate.

Though it is important to invest your giving to further the mission of the ministry God has laid on your heart, it is also important to consider the tax implications of making a gift to the church. Before making a commitment of this type, please consult your CPA, tax attorney, or other financial advisor.



## A FINAL WORD

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the two-year period of the All In initiative. You might be able to give more in the second year than in the first. As you think about your financial commitment to the initiative, think not just of your potential to give right now, but also of your potential to give in the future. It might be that you can make a two-year commitment in which 35-40% is given in the first year, and 60-65% is given in the second year.

Finally, as you consider your financial commitment to the Lord's work, you might want to consider estate planning. Many sincere, committed Christian people have not made provision for God in their wills and estate planning. Now might be a good time to do that. It might be as simple as including a provision in your will that 10% of the value of your estate will be donated to the church if you include a gift to 2|42 in your will. Or, it could involve a planned gift such as a charitable remainder trust. While such gifts do not provide immediate financial benefit to a generosity initiative, they are marvelous gifts of faith commitment to carry on the work of the church for future generations.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's direction on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him and then listen to what He says. Take your next step. Engage in personal reflection with God in this guide. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life.

We are asking that you make a sacrificial commitment to Gospel-centered generosity—whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading.

Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. We serve an awesome God, and He is going to move in huge ways. We anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective *All In* commitments—something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for **Commitment Weekend, February 15** and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and our own faith.

## HOW IS ALL IN DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS GENEROSITY INITIATIVES?

We are most focused on everyone at 2|42 seeing their giving as an integral part of the discipleship process and then being challenged by God to take a next step. The bulk of this guidebook is focused on helping us dig into some key Biblical principles that guide us in this area as we follow Jesus. This is our first priority—100% participation in the process. *Even if someone wrote us a check today for our secondary goal of \$35,000,000, we would still do this initiative.* Whether we're just starting in our giving journey or we're very committed givers, we all have a next step to take and room to grow in this area.

## **ARE THERE ADDITIONAL WAYS BESIDES CASH THAT I CAN GIVE TOWARD ALL IN?**

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give toward *All In*. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He just might be calling you to give during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you. Our Business Team can assist with all such gifts ([generosity@242community.com](mailto:generosity@242community.com)).

## **WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER EVEN GIVEN TO 2|42 BEFORE?**

*All In* was crafted specifically with you in mind. *All In* is a “one fund” generosity initiative. It’s different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving, thus creating two steps for people who aren’t yet giving. *All In* is a call to sacrificial, Gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at 2|42. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice. We really hope you will.

## **HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?**

The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with Celebration Sunday on the weekend of February 15, and it will culminate in March of 2027.

## **WHAT IF I AM NEW AROUND HERE?**

*All In* is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give toward, and we would really love for you to make 2|42 your home and join us in *All In*. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. Connect with your campus pastor by visiting [242community.com/locations](https://242community.com/locations) and choosing the campus you attend.

## **WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB RIGHT NOW? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR MY *ALL IN* COMMITMENT?**

*All In* is about your total, radical, sacrificial generosity to God's mission at 2|42. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. *All In* is about a heart change—one that is only accomplished by surrendering our lives completely over to God in this area of giving and declaring that we are a people who are unfinished. That may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now but that you believe God will provide for, as you seek for ways to work towards that commitment. We would like for 100% of us to be a part of *All In* so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging, and praying for one another through this spiritually stretching season at 2|42.

## **WHAT IF I AM SEVERELY IN DEBT RIGHT NOW? AM I STILL SUPPOSED TO GIVE?**

If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend a budgeting class that might minister to you. Being in debt does not, however, "excuse" someone from giving. Giving isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. It should be our joy and privilege to give at all times. Please visit with your campus pastor if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor. We would be honored to help you!

## **WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN BAPTIZED YET?**

Great question. People take different spiritual steps at different times. Some people begin praying before they begin attending church. Others begin going to a small group meeting before they begin talking to God in prayer. Giving is another spiritual step, and it comes at different times for different people. However, just like other spiritual disciplines, giving draws us closer to God. God is calling ALL of us to give.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” (Matthew 6|21).

Whether you have taken the spiritual step of baptism or not, we would encourage you to join us in All In. We firmly believe it will draw you closer to God and hopefully to a place where you are ready to make the decision to become baptized and to surrender your life to the Lordship of Christ.















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