


# ROOTED

GROWING A CHURCH FOR ALL GENERATIONS



...I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING  
**ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED**  
IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER,  
TOGETHER WITH ALL THE  
LORD'S HOLY PEOPLE, TO  
GRASP HOW WIDE AND  
LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:17-18 (NIV)

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# INTRODUCTION



## THRIVE CHURCH FAMILY,

Nine years ago a group of people believed that God wanted to do something special in the lives of people throughout Volusia County. Thrive Church was planted with a heart to see the lost in our community become found, and for the found to Grow.

It's been quite the journey with Jesus. Over 2,500 people have prayed a prayer of salvation to make Jesus Lord of their life! More than 500 people have been baptized! We accomplished all this and more as a portable church, spending six hours every weekend setting up and tearing down, for more than 450 Sundays!

With the purchase of property in July of 2020, we entered into a new phase in the life of Thrive Church. It's now time for us to establish a permanent presence in our community. Now, in 2022, we will move from being a church planted to a church **rooted**!

For the next five weeks, I invite you to go on a journey along with all who call Thrive "home". This notebook is your guide and journal for the bold next step that we're calling Rooted.



- Be sure and you have this notebook with you for every weekend service as well as 21 days of prayer.
- Prayerfully read through the material and begin asking God what your next steps are and how He wants you to grow through this season.
- Share your story with others. Tell others how God is challenging you.

I believe when we look back on this season we will realize that God stretched us as His disciples like never before!

**GROWING WITH YOU,**

*Pete Shaylan*

Pete and Shaylan Keirstead



# OUR DEFINING MOMENTS



## 2012 JANUARY

Thrive's first season of 21 days of prayer and fasting is held in a warehouse in South Daytona. It was the beginning phase of planning for what would become Thrive Community Church.



## 2012 SEPTEMBER 9TH

Thrive Church is planted!



## 2015

The Lord unexpectedly spoke to Pastor Pete's heart while setting up one Saturday night at the High School, "You can't stay here forever".



## 2017

After 21 Days of prayer and fasting, we launched Financial Peace University, church wide. It was incredibly successful. Thrive had 533 Financial Peace University participants who collectively paid off \$400,000 in personal debt and put \$163,000 in savings.

IT WAS BY FAITH THAT ABRAHAM OBEYED WHEN GOD CALLED HIM TO LEAVE HOME AND GO TO ANOTHER LAND THAT GOD WOULD GIVE HIM AS HIS INHERITANCE. HE WENT WITHOUT KNOWING WHERE HE WAS GOING... ABRAHAM WAS CONFIDENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO A CITY WITH ETERNAL FOUNDATIONS, A CITY DESIGNED AND BUILT BY GOD. **HEBREWS 11:8-10 (NLT)**

## 2018

After 21 Days of prayer and fasting, the “Looking Forward” generosity initiative was launched. We took a bold next step and believed that when the time was right, God would show us our future home.

## OCTOBER 2019

Contract signed for property at 6156 S. Williamson, Port Orange, FL



## JULY 2020

Property closed and Thrive office move on site.

## JANUARY 2022

After our 10th annual season of 21 days of prayer and fasting, the “Rooted” generosity initiative is launched.



# OUR VISION, MISSION, AND GOAL

## OUR VISION

THRIVE IS A GROWING CHURCH,  
DEVELOPING MATURE DISCIPLES,  
SERVING ITS COMMUNITY FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME.

**Eph 4:11-13** Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

## OUR MISSION

THAT THE LOST WOULD BE FOUND  
AND WE WHO ARE FOUND WOULD  
GROW!

**Matt 28:18-20** ...I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.





## OUR GOAL

THE GOAL OF THRIVE IS TO HELP  
PEOPLE TAKE THEIR NEXT STEPS.

