

This is truly one of my favorite times of the year. A time to look back briefly and see some of the ways God has used your Rise Up Commitment and generosity to remove obstacles and provide opportunities for people to Find and Follow Jesus.

I encourage you to look through this report and allow God to fill you with joy for all He has done through your commitment and generosity. This year we've been able to renovate the Green Oaks campus without any additional debt. We've completed phase 1 at Hope Ranch and were able to witness physical, relational, and spiritual miracles through our 21 Days of Breakthrough. We've prayed for thousands of people far from God through our BLESS strategy and have been able to launch 181 new small groups across all our campuses, enabling more people to "Engage in Biblical Community". God is so good!!

There is still much work to be done and our commitment to God's call to remove obstacles and provide opportunities helps ensure a spiritual legacy for the next generation. Thanks again for your commitment to making an eternal difference. Jesus is building His church and it's an honor to serve Him together with you. Let's go be FORERUNNERS!

Serving together,



Pastor Marty | Lead Pastor

## STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH



### GROUPS

- **181** new small groups were launched
- Night of Hope began September 2023
- New ministry beginning soon - Grandparents Raising Grandkids!



### STUDENTS

- **20** students shared their faith through baptism
- **OVER 300** students attended Student Weekend



### KIDS

- Kids Camp | **157** kids & **54** leaders attended, and there were **10** salvations
- Best Weekend Ever | **2** campuses, over **850** kids, **400** leaders and **10** salvations



### WORSHIP

We enjoy 10 services across all campuses each week. Rush Creek Worship is now streaming on all platforms.

# STRENGTHEN OUR IMPACT



## HOPE RANCH

We hosted **OVER 2000** people & partnered with **10** different organizations from foster/adoptions, special by design, abuse survivors & children who are terminally ill or have life altering illnesses. **OVER 200** people are on the Hope Ranch CREW. Coming this year: archery arena, shade for fishing area, and additional restroom facilities!



## LOCAL COMPASSION

We distribute **OVER 700** backpack meals per week to our neighboring schools as well as provide clothing & uniforms to **OVER 100** people per month in our neighborhood and schools. We package and distribute food boxes through our food pantry at our Green Oaks & Handley locations.



## GLOBAL COMPASSION

- We built our **50<sup>TH</sup>** house near our El Salvador campus
- We support **450 KIDS** through our Pen Pal program
- We have been able to pay college tuition for **25 STUDENTS** in El Salvador through our Pen Pal program

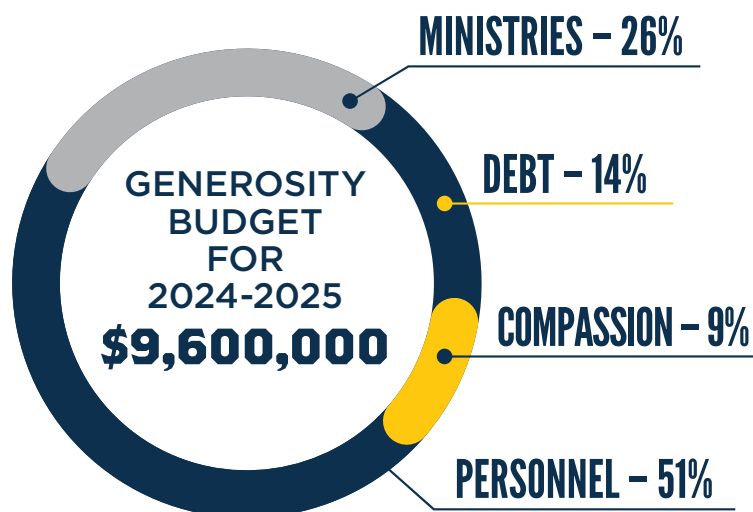
# STRENGTHEN OUR STABILITY

## FACILITIES

Our team oversaw roofing projects at the Green Oaks and Mansfield West Campuses. We completed a full renovation project over the summer at the Green Oaks Campus. We began clearing and forming new roads and parking areas at Hope Ranch.

## TECHNOLOGY

Work has begun on new technology in the kid's spaces at all campuses.



**QUESTIONS? CLICK HERE FOR FAQ'S**

# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The ballot for our Annual Family Vote will be emailed to all partners the evening of April 27, you will have 24 hours to submit your ballot. This year, there will be three items for affirmation by participating partners on the ballot:

**1** **Generosity Budget**  
See Page 2 for details on the Budget.

**2** **Trustee Recommendations**  
There are currently 4 openings on our Trustee team. Church Council recommends affirmation of the following candidates.

**3** **Statement of Beliefs**  
No changes were made to our current Statement of Beliefs, we are simply adding the Statement to our Constitution & By-Laws. To view our Statement of Beliefs, **click here**. To view our Constitution & By-Laws, **click here**.

## TRUSTEE RECOMMENDATIONS



### BRIAN CHASE

I've been married for 24 years to my beautiful wife Terri, and we have 3 great kids: Caroline (14), Andrew (17) and Austin (19). Terri and I have been partners at Rush Creek since 2021 and attend the Mansfield West campus. My family enjoys serving in various ministry roles at Rush Creek, including kids' ministry, local missions, and international missions (my sons and I have served in Mexico and El Salvador). I also serve in the men's ministry and help lead a weekly men's group.

