



**MERGE
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

“A PLACE CALLED HOME”

Merge Future Campus Information Guide



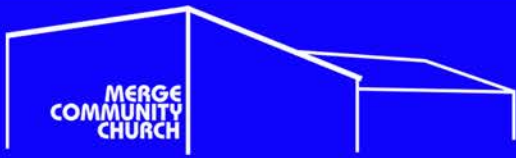
Hey Merge,

For the past 17 years, Merge has grown and embarked on many God-sized adventures. As great as those days have been we believe our best days are still ahead of us. God has brought us into a new adventure—one filled with opportunity, faith, and calling. As we look ahead, we sense His leading to take a step that will shape our church not just today but for generations to come.

This booklet shares the heart, story, and future we believe God is inviting us to adventure with Him on together.

Heart and Soul,
BAG
brandon geary
lead pastor at Merge

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The Vision In A Sentence

We are creating a Merge campus as a welcoming home that advances our desire to love God by loving people—showing love, seeking adventure, and building community.



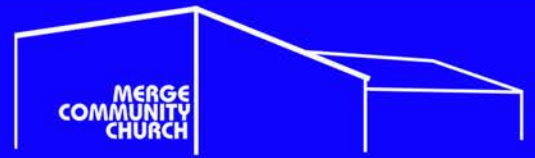
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Our Story and God's Faithfulness

Our church began with a simple desire to love God by loving people. We do this best by making much of Jesus with our lives. From our beginnings in Lake Worth at Russel Hall and leased spaces off Highway 820; to 2018 and our move to Azle where we met at Walnut Creek, and now at 404 W Main, we have experienced God's faithfulness at every step.

We've seen: Lives transformed by the gospel. Families restored. Leaders raised up and a growing hunger for God's Word and His ways.

At each milestone, God has provided exactly what was needed- often more than we imagined. This campaign is the next chapter in that story.



The Future Campus Vision

Our future campus will be a place where worship, discipleship and mission flourish.

Key elements for a place to call home include:

A Worship Center

A space designed for biblical preaching, vibrant worship, and intergenerational gatherings.

A Merge Kids Space

Secure and spacious rooms where our youngest generation hear about God's great love for them and His invitation to adventure with Him today.

Multipurpose Areas For Building Community

Flexible rooms for groups to gather for intentional, gospel centered conversations and fellowship.

Adequate Parking and Outdoor Space

Creating a welcoming and accessible environment for all.

Imagine walking onto a campus where families grow together, people find purpose, and the hurting find healing. Imagine a place that strengthens disciples for decades to come!

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Ministry Impact

This campus is more than a building project,
this is a place to call home.

More Room for people to grow

Rooms for people to hear about God's love.
Rooms where our next generations can build
a foundation that will last a lifetime.

Expanded Weekday Opportunities

Prayer gatherings, classes, outreach events,
and Merge groups will have room to grow.

More Room For Community Impact

We desire for our Merge campus to bless our
city— host events, serve needs,
and open doors for connection.

Lives will be changed here.
Marriages will be restored.
Children will hear the gospel.
Students will discover their calling.
Neighbors will be welcomed.
Mission will expand.



The Financial Picture

We believe God has been leading us to pursue this adventure with faith, wisdom, and stewardship.

In 2021 the people of Merge purchased an 8-acre property for \$350,000 located at 12401 S FM 730 in Azle, TX. Since the time of that purchase, Merge has paid off the total loan amount and does not carry any of this debt into the total project cost of the "A Place Called Home" campaign.

Total Project Cost: \$1,150,000

Amount of funding secured by the bank: \$850,000

Amount of funding contingent on this campaign: \$150,000

Current Funds for Merge to contribute: \$150,000

Campaign Goal:

Construction Pledges: \$150,000

Furnishing Projects: \$50,000

Commitment Timeline of Pledges: 2 years

This campaign allows every Merge partner to participate at whatever level God leads.

When we unite in sacrificial giving,
God does extraordinary things.

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Stewardship and Sacrifice

We approach this campaign not a fundraising effort, but an adventure of the God size.

We are inviting every family to:
Seek the Lord in prayer

Consider what sacrificial generosity looks like in this season.

Give above and beyond your regular tithe.

Our giving is a response to God's grace and a commitment to advance His kingdom.



Questions You May Have:

Why don't we simply stay where we are currently meeting?

The main reason is that a campus has always been the long term desire. Another significant factor is that the property at 404 W Main is currently for sale. We have explored many opportunities around town and believe that developing the land we currently own is our best option to meet our present and future needs.

What if we don't reach the \$150,000 pledge goal?

We will move forward with wisdom, adjusting phases or timelines as needed. We have secured financing and have funds available for one million of the total cost.

Has there been work done to lower the total cost of this project?

Yes, the original bid came in at 1.6 million dollars. After making some adjustments to the parking lot plans, working with the builders on where we can lower cost and with significant in-kind donations from them, we were able to lower the cost to the 1.15 million.

Questions You May Have:

How will this impact our ongoing ministry?

Merge has long held that people, not the building, make the church. The opportunity to have a permanent place to call home only further expands the many service areas already happening at Merge and opens the door to new ones.