**Phil 3:13-14** ...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.





**ROOTED**

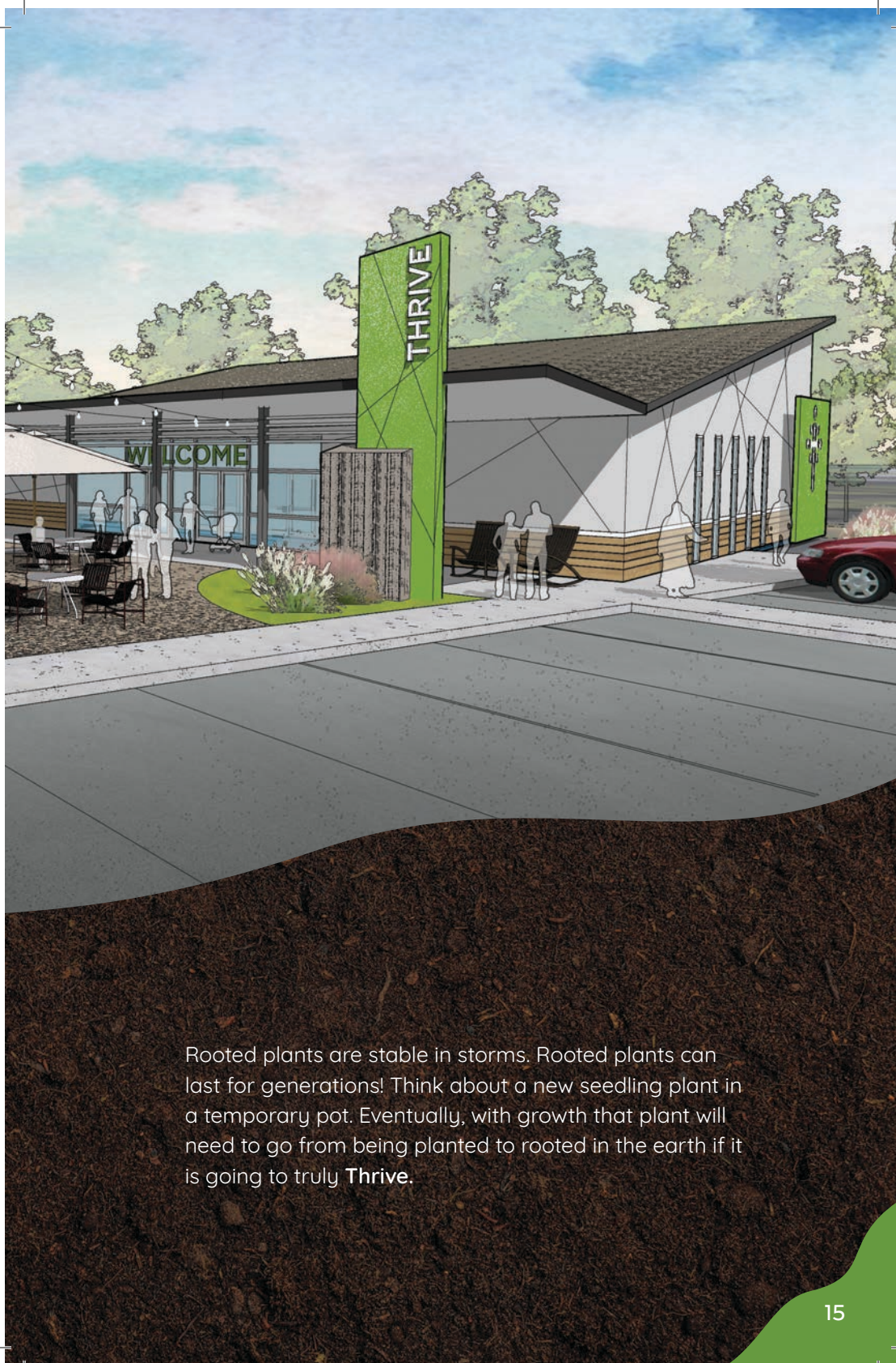




# ROOTED

Rooted is a faith and generosity journey that Thrive Church is embarking on together for the next two years. Rooted will enable us to pursue one big goal: To place a permanent church facility on our property. Why Rooted? Because rooted plants grow. Rooted plants produce fruit.





Rooted plants are stable in storms. Rooted plants can last for generations! Think about a new seedling plant in a temporary pot. Eventually, with growth that plant will need to go from being planted to rooted in the earth if it is going to truly **Thrive**.





# OUR PLANS

God is calling us to deep discipleship. Disciples are generous. As a church, it's time for us to go beyond what the average American Christian is doing and take a bold next step in our practice of biblical generosity. That means, I'm asking you to personally seek the Lord and ask Him how He wants you to grow in the area of giving.

## WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR OUR CHURCH TO BE ROOTED?

A massive amount of manpower and cost goes into turning a high school into a house of worship. Hours in set up and tear down puts a lot of wear and tear on both people and equipment. What could we as a church do with that time and energy if we had our own church home? What other ministry opportunities could we embrace if we had a place to gather apart from Sunday Mornings?

## WHAT WILL ROOTED MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

Port Orange City Commissioners have already voiced their gratitude towards Thrive Church for our long standing record of community service. If we are making that type of impact without a permanent place to call home, what might we do when we are "rooted and established" in the community?





