



IGNITE

**Unleashing God's
Transformative Power**

ONE FUND

TWO YEARS

ETERNAL IMPACT

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C3 Church Family,

For the next five weeks I want to invite you, along with everyone at C3, to go on a journey. This guidebook is your roadmap for IGNITE, a two year initiative to unleash God's transformative power in each of our lives!

Every week, as we experience life change together, I'm continually blown away by all God has done, and continues to do, in and through the life of C3 especially as I think about the last two years. As we've moved into our new facility, we have experienced an accelerated pace of unprecedented growth. We know that God has big plans for us and we want to boldly walk into the future together! Life is too short to miss anything God has for us!

I believe this is a defining moment in the life of our church. IGNITE is our opportunity to see God move in our lives like never before. To accomplish this, here's what I'm asking you to do over the next 5 weeks:

- + Clear your calendar and plan to join me for all five weeks of our IGNITE message series that begins January 28th.
- + Get plugged into a Community Group. All groups will be discussing and praying through this vitally important topic.
- + Prayerfully read through this material and begin asking God what He wants you to do in response to our IGNITE initiative.
- + Open your heart to all that God wants to teach you through this season!

This is going to be one of those life-changing, future-shaping moments for each of us as well as for C3. I don't want you to miss one ounce of what God wants to do in your life in 2024 that will set the stage for the rest of your life. We're going to look back on these days and be blown away by how God used IGNITE to transform us into people living the lives He created us to live. This is what you've been looking for. This is what you've been waiting for. I can't wait to see how God is going to use IGNITE to transform you and C3!

