



Dear Friends and Family,

We've got some exciting news. But first, I want to express my gratitude to you. God used every prayer, person, and penny to reach more people than ever before. Let's celebrate 30 baptisms and even more salvations this year alone. Thank you!

BRANCH LIFE CELEBRATIONS

This year, our biggest Sundays included over 350 people, with Christmas Eve and Easter reaching over 400 people. 9 salvation decisions happened on those special Sundays. 40 adults joined the church, including 12 families in the past 2 months.

We've begun offering a third Sunday morning worship service and expanded our nursery space, which seems to have new babies show up every week. The youth group is now connected to over 40 teens. Our parking lot, kids' environments, and worship center are out of space; we are prayerfully considering our next steps.

Because 2023 has been a year of unprecedented growth, we are working toward **expanding our Pughtown campus**, identifying **our first church plant**, and **enlarging our pastoral residency**. We're also praying about *the possibility of opening a second campus in 2024!* We're seeking God's will for how Branch Life will keep making more disciples.

REACHING OUR WORLD

God continues calling on Branch Life to provide crisis care for needy families, providing emotional, spiritual, and financial support to families in crisis. Since 2020, over \$250,000 has been raised to assist needy families.

All this is leading Branch Life Church to pursue the creation of the Life Counseling and Crisis Center. This center will provide multiple levels of practical, emotional, and spiritual support, including case management for families in crisis, coaching, and Christian counseling.

To that end, Branch Life is actively seeking to hire the Life Counseling and Crisis Center director to join our team at BLC and lead this effort.

WILL YOU HELP FUND THESE INITIATIVES AND MORE?

As a young church, ***we are forever grateful*** to generous, community-minded, and gospel-focused givers who help us to do this work for God. To help facilitate our growth needs, we have set an end-of-year giving goal of **\$100,000**. It would be an honor if you generously give toward this goal in December.

The first extra project we want to pursue is a thank you event for local police. Our campus and church family were in the middle of a dangerous manhunt this year, and we want to say thank you with a community event.

We also are continuing to pursue purchasing adjoining land to our current property. These twenty acres will provide the room for growth we're seeking.

YOUR END-OF-YEAR GIFTS WILL HELP US PURSUE THE FOLLOWING:

- Area PD Thank You Event: \$5,000
- Branch Life Ministry Efforts: \$40,000
- Pastoral and Ministry Residency Expansion: \$70,000
- Startup costs for the Life Counseling Center: \$150,00 - \$200,000.
- Land Purchase next to our Pughtown Campus: \$500,000
- Community Café Equipment; \$30,000
- Patio expansion (Café and Family Ministry): \$40,000 - \$80,000

Please join us in making these dreams a reality by:

1. **Joining our prayer team.** <https://branchlife.church/prayer-team>
2. **Giving.** (You may give online, in person, by mail, or by donating stocks. Get the details at <https://branchlife.church/give>.)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

Pastors Josh, Scott, & Alex

P.S. Thank you for your love and encouragement with the unexpected homegoing of Pastor Bill. He was setting up meetings and pushing us toward multiplication up until his hospitalization. You can read more about Pastor Bill's commitment to multiplication and watch his celebration of life service at <https://branchlife.church/pastorbill>.