



HERE TO THRIVE

2025

Capital Campaign Brochure



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RLC MISSION STATEMENT

TO KNOW GOD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

RLC VISION STATEMENT

TO LEAD PEOPLE TO BECOME ALL-IN FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

REAL LIFE CHURCH STORY AND HISTORY

Real Life Church has a short, but eventful history. In the fall of 2023, after much prayer and counsel from leaders in the Genesis Conference of the Free Methodist Church, a small group of dedicated and generous followers of Jesus Christ started worshipping in a pole barn with the purpose of planting a new church in our community. In less than a year, they had outgrown the pole barn and were able to lease a small section of an old Agway building. God continued the good work, and in September of 2024, Real Life Church was officially launched.

By the spring of 2025, the church had grown to the point that two services were needed. After praying for His leading, God graciously provided an opportunity for Real Life Church to purchase a larger building just down the street from the Agway site. A mortgage was secured and a closing date has been tentatively set for early November, 2025.

In September of 2025, God again moved in wondrous ways as the church celebrated its newly achieved status as a full-fledged Society in the Genesis Conference of the Free Methodist Church. God has been at work in RLC; and confidence and hope are high that He is going to continue to work in and through Real Life Church to build His Kingdom.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT RLC...

"I was first invited by a young friend and her family to attend a service at RLC. I am a veteran who was assigned to the world's busiest Search and Rescue Station, and I was a criminal investigator in South Florida. I had become extremely reclusive and subject to being easily overwhelmed. That first Sunday I didn't know what to expect at RLC. I was overjoyed at the atmosphere and the welcoming by the entire assembly. Pastor Laura and the musicians were the final touch. I cannot express my love and gratitude enough. I was never judged nor lectured. I was simply welcomed and accepted. My Lord Jesus Christ is ever present, and I openly praise Him in my own awkward and loving way!" - Jim LeGasse

"...Pastor Laura's sermons are refreshing and bring you closer to God. It fulfills your week, keeping you on a spiritual journey with the Lord, making you want to become a better person. I, personally, have let Jesus handle problems I had no control over and it has been a blessing knowing the spirit is working inside me everyday. What a great feeling! God is good!..." Dan Meyers

"...Everyone (at RLC) is so down to earth and very friendly. The worship team is phenomenal. Pastor Laura puts the Word into terms that I can understand. I've made many friends and enjoy the group meetings [Connect groups] to understand the Bible more." Laura Meyers

"Real Life Church has impacted my life in so many ways. It has brought me closer to my family and other people in my life. It has brought in so many friendships. With these new friendships, not only can we worship Jesus and pray together, we can all have fun together while we do it!" Blaklea Ellis (RLC student)



A LETTER FROM PASTOR LAURA

Dear Real Life Church Family,

God has been doing great work here at Real Life Church. We are preparing to move boldly into the future, trusting in God to continue working through us for generations to come.

Real Life Church is developing a legacy as a place where "faith and real life thrive." As we launch this capital campaign, may it be a time of transformation that will equip us for the mission and ministry to which God has called us.

Even at this early stage, hope for the future for Real Life Church runs high, with some people making pledges and even starting to pay in advance of the campaign launch. Regardless of the amount God leads you to pledge, every gift is important and will enable us to reach our goal.

Together, let's pray our way through this campaign, "God, what do you want to do through me?" Together we can realize our goal of a strong future for Real Life Church. To God be the glory!

Blessings,
Pastor Laura Pierce



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT REAL LIFE ?



- ★ Average Sunday morning attendance grew 115% from 2024 to 2025
- ★ 40 first-time commitments to follow Jesus Christ since 2023
- ★ 32 baptisms and 4 infant dedications since 2024
- ★ 1 in 3 regular RLC attendees have participated in a Connect Group.
- ★ Average RLC Students (youth group) attendance in 2025 is 26.
- ★ 5 RLC attendees participated in the 2025 8 Days of Hope mission project
- ★ Regular contributions to International Child Care Ministries
- ★ One-time monetary contribution to another church plant
- ★ Financial contributions to the local school snack-pack program
- ★ Annual participation in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child with over 40 shoeboxes filled in 2024.