Peace,
Pastor Byron

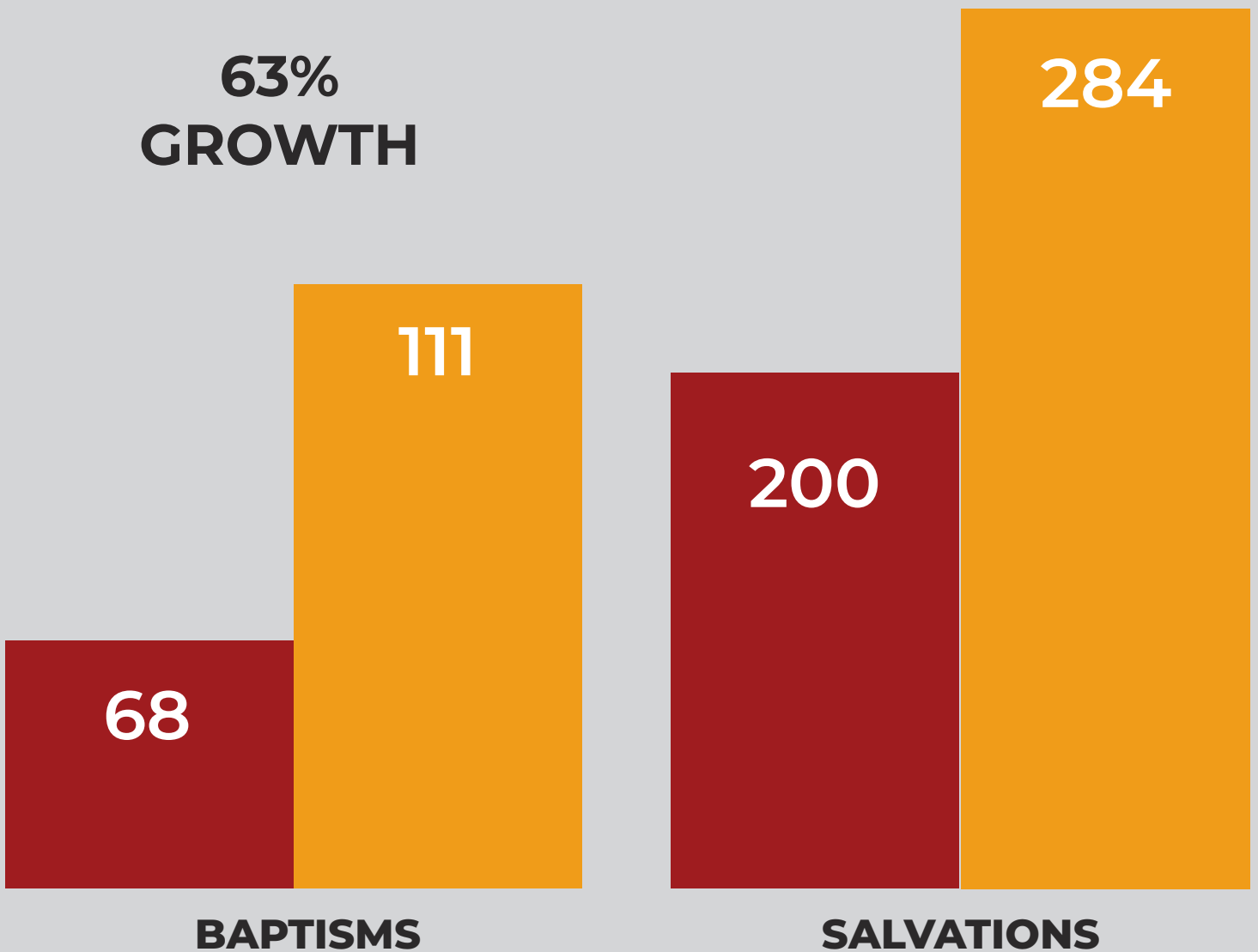
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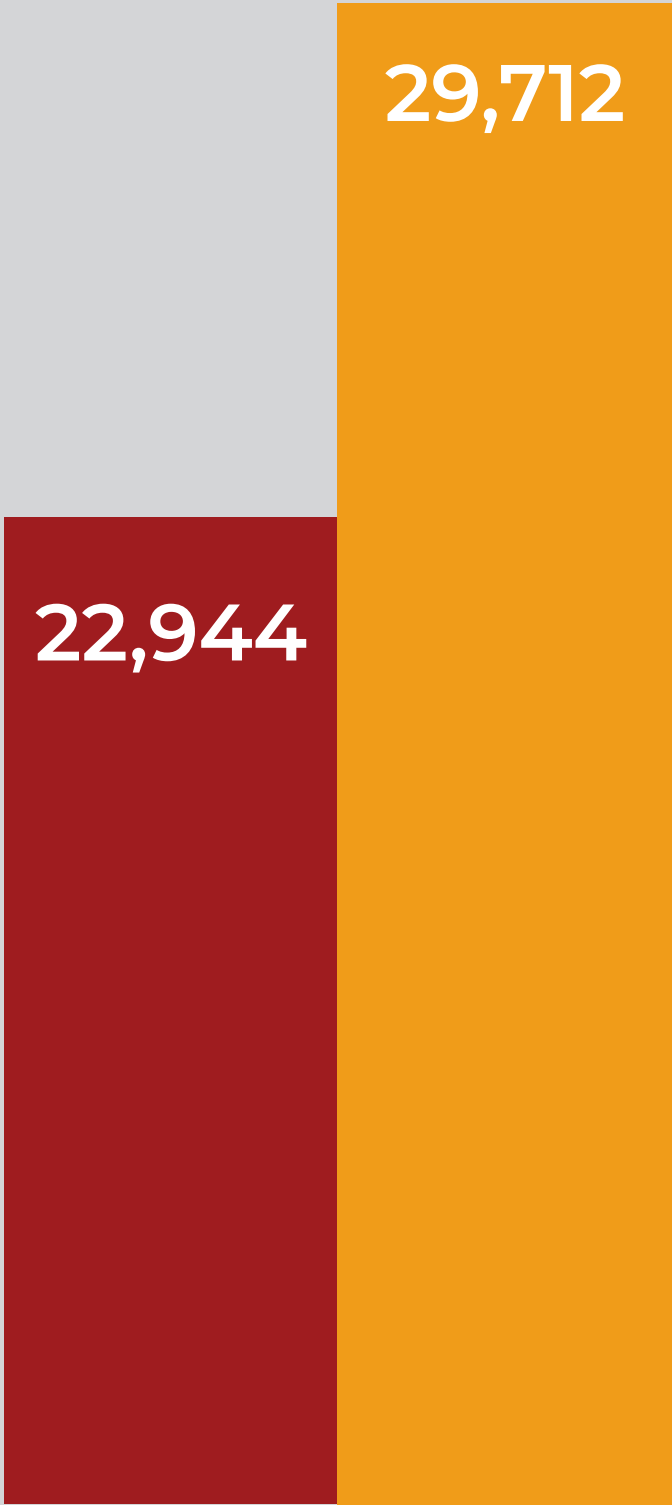
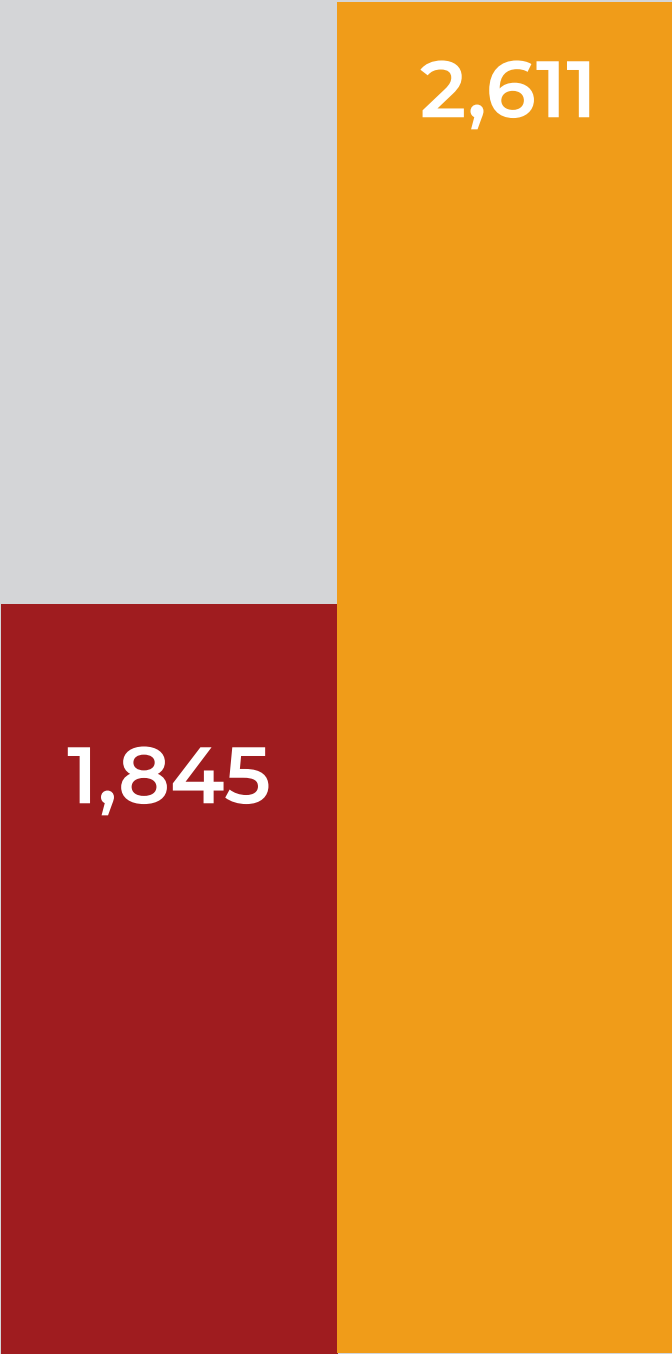
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STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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PRIMARY GOAL: **100% ENGAGEMENT**