As a native of Aledo, Texas, I spent most of my youth at Trinity Bible Church in Parker County. I accepted Christ as my Savior in junior high and was baptized soon thereafter.

I serve as the Vice President of International Government Affairs for Bell (previously Bell Helicopter) and have had the privilege of serving in several roles with the U.S. government and aerospace industry over the course of my career. Those jobs have taken me to several states, but we were glad to land back in North Texas in 2007.



### KATHERINE COOK

I'm Katherine Cook, happily married to James Cook, and together we're blessed to be raising our beloved daughter, Rory. Professionally, I'm a business operations manager at CarMax.

My faith journey began in childhood when I embraced Jesus as my Savior and was baptized at the age of nine. Through life's trials, I've experienced God's unwavering presence and provision, deepening my trust in Him. In times of challenge and uncertainty, I have witnessed God's faithfulness. Anchored by verses like Hebrews 13:14-15 and Romans 12:2, I strive to live according to His will. My heart's desire is to share the unexplainable joy and peace I've found in Jesus with everyone I encounter.

For seven years, Rush Creek has been my church home, joining after Handley merged with Rush Creek. I currently serve on the worship team, on Mondays at Night of Hope and lead a small group with my husband.

I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve as a trustee of Rush Creek, and I'm committed to upholding our values and supporting our mission with integrity and dedication.

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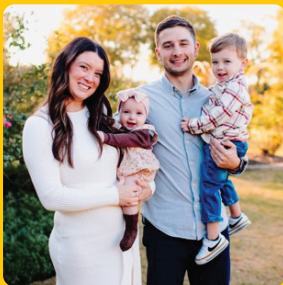
## BRIAN HENDRYX

Shelly and I met in college and have been married for nearly 28 years. We have two boys, Timothy and Hudson who are 17 and 12 years old. Timothy is an active member of the youth ministry and Hudson (along with mom) serves faithfully on Sunday mornings watching over babies in the children's ministry. I serve on the connections team and along with Shelly, have led small groups for the past 6 years.

I grew up attending church with my family and was baptized by immersion when I was 7 years old at Lockland Christian Church in my hometown in Ohio. I was lazy in my faith journey until we came to Rush Creek in the Fall of 2015. We were introduced to the church through a friend's birthday party which was hosted by their Rush Creek Life Group. As we walked away that evening, we decided immediately that we had found our new church home.

Looking back, it's clear that that evening was God's way of preparing us for a difficult upcoming season; I was in the process of closing a business and we were struggling financially because of that. My mom was dying slowly of Alzheimer's, and my dad was diagnosed with Cancer and passed away shortly after his diagnosis. The staff at Mira Lagos, our small group, and our friends at Rush Creek made sure my family never fell during that time. We were prayed for, encouraged, and constantly uplifted when we needed it. That time in my life has helped to shape and sharpen my faith and my ministry in a way few life experiences ever could. As we recovered during the following years, I was hungry to serve, lead, counsel and teach, and I continue along that path of discipleship today. Not perfectly, but consistently. Shelly and I have a heart for community and small groups and have been grateful for the families we've shepherded over the past 7 years. We're currently taking a break from leading but are looking forward to starting a new group after a short season to rest.

God has continually used my weaknesses to forge a path to ministry; severe social anxiety through my early college years made me truly value community and the connections ministry as an adult. Financial struggles gave us a heart for those who are in need; the Pen Pal ministry is near and dear to us. He continues to shape me and surround me by those who want me to be a Godly man.



## JACOB JOHNSON

I am married to Kameron Johnson (6 years) and have two beautiful children--Liam (almost 3 years old) and Josie (1 year). We live in Mansfield. We love to play outside, go on walks, and blow bubbles.

I own and operate a give-back candle company, Calyan Wax Co. I started the business in 2017 with the goal of funding the fight against human trafficking. We craft beautiful candles and donate 5% of revenue to nonprofits working to bring hope and freedom to those enslaved. The business has grown to nationwide distribution through Whole

Foods, Sprouts, and other regional retailers. My focus is on bringing the gospel to not just those enslaved, but also to the "business world".

I grew up with a mom who is a faithful believer in Christ and a father who seemingly never fully trusted his life to Christ despite serving as a pastor (shocking, I know) and trying to lead his family spiritually. This led to quite the inner spiritual turmoil. I said the prayer and was baptized early on but it would take some time for my faith to take root. Throughout my teenage years, I fought against the hypocrisy I saw in my father. I tried out what the world had to offer. Thankfully, God did not let me go in those years. After watching my now wife accept Christ in front of me in 2015, my faith was solidified and alive. I finally said "Lord, your way, not my way. I'm going to fully trust your will in my life."

My wife and I have attended the Mansfield West campus for 9 years. Over these years, I have served in our Student Ministry, as a Small Group Leader, a Small Group Leader Coach, and in our connections/worship (AV) ministries on Sunday mornings.