How long is the "A Place To Call Home" campaign?

We are looking at a 2-year campaign commitment. That means whatever amount you decide to provide can be spread out as far as 2 years.

How does this affect the monthly budget at Merge?

Financing this project will move our monthly mortgage expense to roughly \$7295. We have currently been spending \$5000 on facility rental and payment on the land debt (until recently paying it off). We are confident we can assume the monthly increase with little change to our current opportunities. We also believe a permanent campus will give our community a new way to find and engage with Merge.



How You Can Play An Important Role!

Pray

Ask God to lead our church and your family in faith.

Engage

Attend the Merge meeting where we vote on funding the loan. (Merge partnership is required to be a voting member)

Ask questions.
Seek clarity.

Give

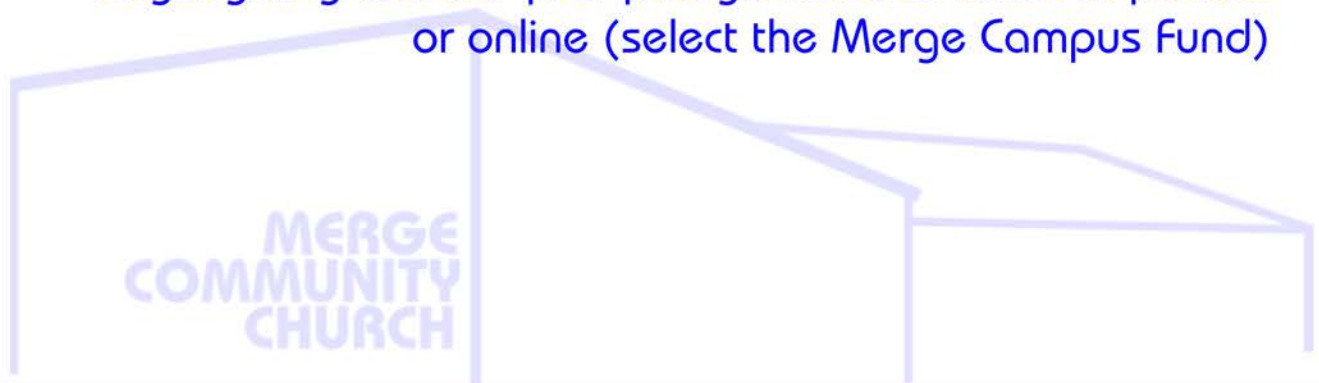
Make a sacrificial commitment as God leads.

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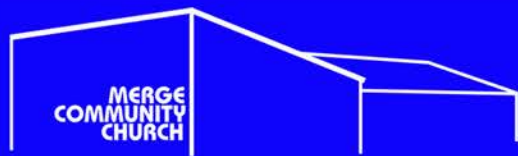
Tell others about what God is doing and invite them to be part of the journey.

How do I commit pledges to this adventure?

Fill out a pledge commitment card
Begin giving toward your pledge amount either in person or online (select the Merge Campus Fund)



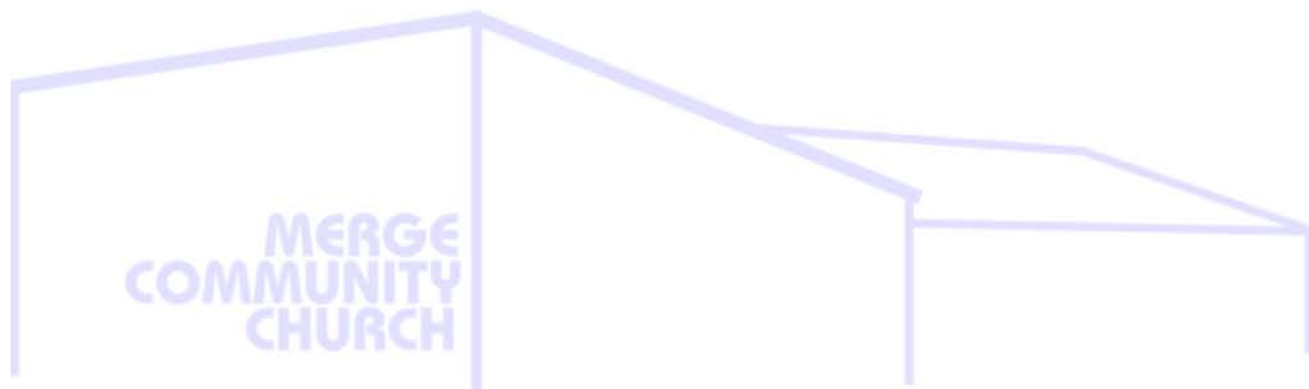
Let's Adventure Together!



This is more than about a building.
It's a step of faith toward a future God is calling us to.
It is a new chapter of and incredible story that is being written. Together, we can build a place where people make much of Jesus, where the good news of God's love is proclaimed, where disciples are formed, and lives will be changed!

Let's trust God.
Let's take this step.
Let's build a place called home!

For more information, email brandon@mergecc.com,
call 817-368-3456
or speak with a member of our leadership team.



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