IGNITE is first and foremost a discipleship initiative. We want to learn new things about God and ourselves. We are calling on every person in the C3 family to fully engage. This includes each of us coming together to pray, participate, serve, and commit to give. If everyone does 100% of what God asks them to do, we will see Him work in incredible ways in our church, our city, and around the world.

“ Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver, and God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need you will abound in every good work.

”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

WILL YOU RESPOND?

We are asking you to go on a spiritual journey with God and take the biggest step of generosity you've ever taken as we move forward together to accomplish God's task for us through **IGNITE**.

PRAY

Pray that God would IGNITE our efforts in loving people to a growing relationship with Jesus. Pray that He would do abundantly more than we ask or imagine.

My prayer for IGNITE is:

FULLY PARTICIPATE

Together we will reach our goal of 100% engagement through Ignite. Journey alongside your church family. Commit to do what God asks. Make plans to support the vision by committing to being at services from January 28th - February 25th

I plan to fully participate in IGNITE by:

SERVE

Together we will carry the weight of this vision. Be a friendly face on Sundays as we welcome new people into our church. Give your time and talents to where God is calling you to make an impact. By serving, you make a difference in people's lives every week.

My plan to serve during IGNITE is:

GIVE GENEROUSLY

Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that changes you, and take whatever steps are required to see it through. Make plans to join us the evening of February 21st.

I can grow in generosity through IGNITE by:



WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

WEEK ONE: FOLLOW

Monday

READ: Genesis 12:1-3

REFLECT: How have you seen God's blessing in your life?

RESPOND: Write down three things that God has blessed you with, and thank God for those blessings.

Wednesday

READ: Matthew 4:19-25

REFLECT: Think of all the things the disciples left behind to follow Jesus. What may God be asking you to leave behind to follow Him fully?

RESPOND: Ask God to illuminate areas in your life that you need to give over to Him to follow Him fully.

