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A new gospel-centered church launching in
January 2018 in Brunswick, MD

In 2013, God pushed me off the ledge of my own comfort towards being a church planter. I had been a worship leader for over a decade and was comfortable in that role. Honestly, being a church planter was something that I avoided until God's movement in my life became so clear that to ignore it was simply to be disobedient. There are simply too many people around that need Jesus and I believe the best way to do that is through multiplying mission-minded, gospel-centered, bible-teaching churches. Over and over again, God pushed us toward planting around the Washington DC region.

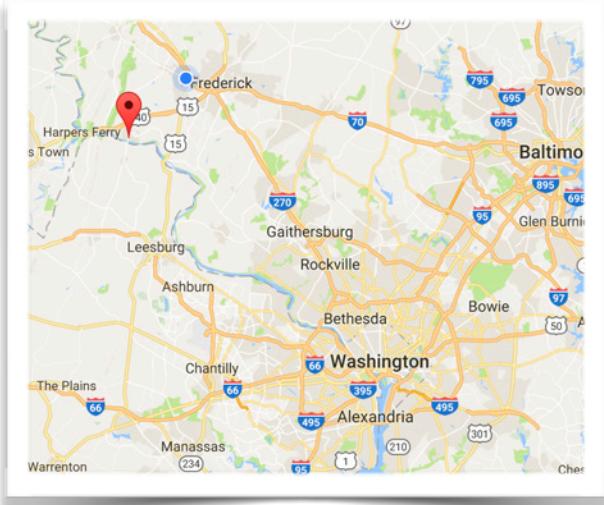
Since 2013, I've been preparing myself and my family to enter into full-time church planting work. We've had countless conversations and coaching sessions and professional assessments done to prepare us for the challenges ahead. Most of all, we've been fervently praying for God to use us to reach the unchurched in Frederick County. We have partnered with Grace Community Church of Frederick MD, to plant churches beginning with Brunswick MD. My life ministry goal is to be a part of planting 5 daughter or granddaughter churches in the next 30 years.



BRUNSWICK, MD

Brunswick is in Southern Frederick County Maryland, which is a part of the greater Washington DC metroplex. There are about 25,000 people living in the target area for the church plant and around 250,000 living in the county. Brunswick has grown by over 25% in the last 10 years in population. Over 1500 homes being built in Brunswick Crossing-catering to commuters who travel to Washington DC to work. Brunswick is a mix. This emerging community has a great need for churches. There are no relevant effective churches in this context.

We believe Brunswick is ready for a spiritual harvest as over 58% of Frederick county has no religious affiliation at all. (twice the national average). Only 9% attend an evangelical church. There is a lack of vibrant bible-believing churches in the area. One resident of Brunswick said "We need churches here!"



Grace Fellowship Church will engage with the people of Brunswick to create a transformational gospel community. Brunswick is around 12 miles away from Frederick MD and resides in the Chesapeake district of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

TIMELINE

In January of 2017, my wife Jennifer and I, along with five other families, were sent to begin a gospel community in Brunswick. Our first night of our bible study we had around 40 people!

We are currently transitioning out of our mother church, Grace Community Church, and into the plant full time. I will be going full-time with the church plant in September of 2017. Meanwhile we are building the community, fund-raising, establishing a launch team, and engaging in community relationships in preparation for our public launch in January of 2018.



September 2016-January 2017

Prayer and Core Team Development

January 2017-December 2017

Begin meeting as a bible study and developing launch team

January 7 and 14, 2017

Public launch setup rehearsals and dry runs

January 21, 2017

Public launch in school

LAUNCH TEAM

One of the greatest joys in ministry is the privilege of linking arms with dear friends who share your love of the Lord and desire to plant churches. God brought together our dream team to partner with us in reaching Brunswick. We were commissioned by Grace Community Church in the fall of 2016 and continue to meet regularly for prayer and to lead the church plant.

We've seen five additional families commit to be a part of the public launch team. We've had as many as 70 participate in prelaunch social engagements and regularly see 30-40 people be part of our saturday night bible studies.

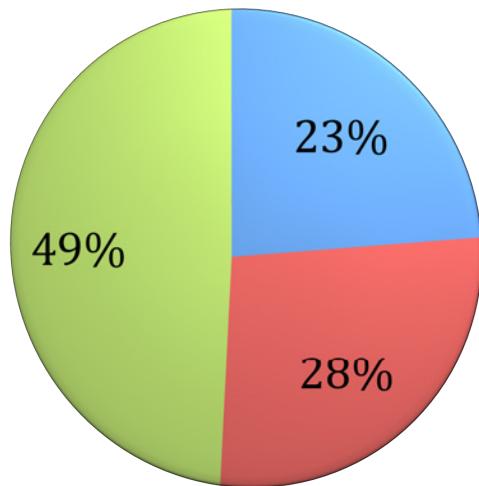
We are continuing to seek out additional families to join us, as well as key team members in the areas of worship and small group facilitators.



BUDGET

| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Total Expenses |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | \$87,390.00 | \$150,970.00 | \$172,870.00 | \$188,770.00 | \$600,000.00 |
| Income | | | | | |
| External Giving | \$50,000.00 | \$40,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$140,000.00 |
| Sending Church | \$27,000.00 | \$80,000.00 | \$53,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$165,000.00 |
| Congregational Giving | \$30,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$90,000.00 | \$115,000.00 | \$295,000.00 |
| Average Total Attendance | 50 | 75 | 100 | 125 | |
| | | | | | Total Income |
| | | | | | \$600,000.00 |

Break Down of Giving



- External Giving
- Sending Church
- Congregational Giving

Questions and Answers

Q. Does Grace Fellowship desire to be a part of the FGBC?

A. Yes. Application has already been submitted to the fellowship council to enter the FGBC. Scott has a long history and deep commitment to the FGBC including being a current member of the fellowship council.

Q. How has the Scott been preparing for this role?

A. An undergraduate in Music Education and a Master's in Local Church Ministry from Grace College, 13 years in full time ministry, and assessments done by Ron Boehm for church planting.

Q. Does this church plan on being a multiplying church?

A. Yes! Our desire is to plant another church in northern Frederick County within 5 Years. We are praying that the Lord will bring us the leaders necessary to make this successful.

Q. What is the plan to make disciples?

A. We are committed to making disciples relationally- from community outreaches that focus on relational connections to a firm commitment to small groups as the 'heavy lifter' of spiritual transformation.