

Set Free to Grow



**So, if the Son sets
you free, you will
be free indeed.**

John 8:36



*We are here to
honor and serve
God by sharing
Jesus and helping
others.*

From Our Pastor



Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

No matter how you look at it, our church is blessed! **We are blessed** to have not one, but two beautiful campuses. **We are blessed** to have not one, but two pastors. **We are blessed** to have a school that teaches young people about God and His creation. **We are blessed** to have faithful people who are willing to give of their time, talents, and treasures to be sure that God's Word and Sacraments are there for all who join us.

We are blessed! Having been here only a few months, I am still taking it all in, discovering new blessings and challenges daily. What has become abundantly clear is the incredible potential that we have here at Our Savior, and the great things that God is going to do through His church. I have no doubt that God is going to grow His Church! Now, when I say grow, I am not only talking about the number of people in church or our church membership. When I say grow, I am also talking about growing the faith of His children in and around His Word. Growing the ministry that He is doing through us, both inside and especially outside of the church. Growing as we seek to *honor and serve God by sharing Jesus and helping others*.

We are blessed! Blessed, even with the challenges that we face. To address some of these challenges and remove barriers, we are launching the Set Free to Grow Campaign. This campaign will focus on three primary areas.

Expanding and Strengthening our Foundation – On Christ, the solid rock we stand. Christ and His Word is our foundation and we need to widen and deepen that foundation by getting more people into weekly Bible study and providing more and deeper studies.

From Our Pastor



Multiplying Ministry – There is so much need around us. We want to clearly see those needs and find ways to meet them. We pray for more of God's people sharing Jesus and helping others.

Debt Elimination – We are blessed with a reasonably small amount of debt. Debt that has brought us a second campus and two new parking lots. However, that debt comes at a cost. By eliminating it, we will free ourselves from an expensive burden and free financial resources to multiply ministry.

We are blessed! And I truly believe that if, as God's people, we are willing to put our trust in Him and boldly step forward in faith, and do what He has called us to do, we will be blessed! Blessed not only now, but in the future, and more importantly, we will be a blessing to others. We know that with man it is impossible, but not with God. With God, all things are possible.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim





Our Goal is to set our church free to multiply ministry. We will clear barriers and provide opportunities and resources for the future.

We praise God for all the blessings that He has given to our church over the years and opportunities that He has provided to *honor and serve God by sharing Jesus and helping others*. Standing on the firm foundation of His Word and having seen what He has done, we look forward to the future with hope and a renewed sense of purpose in why God called us here.



Set Free to Grow will address three important items:

1. Debt Elimination

With the purchase of our Smithville Campus and our two new parking lots, we have approximately \$300,000 in debt. This year alone, we will need to pay over \$30,000 on these loans, most of which will pay only the interest that we are accruing. By eliminating this debt over the next three years, we will drastically reduce the total interest we will pay and free up our offerings to be used in ministry rather than in paying debts.

2. Major Capital Improvements

With two church buildings, a school, and more than 10 acres of property, quite honestly, the list of projects and improvements never ends. We also know that there are a number of larger projects that await us in our future, from carpeting to furnaces, to new signs, to... well, you get the picture. An important part of continuing and multiplying future ministry will be setting aside funds to address these larger items when they arise. This will free us from missing ministry opportunities because we must focus on the physical needs of our church.

3. Ministry Opportunities

Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Matthew 9:37-38. As the harvest is plentiful, so are the opportunities. As we seek to evaluate the needs around us and how we might meet those needs, we recognize that these opportunities will require investment both financially and in human capital. To that end, we will set aside funds to multiply ministry inside and outside of our church.



With God’s help, we will set our church free to multiply ministry. We will clear barriers and provide more opportunities and resources for the future.

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³⁶ When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:36-38



Year 1

\$300K Debt Elimination
2X Members in Ministry
& Bible Study



Year 2

\$100K Capital
Improvements
4X Members in Ministry
& Bible Study



Year 3

\$100K Ministry
Multiplication
8X Members in Ministry
& Bible Study



Set Free to Grow Goal: \$500,000 Over 3 Years

This is a congregation-wide campaign. We are asking every member to commit dollars and hours to focus on growing the ministries at Our Savior.

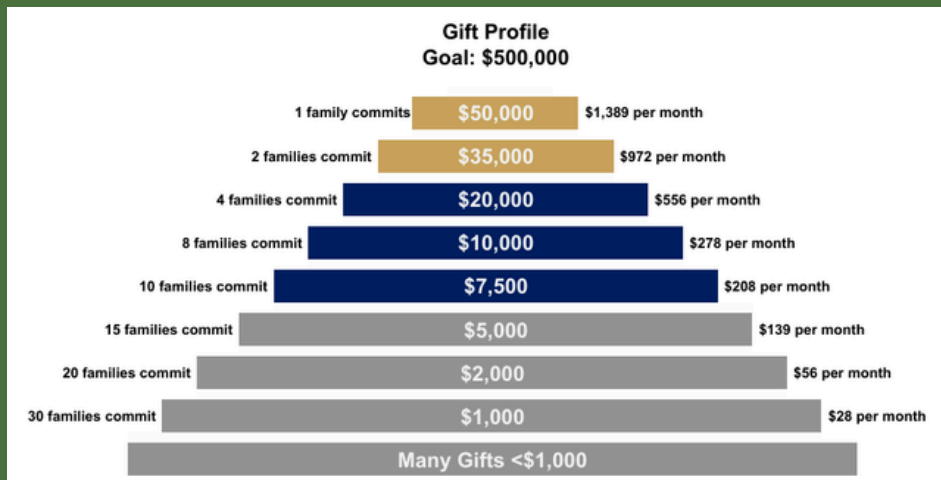
Set Free to Grow is a three year commitment to give *above our regular offerings*.