Friday

READ: 1 Corinthians 11:1

REFLECT: Who has been an example of Christ to you? In what areas of your life can you better reflect Christ to others?

RESPOND: Ask God to help you be a better example of Christ to those around you.

Tuesday

READ: Psalm 56:3-4

REFLECT: What doubts do you face in your life and in your faith?

RESPOND: Ask God to give you peace and understanding that He is with you. Tell Him your worries and know He is with you.

Thursday

READ: Deuteronomy 31:7-8

REFLECT: Think about all the worries and fears Joshua faced. What fears are you currently facing?

RESPOND: Write Verse 8 down in a place you can see throughout your day. In times of discouragement and fear, repeat it and pray it over yourself.

Sat - Sun

CATCH UP OR DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS

Big Idea: **Say Yes to the Journey**

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 12:1-9

START TALKING

What's your favorite place you've traveled to?
If you could choose one place in the world to travel for a week, where would that place be and why?

START DISCUSSING

Are you more inclined to lead or to follow? Why?

READ GENESIS 12:1-9

Why does God seem to ask for big things but gives very few details?

Has there ever been a time in your life when God's faithfulness drew you closer to Him?

READ MATTHEW 4:19-25

When you first began to follow Jesus, what were your greatest fears?

In what areas is it most difficult for you to follow God? Why?

Where do you sense God asking you to follow Him more in this season?

START APPLYING

What fear do you need to surrender to God to go on this journey with God? How will you take the first step in doing that?

WEEK TWO: FAITH

Monday

READ: Genesis 15:1-6

REFLECT: Abram & his wife were in their 90's when God promised them not only a child but generations. What is a need, hope, or dream you need to trust God with?

RESPOND: Record your God-sized dreams, hopes & needs. Ask God to bring you clarity & guidance.

Wednesday

READ: Hebrews 11

REFLECT: Select one character in this chapter you relate to. How did that person keep their faith though they may not have seen what they wanted?

RESPOND: Ask God to give you faith in following Him though we may never see the results we want to see.

Friday

READ: 1 Corinthians 11:1

REFLECT: Who has been an example of Christ to you? In what areas of your life can you better reflect Christ to others?

RESPOND: Ask God to help you be a better example of Christ to those around you.

Tuesday

READ: Ephesians 2:4-10

REFLECT: What good works do you feel God has prepared for you to do?

RESPOND: Ask God to show you how you can live the life of generosity He has prepared for you.

Thursday

READ: Matthew 21:21-22

REFLECT: What are some "mountains" in your life that you can trust God with?

RESPOND: Begin to ask God to work through these situations and pray as boldly and specifically as possible for what you want to see God do.

Sat - Sun

CATCH UP OR DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS

Big Idea: Faith Is Moving Beyond Our Limitations

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 15:1-6

START TALKING

Describe one experience you've had where you took a huge leap of faith. Who is someone you know that had modeled great faith?

START DISCUSSING

Trust is like faith; it is only as good as the person or object you are placing it in. How do you know when something or someone is trustworthy?

READ GENESIS 15:1-6

Has there ever been a time when it was really hard to have faith in God? If so, describe the events surrounding that time, as well as what helped you gain more confidence in God.

READ JAMES 2:17-18

How would you describe the relationship between obedience and trust?

Do you find it more difficult to know what God is leading you to do or more difficult to obey once He has spoken to you? Why?

When was a time God asked you to do something that led you out of your comfort zone?

What area of your life do you find it hardest to trust and obey God?

START APPLYING

What step of faith is God asking you to take? Pray a bold prayer? Step out in something beyond what's comfortable?

WEEK THREE: PRIORITIZE

Monday

READ: Exodus 20:1-3

REFLECT: Why does God want us to put Him first in all we do? What things do we prioritize over God?

RESPOND: Make a list of things you do and write down how you can put God first in each of those areas.

Wednesday

READ: Colossians 1:15-20

REFLECT: Think about how vast the entire world is (you may want to sit outside & do this). Think through all the things that God has created & controls.

RESPOND: Pray that God reminds you that He is in control of your life, & ask Him to help you be mindful in honoring & following Him.

Friday

READ: Proverbs 3:9-10

REFLECT: Why should we bring God our first fruits when it comes to our money?

RESPOND: Ask God to speak to you in what you should be giving. Ask Him to remind you that all you have is His.

Tuesday

READ: Luke 10:38-42

REFLECT: What has been distracting you from focusing on Jesus?

RESPOND: Put on a worship song & enjoy being with God. Talk to Him about all your distractions & worries. Reflect on His goodness & love for you.

