



Bridge Church, Martinsburg, WV



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Neighborhood Church, Lakeland, FL



REVITALIZATION LAUNCHES

BRIDGE CHURCH MARTINSBURG, WV

Formerly Rosemont Grace, Bridge Church hosted their official relaunch service on September 25. Pastor Andrew Leasure preached an inspiring sermon, giving honor to the church's past and pointing towards a new future of disciple-making in the Martinsburg community. They had approximately 120 people in attendance, compared to their average attendance of 55 in 2019.

GRACE CHURCH AIKEN, SC

In the early 2000's Grace Church averaged over 300 in weekly worship services. After a couple of pastoral transitions, the church was down to about 150. Pastor Shannon Hollinger has lead the church through revitalization, relaunching on September 18 with over 220 people in attendance.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH LAKELAND, FL

Pastor Orrin Witt answered the call to replant the Grace Brethren Church in Lakeland, FL. Down to only three members, the task at hand was challenging. On September 18 they officially relaunched as Neighborhood Church with approximately 100 people in attendance.





CHURCH AT THE WELL

This fall Pastor Dayne Carraway and his team ran into roadblocks in regards to a meeting space to hold their services. Unfortunately, this caused them to delay their launch. However, they just received a huge answer to prayer and were able to secure space at a movie theater right in the heart of downtown Towson. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to launch in the new year.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANDY WIRT

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

From growing up in Charis Fellowship churches in PA, to pastoring Charis churches in CO and OH, to currently attending a large Charis church in greater Columbus—Andy brings a wide range of perspective to Assist which includes a deep passion for the health and vitality of the Charis Fellowship and its churches.



ED SHORT

CHURCH REVITALIZATION MINISTRY ASSOCIATE

Ed has been in church ministry for over 30 years serving as a youth pastor, executive pastor, and as a lead pastor. He has served on the ministry team of CE National, now Momentum Ministry Partners and coached many pastors in the Charis Fellowship. He is a graduate of Lancaster Bible College and Grace Theological Seminary.



PHILIP BRYANT

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MOBILIZATION

Philip is passionate about helping churches engage in Kingdom work at the highest level. In his new role with Assist, he will work to facilitate more ministry opportunities for churches to cooperate with one another and advance the Kingdom together. His engagement with Assist Adventure Teams, our New Day Banquets in regions across the USA and his role as the Executive Director of Grace Fellowship Canada positions him well for the benefit of Charis churches.

OPEN PASTORAL POSITIONS

- Grace Church (Waldorf, MD)
- Findlay Grace Brethren Church (OH)
- Delaware Grace (OH)
- New Beginnings Charis Fellowship (Myerstown, PA)
- Middlebranch Grace Brethren Church (OH)
- Calvary Grace (Hagerstown, MD)

Please keep all of the Refresh, Revitalization, and Restart work in our Fellowship in your prayers. Visit the link below for more information and to apply for these positions.

<https://assistcx.org/ministry-opportunities>





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I sometimes have to pinch myself to believe that the Lord would entrust me to lead this ministry. Our executive team gathered this fall in a meeting room at Northwest Chapel in Ohio and it was remarkable to look at the team that God has brought together to do this amazing work He has called us to do.

While we can't measure all the impact that our church planting and revitalization efforts are making, the attendance numbers of the three churches that relaunched this fall, give us an indication that the Lord is blessing our work. And of course, we are blessed to be partnering with some amazing pastors and church leaders who are committed to seeing Jesus become more famous in their local communities.

And for those of you who support us through prayer and giving, we thank you again for investing in Assist and our ministry efforts. We can't imagine doing this without you!

Serving the King,

Nathan Bryant
Executive Director