The ministries of Our Savior will continue while debt is paid off and improvements are planned for.



The commitment to this campaign is not one of equal giving, but of equal sacrifice.

Givers at every level are valued and valuable.



Giving is over 3 years, over and above our regular offerings.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think...

Ephesians 3:20

How Can I Get Involved?

PRAY – Please join us in praying for wisdom, discernment, and provision as we seek to follow Christ and free ourselves to multiply His mission and ministry in and through our church.

PARTICIPATE – Get involved in Bible study or start one of your own. Find a current ministry or start a new one to participate in. Search for things that we can do to *honor and serve God by sharing Jesus and helping others*.

PLEDGE – Pledge to support this plan with your time, talents, and treasures.

PROVIDE – Your gift will not only reduce our debt and maintain our church facilities, but also free us to grow future ministries.



Pray * Participate * Pledge * Provide

Call to Action

After going through this booklet, I pray you can see where we are aspiring to go and what we are praying for. By removing barriers and providing for our future, we believe that we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will be able to multiply the ministry that God has put us here to do. We will be Set Free to Grow.

We know that we have a God who can do all things and that He works in many, and often mysterious ways. However, we also know that most often, as He works all things together for good, He does this through those He loves. That is you, His beloved child. So, we need to you. We need you in Bible study. We need you sharing Jesus and helping others. And yes, we need you to give from the gifts that God has given you.

So, I invite you to prayerfully consider, discuss, and decide how you can support our Set Free to Grow campaign. We ask that your contribution be above and beyond your regular offerings. Also, I would like you to look beyond... look beyond what we are today and imagine what God can do not only here, but in our community, country, and world. What could happen when we, as God's people, come together and step forward in His Name, putting our trust in Him to do great things that will bring glory to His most Holy Name?

It is and always will be, as God said to Joshua as His people prepared to enter the promised land. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tim



Set Free to Grow Timeline

March 8, 2026

Set Free to Grow Launch Day!

Forums

Learn more about Set Free to Grow. Information will be presented, questions will be asked and answered.

Three Forum Opportunities:

March 15, 2026

Platte City, following Worship. Meal provided.

March 19, 2026

Platte City, 6:00 pm. Snack provided.

March 22, 2026

Smithville, following Worship. Snack provided.

Late March-
Mid April

Cottage Meetings are smaller groups of people, meeting to learn more and ask more in-depth questions.

Late April-
Mid May

Inspire Phase: You are invited to pray and grow in faith through prayer, sermons, and bible studies.

May 17, 2026

Commitment Sunday Celebration

June 7, 2026

First Fruits Sunday: Members are encouraged to begin giving toward the three year campaign this Sunday.

Spring 2027

Parking Lot Mortgage Burning

Winter 2027

Parking Lot Mortgage Burning

Winter 2027

Smithville Mortgage Burning

Spring 2028

Expanded Ministry Resource Development

Summer 2029

Future Maintenance and Projects Funded

June 2029

End of Commitments



Your Church Action Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Savior is entering an exciting chapter as we launch Set Free to Grow Campaign. Our theme reflects a profound truth: through God's grace, we are set free from sin, and through this campaign we pray to be set free from debt so our ministry may continue to grow and flourish at Our Savior.

In 2023, the Voters Assembly established a Strategic Planning Committee to guide our congregation's future. One of the voter-approved goals was to begin a capital campaign in year three, and in June 2025 the Voters reaffirmed it.

Throughout our history, God has faithfully provided for Our Savior. We have navigated many transitions, including becoming a multi-campus congregation, the retirement of Called workers, and facility challenges—yet God has supplied what we needed. The Holy Spirit continues to work among us. We are blessed with two dedicated pastors, two beautiful campuses, a growing Lutheran school, and active Bible studies and fellowship opportunities. Now God is opening the door for a new phase of growth through this campaign.

Jesus gives His Great Commission in Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Our mission is to follow Jesus's command by: Honoring and serving God by sharing Jesus and helping others. This mission stands at the heart of Set Free to Grow.

On behalf of the Church Action Board, we humbly ask you to join us in four important ways:

Pray: Please pray for our congregation, pastors, leaders, and the success of this campaign.

Participate: Worship regularly, participate in Bible studies, and use the opportunities at OSLC to grow in faith. Start a new ministry.

Pledge: Please consider how God is leading you to give your time, treasure, talents.

Provide: Your gift will reduce our debt and free us to grow future ministries.

We pray that God continues to bless Our Savior and guide us through a successful Campaign so that we will be Set Free to Grow.

Yours in Christ,

Rich Kidwell, Co-Chairman

Brian Close, Co-Chairman



Set Free to Grow Executive Team



Campaign Director—Rich Kidwell
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Hospitality Team—Close Family, Stephanie Goodnight,
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Heavenly Father,

In the midst of our own pain and struggles, it can be difficult to remember all you have sacrificed for us. Without your forgiveness and unending love, we would truly have nothing. However, through your Son, we have everything. Each and every blessing comes from you, Lord. Help us to remember daily how much has been sacrificed for us. Please be with each member of Our Savior as we begin this journey together. Help us find ways to grow our church family, Lord, as it will take many to fruitfully multiply all of our church's ministries. As we work through life's challenges, please encourage each of us to labor diligently. We pray that the laborers will be plentiful at Our Savior. Be with us as we seek to be rid of debt and to grow Your kingdom.

*We pray this in Your precious and holy name.
Amen.*