Thursday

READ: Proverbs 3:5-6

REFLECT: How have you tried to rely on yourself in leading your life? What control do you need to give over to God?

RESPOND: Tell God exactly what you have been controlling and begin to release that into His hands to guide you.

Sat - Sun

CATCH UP OR DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS

Big Idea: **Priority Reveals Values**

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 14:18-24

START TALKING

Prioritize the following list in your life: Time with God, work/career, family, health, social, recreation. Now order the same items based on the time you devote to each. Is there a difference?

START DISCUSSING

How do you keep the busyness of life from crowding out the most important things in life?

READ GENESIS 14:18-24

How did Abram's response reveal what his priorities were?

If someone examined your own life, what would they say you prioritize most?

READ PROVERBS 3:9-10

How do you feel about the idea of bringing God your first fruits in regards to your finances?

God desires us to put Him first in every area of our lives, including our finances. Does your spending govern your giving or does your giving govern your spending?

How have you seen God show up in your life when you have prioritized Him first?

START APPLYING

Write down a list of three to five things that you value most in life.

Does your current life reflect these values? If not, what do you need to change to better reflect this?

WEEK FOUR: SACRIFICE

Monday

READ: 1 John 2:1-2

REFLECT: You can't outgive God. He made the greatest sacrifice so we may have eternal life. Reflect on how great Christ's sacrifice for us was.

RESPOND: Thank God for Jesus & His sacrifice. Ask Him to give us the boldness to follow Him as we look to live a sacrificial life of giving.

Wednesday

READ: Matthew 26:6-13

REFLECT: When have you been on the receiving end of giving? How did that make you feel?

RESPOND: Ask God to give you a heart like the woman in this story. Ask Him what kind of legacy He wants you to leave when it comes to giving.

Friday

READ: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

REFLECT: Think through the extreme generosity of these people. "In their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." What motivated them to be generous even in their poverty?

RESPOND: Pray for our church and that rich generosity may well up. Pray for the impact that generosity may have in our church, city, and world.

Tuesday

READ: 2 Samuel 24:18-25

REFLECT: King David refused to give a sacrifice to God that cost nothing. Following Jesus will cost us something; what are you willing to sacrifice?

RESPOND: Begin to ask God to direct you towards what He may want you to do when it comes to giving sacrificially.

Thursday

READ: Luke 21:1-4

REFLECT: How is giving and worship related?

RESPOND: Begin to see your giving as an act of worship and honor to God.

Sat - Sun

CATCH UP OR DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS

Big Idea: We Give Up Things We Love For Things God Loves More

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 22: 2-18

START TALKING

How have you been impacted by someone's sacrifice for you?

Have you ever been changed by a sacrifice you have made? How?

START DISCUSSING

How do you define sacrifice?

READ GENESIS 22:2-18

Is there something in your life that you would struggle to surrender if God were to ask?

Why would God give us something only to ask for it back?

READ MATTHEW 26:6-13

How is giving related to worship?

The woman in this story gave up something incredibly valuable because of her love for Jesus. When was a time you gave up something valuable for some thing you loved even more?

Is God compelling you to sacrifice something for something God loves even more? If so, please share.

START APPLYING

What is one thing that you sacrificed to follow Jesus more closely when you first said "yes" to Him? What is one thing He is asking you to sacrifice today?

MAKING A COMMITMENT

Exercise and reflection to do at home prior to Commitment Sunday on February 25th.

- 1. List the financial commitments you currently have. (Those that require payments over time...home mortgage, lease agreement, car loan, tuition, etc.)**

- 2. Now, write out the commitment you are planning to make for IGNITE. 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 IGNITE commitment? What if you wanted to raise your IGNITE 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 over the next two years, 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 bring your card with you on Commitment Sunday, February 25th, take time to thoughtfully pray. Prayer is what gives us the heart and will of Christ to make decisions like these.

LET'S DO THIS!

Let's be people boldly surrendering ourselves to God in every area of our lives. You may think your gift doesn't matter when compared to our total goal for IGNITE, but it does! Every gift matters to God. It's not about the amount, but what that amount means to you. (Mark 12: 41-44)

Use this table to see how your monthly gift adds up over two years.

IGNITING OUR CHURCH

\$2.8M

Through IGNITE, we will expand our efforts to lead our family, friends, and neighbors into a growing relationship with Jesus by supporting our existing ministry to kids, students, adults, and families!

