



# ENTRUSTED



October 7, 2021

Thank you for your faithful support of Marvin Church this year. **Our vision statement, “growing disciples to share the love and hope of Christ” is more than just words in a document, it’s being fulfilled in our community life and mission work.** The vision makes our God-directed path clear and creates exciting opportunities for growth in 2022. **Your investment is needed to make it happen.**

To retain our excellent staff and current programs plus fulfill our vision for future growth, we are seeking to increase our 2022 budget to \$4.35 million. **I prayerfully challenge you to increase your giving by 10% for the coming year. If you have never pledged to give before, now is the time to start.** There are five major initiatives to be supported by our annual operating budget increase:

1. Impacting our next generation by fully staffing children and youth departments.
2. Growing Christians in faith as people move forward along the discipleship pathway programs.
3. Expanding our global impact by taking discipleship training to Tanzania.
4. Strengthening our partnership with Vida Abundante Methodist Church.
5. Expanding our digital and social media outreach by hiring a digital ministries staff member.

We have been talking a lot about spiritual growth this year – about moving forward in our personal relationships with Christ. Stories are emerging of the impact fall classes and leadership initiatives are having in people. Some participants are working through spiritual roadblocks to be closer to Christ while others are seeking opportunities for service. **God is changing lives at Marvin.**

God is doing a great work! With everyone giving, and some a little bit more, we’ll see what God will do – He’s entrusted us with much and much is asked.

In Christ,

Doug

P.S. Over the month of October, our pastors will be leading the congregation in a sermon series entitled “Entrusted.” An outline is on the back of this letter.

P.P.S. Find the Marvin Church Strategic Plan at [marvinumc.com/whoweare/strengthforthevision](http://marvinumc.com/whoweare/strengthforthevision).