## WHAT WILL ROOTED MEAN FOR THE NEXT GENERATION?

What if we used our children's ministry areas during the week for Christian education? What if we held a Christian after-school program for the two schools within walking distance?

**Now is the time.** Proverbs 24:3-5 (TPT) "Wise people are builders; they build families, businesses, communities." We are establishing a sanctuary Rooted in the word of God in Port Orange to equip thriving disciples who reach and serve the community.



# OUR GOAL FOR ROOTED

The goal of Rooted is that, through our participation, we will grow deeper spiritual roots. As each of us generously and faithfully gives, all the great things we love about Thrive will be funded. AND our church will have a permanent place to call home, for generations to come!

We believe that God has given us a two-year giving goal that will soften our hearts and grow our faith. Our goal is 3 million dollars over the next 24 months. We will be challenged, we will need to stretch. This is a God-sized goal that will demand surrender and unity of purpose.



Ephesian 3:17-18 (NIV)...  
And I pray that you, being  
**rooted and established**  
in love, may have power,  
together with all the Lord's  
holy people, to grasp how  
wide and long and high and  
deep is the love of Christ.



# OUR ONESTORY

During this initiative we encourage every person in our church family to participate in a totally new, unified way of giving, called a OneStory. In the past, you may have participated in a traditional two-fund building initiative where you gave to a general fund as well as a building fund (such as Looking Forward). Our vision for resourcing Rooted is taking a different approach.

Rooted is a two-year initiative where all giving flows toward a unified vision and is directed into one fund. The OneStory will resource all the things we currently love about Thrive for the next two years as well as build our future Thrive Church home.





## WHY THE ONESTORY STRATEGY?

- This style of giving allows everyone from kids, students and adults to participate in the exciting vision and mission of Rooted.
- Someone who is new will contribute to the current ministry AND new vision from day one.
- It allows an individual or family to have a single generosity number to celebrate.
- It focuses us all on the single vision God has given us to impact our community for generations to come.





# HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

## BE PRAYING!

Pray that God continues to guide Thrive Pastoral Staff, Elders, and Trustees in this process. In addition, ask God what you can do as individuals and families to take your church from being planted to rooted.

## BE GIVING!

It was the generosity and sacrificial giving of 2018-2020 that paved the way for us to purchase land. Now it is time for us to turn our land into our church home.

## BE SERVING!

Commit to being involved in the Thrive mission through serving. Complete the Growth Track. Serve consistently on the Dream Team. Allow the smile on your face and the joy of your serve to be what God uses to win over hearts and souls.









# **YOUR GENEROSITY JOURNEY**

TAKING YOUR NEXT STEPS

# WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP IN BIBLICALLY GUIDED GENEROSITY?



## FEARLESS

I give beyond 10% to Thrive



## FAITHFUL

I faithfully give 10% of my income to Thrive



## PROPORTIONAL

I give proportionally, less than 10%



## OCCASIONAL

I give to Thrive but not consistently



## INITIAL

I have not given to Thrive before now



## OUR TWO-YEAR GOAL **\$3M**

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000
4	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$240,000
5	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$250,000
10	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$250,000
15	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$225,000
30	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$300,000
30	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$225,000
100	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$500,000
150	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$370,500
MANY	OTHER			
TOTAL GIVING				<b>\$3M</b>

### GIFT CHART

Every single gift will contribute to our overall vision. Allow this Gift Chart tool to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity as we embark on the Rooted initiative together.

## MY TWO-YEAR ROOTED COMMITMENT

Please calculate using the worksheet below.

+\$ \_\_\_\_\_

What I/we normally give in a year

+\$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/our additional annual generosity  
commitment

=\$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/our stored resources gift  
(stocks, real estate, savings, etc.)

+\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MY/OUR TOTAL GIVING  
FOR TWO YEARS**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### SAMPLE COMMITMENT CARD

Use this sample as you consider your commitment  
to Rooted. Please complete this at home, prior to  
Commitment Sunday on February 6th.

# GUIDE TO YOUR ROOTED COMMITMENT

## 1. REVIEW

Review the stages of Biblically guided generosity then request a copy of your Thrive giving record for the past 12 months, if necessary. Finally, take an honest self-assessment by asking, “Where does my giving place me on the journey of generosity?”

## 2. EVALUATE

Evaluate your spending habits. If someone who didn’t know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say that you value?

## 3. PRAY AND FAST

Now, pray and fast with us over a 21-day period as you seek God’s next step for your growth in the area of Biblical generosity.

## 4. SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

If you keep this commitment over the next two years, what type of spiritual transformation can you expect?