IGNITING OUR COMMUNITY

\$300K

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\$500K

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MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT

PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR <i>(general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)</i>	
=	\$	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE	
	\$	X 2 YEARS =	\$
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES <i>(stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)</i>	+
			\$
			=
		MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: March 2024 - March 2026	\$
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TWO - YEAR GOAL: \$3.6M

GIFTS NEEDED	2-YEAR GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$300,000	\$12,500	\$300,000
1	\$150,000	\$6,250	\$150,000
2	\$75,000	\$3,125	\$150,000
6	\$50,000	\$2,083	\$300,000
15	\$35,000	\$1,458	\$525,000
20	\$25,000	\$1,042	\$500,000
25	\$15,000	\$625	\$375,000
35	\$10,000	\$417	\$350,000
50	\$7,500	\$313	\$375,000
50	\$4,800	\$200	\$240,000
75	\$2,400	\$100	\$180,000
100	\$1,200	\$50	\$120,000
Many	<\$1,200	<\$50	\$35,000

TOTAL GIFT GOAL: \$3,600,000

WEEK FIVE: COMMITMENT

Monday

READ: Genesis 12:4

REFLECT: Think through the life of Abram, how did he show his commitment to God?

RESPOND: Ask God to confirm what He is asking you to do and to remind you that He will see you through it.

Wednesday

READ: Romans 12:2

REFLECT: What patterns and habits of this world do you need to break?

RESPOND: Ask God to renew your mind with truth and for you to honor Him with your actions.

Friday

READ: Galatians 6:9

REFLECT: What harvest are you hoping God brings to your life and our church?

RESPOND: Ask God to do what only He can do in your life and the life of our church.

Tuesday

READ: Hebrews 12:1-3

REFLECT: Think through all the opposition Jesus faced here on this Earth.

RESPOND: Thank God for what He did. Thank Him for not giving up on you when things got tough.

Thursday

READ: Proverbs 16:3

REFLECT: What has God asked you to do that you are not currently doing?

RESPOND: Take an action step and do what God has been leading you to do. Tell someone.

Sat - Sun

CATCH UP OR DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS

Big Idea: **Commitment Turns A Dream Into A Reality**

SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 12:4

START TALKING

Who is the most “committed” person you know? Why?

What is something that you have done or accomplished that you are really proud of? How did you keep yourself committed to this goal?

START DISCUSSING

What may keep someone from making a commitment?

A lot of people start, but few finish. Why do you think it is so hard for most of us to stay the course and stay committed?

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:10-12 (NLT) & PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

What do these passages say about commitment?

Describe a time when you finished strong. What did you learn from that accomplishment?

In what area do you find it a struggle when it comes to following through with your commitments to God?

READ HEBREWS 12:1-3

What is currently slowing you down in living a more committed life?

In what area of your life do you need the most encouragement and/or accountability?

START APPLYING

What tasks or purposes do you feel God has called you to complete? How will you take that next step?



SHARE YOUR STORY

God is not through with any of us—we all have next steps and growth areas. Share your journey and how God is shaping you through IGNITE to encourage others.

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25

Opt. 1

Share your story with us by emailing it to info@c3church.cc

We would love to hear what God is doing in your life!

Opt. 2

Post your story publicly on social media. Tag @c3orlando and use #C3IGNITE.



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IGNITE

PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

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SECONDARY GOAL: \$3.6M IN GENEROSITY

We are inviting everyone within the C3 Church family to embark on a journey that will propel us into the future. This vision introduces the primary ways we can make an impact on our church, our community, and our future. We have seen God do so much already in and through the life of C3, and we believe He has even bigger and greater plans for our church in the years to come!

GIVING VISION



Igniting Our Church
\$2.8M

Through IGNITE, we will continue to support our existing ministry to kids, students, adults, and families by providing opportunities to gather, worship, learn, serve, and connect. We will expand our efforts to lead our family, friends, and neighbors into a growing relationship with Jesus!



Igniting Our Community
\$300K

A major component of IGNITE is increasing our investment in our local community. Through expanded investment in our partner organizations like Feeding Children Everywhere, the Beta Center, our local schools, and many others, we will share the love of Jesus by meeting the most pressing needs in our community.



Igniting Our Future
\$500K

IGNITE will provide the necessary funding for C3 to be prepared for our next step. Due to unprecedented growth, we will begin investing in our future by setting aside capital that will be vital for what's next. While God hasn't revealed our next step, we want to be ready when He does!

IGNITE INITIATIVE

You may have been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your usual gifts to complete special projects. Normally, you gave that gift to the “Building Fund” and you also continued to give to the “General Fund.” This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don’t have a baseline for their “usual giving” or who aren’t able to really celebrate the total giving at C3 Church in one single number.