FUTURE PLANS

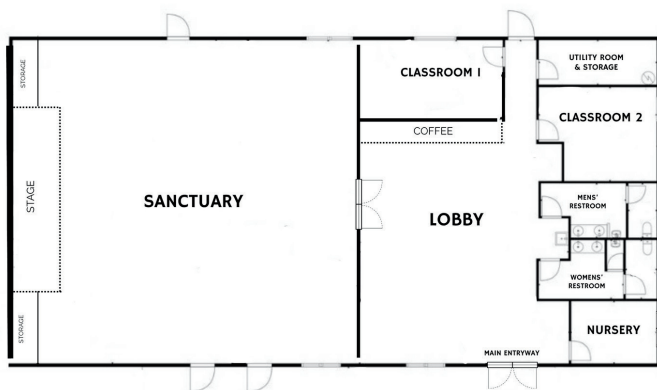
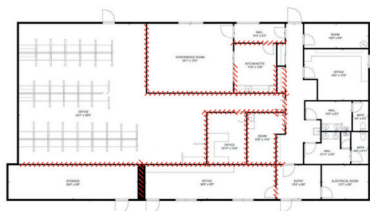


Real Life Church will be moving from our present location to our own building on Edward St., Arcade. The new building will need remodeling to transform it to a place of worship and ministry. The plan is for work to begin shortly after the beginning of the year 2026, and be completed and ready for move-in by the fall of 2026. The new facility will give us double the sanctuary seating capacity, triple the lobby space, and larger classrooms than our current facility. In addition to work on the building itself, we will also need to enlarge the parking lot at the new location.

Through our capital campaign we will spend the next two years raising additional funds to remodel the new facility and to reduce the mortgage debt. The total campaign goal is \$350,000. It is estimated that the cost of remodeling and improvements will be \$200,000. The balance of funds raised through the capital campaign will be used to reduce the mortgage debt of \$258,750 to free up funds for other ministries and growth.

It is our hope that the people of God will prayerfully consider how they can participate in the "Here to Thrive" capital campaign. On December 7, 2025, which is Commitment Sunday, you may complete a Commitment Card, pledging a gift to be given over the next two years.

22 EDWARD ST., ARCADE



"... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b

WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Your participation is needed to reach the capital campaign goal.
Please prayerfully consider what God would have you to do.

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<u>Gifts Needed</u>	<u>2 Year Total Gift</u>	<u>Cummulative Total</u>
1	\$50,000	\$50,000
1	\$35,000	\$35,000
2	\$25,000	\$50,000
3	\$20,000	\$60,000
6	\$10,000	\$60,000
8	\$7,500	\$60,000
10	\$5,000	\$50,000
Many	\$2,500	
		\$350,000

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COMMITMENT CARD

MY PLEDGE

Monthly Thrive Pledge \$ | (Outside of normal time)

24 Months x \$ |

One Time Thrive Offering \$ | (Cash Donation, Stocks, etc.)

Total Giving Commitment \$ |

WAYS TO GIVE

Cash/Check
 RLC Online
 RLC Mobile

Name:

Address:

City:

Phone: State: Zip:

Email:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21



CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

Sunday, November 2nd - The Call to Thrive

Sunday, November 9th - The Plan to Thrive

Sunday, November 16th - The Priority to Thrive

Friday, November 21st - Advance Commitment Night

Sunday, November 23rd - The Sacrifice to Thrive

Sunday, November 30th - The Surrender to Thrive

Sunday, December 7th - Commitment Sunday*

**Together in worship, we commit to what God wants to do through each one of us by offering our two-year pledge cards. Celebrating this season of generosity, we look forward to what God is going to do collectively through us.*

December 7th-21st - Reception of Commitment Cards

Sunday, December 21st - Announcement of Total Gifts

Sunday, December 28th - Grateful Submission*

**Receipt of the first installments of each of our pledged 24 month commitment to the capital campaign.*

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:19

FAQ



What if we don't raise the full \$350,000?

God has blessed Real Life Church in so many unbelievable ways over the last couple of years. We have been in prayer about our goals, and are trusting Him to continue doing the seemingly impossible. If we do not meet the campaign goal, projects will need to be funded by drawing from operational giving, or be postponed until funds can be raised.

Why not have community fundraisers, such as golf tournaments and chicken barbecues?

As God's people, our purpose is to do and fund God's work. This means not only giving of our time and talents, but also giving of our financial resources. Sacrificially giving to God's work is not merely a transactional process, it has the great potential to be spiritually transformative as we step out in faith and experience God doing what only He can do.

Why do we need a Capital Campaign?

Without a campaign to fund the remodeling projects and reduce the mortgage debt, funds would have to come from our operating budget. A capital campaign will remove the pressure from our annual budget, allowing more money for missions and ministry.