Pray over your commitment as you prepare to lay your card at the foot of the cross on Commitment Sunday, February 6th. In all of this, remember that God is after one thing, your heart. Matthew 6:21 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Let’s be people boldly surrendering ourselves to God in every area of our lives. Let’s be a people committed to spiritual growth. Let’s be a people who are Rooted!



# FAQ'S

## 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. Engage in personal reflection with God in this notebook. 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 make a commitment to take your next steps on the journey of generosity. 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 Rooted commitments—something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, February 6th and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and our personal faith.

## HOW DOES 3 MILLION COMPARE TO CURRENT GIVING AT THRIVE?

Our annual church budget is approximately \$750K multiplied by 2 years is \$1.5 million. We are expecting to build a \$2.2 million project. We currently pay close to \$80,000 per year in school rentals and associated fees. This money could service approximately 1 million in debt. Our leadership team has determined that it would be wise stewardship to borrow \$1 million. That leaves approximately \$1.2 million that we will need to raise above and beyond our current giving.





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

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give toward Rooted. You might have 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. Anne-Marie Duquette, Executive Pastor, is able to assist with all such gifts. ([annemarie@wearethrive.org](mailto:annemarie@wearethrive.org))

## WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER GIVEN TO THRIVE BEFORE?

Rooted was crafted specifically with you in mind. Rooted is a OneStory 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. Rooted is a call to sacrificial, gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at Thrive. If you have never given before, this is your chance to be a part of something big that will last for generations to come.





# FAQ'S

## WHAT IF I AM NEW AROUND HERE?

Rooted is about the vision of our church and the Spiritual Growth Ingredient of Generosity. As followers of Jesus we believe that the local church is the hope of the world. We would love for you to make Thrive your home and join us in Rooted. This is a perfect time for you to put your roots down deep.

## HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment. We will all come together to present our Commitment Cards on Commitment Sunday, February 6, 2022. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin on March 1, 2022 and it will culminate at the end of February 2024.

## WHAT IF I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE OR MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT?

God is after our heart, not a specific dollar amount. The widow who gave her last pennies did not make a very big financial contribution, but Jesus said she gave the largest gift of all (Mark 12:41-44). All commitments made to the Rooted initiative matter, regardless of the amount. Biblical giving is about equal sacrifice for everyone, not equal amounts. Following God's lead and taking our next step is the most important part.



## WHAT IF I AM SEVERELY IN DEBT? AM I STILL SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

Generosity isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. If you are struggling with a large amount of debt, on a fixed & limited income, or dealing with a recent job loss, you are responsible to care for yourself and your family through this difficult time. Spend time in prayer about the step to which God calls you and give joyfully in response. Please contact the church office ([thrive@wearethrive.org](mailto:thrive@wearethrive.org)) if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor. We would be honored to help you!

## WHAT IF I LEAVE THRIVE CHURCH IN THE FUTURE TO ATTEND ELSEWHERE?

Our primary goal with Rooted is your spiritual growth through the Growth Ingredient of Generosity. Therefore, you are seeking the Lord with prayer and fasting to hear His will for your giving over the next two years. You are then making a commitment to the Lord, not to Rooted or Thrive Church. That is a commitment to be honored for the 24-month period, regardless of where you attend Church. (Ecclesiastes 5:4-6, Psalm 76:11, Psalm 56:12, Psalm 50:14, Matthew 12:36-37).







# ROOTED

## TEACHING SERIES





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# PLANTS ARE STABLE IN STORMS

**Jeremiah 17:8 (NLT)** They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.



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# PLANTS LAST FOR GENERATIONS

**Revelation 22:1-2 (NLT)** Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

**Isaiah 44:3 (NLT)** For I will pour water on the thirsty land  
and currents on the dry ground. I will pour out My Spirit  
on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.



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# PRAYER JOURNAL

Use this space to chronicle your journey through Thrive's 10th annual season of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. What is God saying to you about Rooted? What is His desire for you in 2022? What are your next steps? Write it all here and refer to it throughout the year.

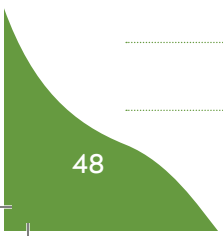




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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## FEBRUARY 6TH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Don't miss the most exciting Sunday worship service to date. Commitment Sunday is February 6th, 2022. It's the day everyone will present their Commitment Cards and celebrate what God has done in each of our lives to that point.

## FEBRUARY 27TH CELEBRATION SUNDAY

This is the Sunday when we will announce and celebrate the results of the Rooted initiative. This day also marks the time when we will all begin to give toward our new Rooted commitments.





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