We believe we’re all on ONE MISSION—to love people to a growing relationship with Jesus. The Ignite Generosity Initiative will last two years. In those two years, every gift given to C3 will go to the Ignite Initiative to help us IGNITE our church, our community, and our future.

We’ve included a sample commitment card so you can see how a “one fund initiative” works. Please take the time to look it over so you have an idea of what you will do. We will provide commitment cards on Commitment Sunday, February 25th.

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MY/OUR TWO-YEAR
COMMITMENT:
March 2024 - March 2026

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CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

IGNITE relies on church attendees 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 heart of Lifestyle Stewardship: If it is for my God, my gift must have value and meaning to me. Often, Lifestyle Stewardship means giving up something in one area so that you can give more of yourself in another area.

The 3 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 seven 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 grow in their giving finding 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 campaign 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 onto 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 a campaign. 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.

Though it is important to invest your giving to further the mission of the ministry that 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. Scripture to incorporate on this page “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing” 2 Samuel 24:24

A FINAL WORD

Giving does not have to be in equal increments over the two-year period of IGNITE. You might be able to give more in the second year than in the first. As you think about your financial commitment to IGNITE, 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 God’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 at the time of your passing. 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 committed faith to carry on the work of the church for future generations. creative ways to give

	Sell asset and gift net proceeds	Give asset directly
Value of Asset	\$12,000	\$12,000
Original Purchase Price	\$3,000	\$3,000
Amount of Appreciation	\$9,000	\$9,000
Capital Gains Tax*	\$1,800	\$0
Proceeds to Church <i>(asset value minus taxes)</i>	\$10,200	\$12,000

*Assumes 12-month holding period, 15% capital gains tax, 5% state income tax rate. Please be sure to consult your finance planner, attorney or CPA before making a final decision for your gift.

GIVING SCENARIOS

Each of us embarks on the generosity journey at a different starting point. Here are a few hypothetical situations that may be similar to the one in which you find yourself.

Each example below illustrates how an individual or family can take the next step on the generosity journey, and how the IGNITE commitment card could be completed accordingly.

Which of the following giving scenarios fits you best?

INITIAL GIVER

MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT
PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$ 0	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR <i>(general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)</i>	
	\$ 1,300	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE	
=	\$ 1,300		
		X 2 YEARS =	\$ 2,600
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES <i>(stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)</i>	\$ 500
		+	\$ 3,100

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ 3,100
March 2024 - March 2026

MY/OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Michael is new to the faith and has never given before. He is now starting several spiritual disciplines, including generosity.

It's a huge step of faith for him, but Michael has decided to give \$25 per week. Combined with \$500 from his savings, Michael plans to give a total two-year contribution of \$3,100 to the IGNITE initiative.

CONSISTANT GIVER

MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT
PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$ 500	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR <i>(general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)</i>	
	\$ 1,250	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE	
=	\$ 1,750		
		X 2 YEARS =	\$ 3,500
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES <i>(stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)</i>	\$ 500
		+	\$ 4,000

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ 4,000
March 2024 - March 2026

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Jennifer has witnessed changes in her own life through the ministry of the church. So far, she has been giving casually, if she has extra cash on hand during offering time. However, she now feels led to become more consistent in her giving by setting up a recurring gift online.

Her plan is to increase her usual annual giving of \$500 by \$1,250, bringing her to \$1,750 a year. With the addition of \$500 from a vacation savings fund, in two years she will have given \$4,000 to the IGNITE initiative.

PERCENTAGE GIVER

MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT
PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$ 6,000	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR (general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)		
	\$ 6,000	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE		
=	\$ 12,000		X 2 YEARS =	\$ 24,000
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES (stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)	+	\$ 2,000
			=	\$ 26,000

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ 26,000
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Paul and Rebecca have given consistently to the church at a steady 5%. With a combined income of \$120,000, they contribute \$6,000 each year. IGNITE, however, has prompted them to tithe a full 10%. It will require some adjustments to give \$12,000 a year, but they know it's what God is calling them to do. Also, they've been saving for a boat but have decided to give the \$2,000 in that account. They are now planning to give \$26,000 to the church over the next two years.

PROGRESSIVE GIVER

MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT
PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$ 7,000	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR (general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)		
	\$ 1,400	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE		
=	\$ 8,400		X 2 YEARS =	\$ 16,800
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES (stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)	+	\$ 2,000
			=	\$ 18,800

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ 18,800
March 2024 - March 2026

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Anthony developed the discipline of tithing years ago, and he has experienced God's provision again and again. Anthony will increase his giving percentage from 10% to 12% of his annual income of \$70,000, or \$8,400 a year. Over two years, with the addition of \$2,000 from the transfer of stocks that are no longer of interest to him, Anthony looks forward to giving \$18,800 to the IGNITE initiative.

LIFETIME GIVER

MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT
PLEASE CALCULATE WITHIN THE WORKSHEET BELOW.

+	\$ 13,500	WHAT I/WE NORMALLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR (general fund, outreach, benevolence, etc.)		
	\$ 1,500	MY/OUR EXPANDED ANNUAL GENEROSITY FOR IGNITE		
=	\$ 15,000		X 2 YEARS =	\$ 30,000
		MY/OUR GIFT(S) FROM STORED RESOURCES (stocks, real estate, savings, selling items, etc.)	+	\$ 0,000
			=	\$ 30,000

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ 30,000
March 2024 - March 2026

MY/OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

Judy loves to give of her time, talents, and resources. She has set a lifetime giving goal for herself, and is excited to reach it. She has been giving 15% of her \$90,000 income (\$13,500) to the church in recent years, but is inspired to increase the annual amount to \$15,000. She has been considering the purchase of a new home recently, but she realizes that purchase may inhibit her ability to reach her giving goal. So Judy has decided not to move, and to give her down payment toward the IGNITE initiative instead.

FAQs

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 pray about a sacrificial commitment to God-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 IGNITE commitments something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, February 25th and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and our faith.

HOW IS IGNITE DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS GENEROSITY INITIATIVES?

We are focused on everyone at C3 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% engagement in the process. Even if someone wrote us a check today for our secondary goal of \$3.6 million, 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.

HOW DOES \$3.6MM OVER TWO YEARS COMPARE TO CURRENT GIVING AT C3 CHURCH?

Our current annual giving is about \$1.3MM, multiplied by two years is \$2.6MM. So, in essence, we're believing God to grow our resources by \$1MM for a total of \$3.6MM over two years.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL WAYS BESIDES CASH THAT I CAN GIVE TOWARD IGNITE?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give toward IGNITE. 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. Barry Leathers, C3 Church's Community Life Pastor, is able to assist with all such gifts. Email him to discuss further at barry@c3church.cc.

WHAT IS BIBLICAL TITHING?

If you are new to the idea of tithing, the following are five facts about biblical tithing: (1) The tithe is 10% of everything God provides through income, gifts, etc. (2) The tithe is to be the very first ten percent of your income before taxes, bills, savings, house payment, etc. (3) The tithe is to be given to God's work through the local church (4) The tithe was modeled by Abraham, Moses, Jesus, & Paul. (5) The tithe is supposed to be the floor and not the ceiling of our Christian generosity. In fact, we like to say that "tithing is the training wheels for a life of generosity" where God begins teaching us how to be generous in all areas of our life.

WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER EVEN GIVEN TO C3 CHURCH BEFORE?

IGNITE was crafted specifically with you in mind. IGNITE 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. IGNITE is a call to sacrificial, God-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at C3. 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 DO I GIVE ONLINE?

You are welcome to give online to IGNITE by going to www.c3church.cc/ignite.

HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year (24-month) commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with BIG GIVE SUNDAY, our offering on Sunday, March 10th, and culminate in March 2026.

WHAT IF I AM NEW AT C3 CHURCH?

IGNITE is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving, as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is the most compelling mission to give toward, and we would really love for you to make C3 your home church and join us in IGNITE. 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.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB RIGHT NOW? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR MY IGNITE COMMITMENT?

IGNITE is about your total, radical, sacrificial generosity to God's mission at C3 Church. 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. IGNITE 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 people who are willing to go all in with Jesus. 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 IGNITE so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging, and praying for one another through this spiritually-stretching season at C3.

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 right now, 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 resource 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 connect with Barry Leathers, our Community Life Pastor who can offer individual financial coaching (barry@c3church.cc).

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 community group 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 IGNITE. We firmly believe it will draw you closer to God, and hopefully to a place where you are ready to make the decision to take your faith public through baptism, surrendering your life to Jesus.

Learn more online at:
www.c3church.cc/ignite

KEY DATES

Mark your calendar and plan to attend three important dates on our IGNITE calendar:

SUNDAY
JANUARY 28TH

IGNITE INITIATIVE BEGINS

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 21ST

ADVANCE COMMITMENT NIGHT

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25TH

COMMITMENT SERVICES

SUNDAY
MARCH 10TH

BIG GIVE SERVICES



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