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OUR FAMILY



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J O H N

John was born on April 29, 1957 in Freeport, New York and raised in Florida from the age of seven. He came to Christ at the age of twelve and sensed God's call to ministry at nineteen. John received his M.Div. (1983) and Ph.D. (1994) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry by Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. In 1995, he planted Canyon Church, Las Flores, California, which he served as pastor until August 2000.

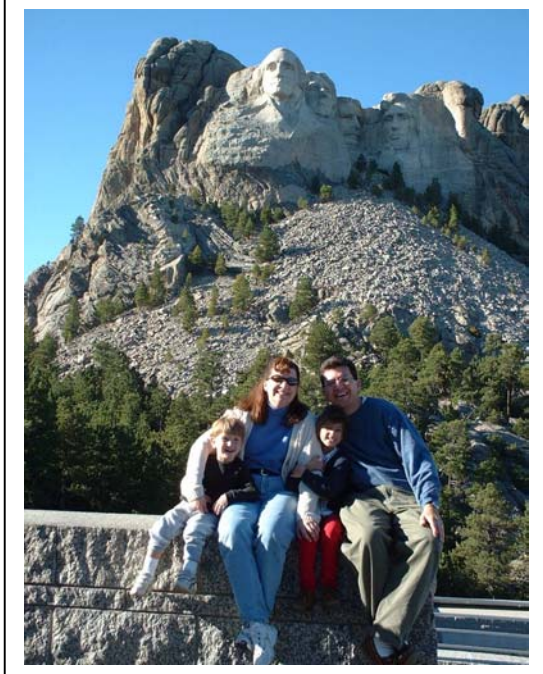
J O Y C E

Joyce Wallace was born October 22, 1963 in San Pablo, California. She came to Christ at age sixteen through the ministry of Young Life. As a college student, she joined a Southern Baptist church because of their strong emphasis on missions. She received her B.S. from Vanderbilt University in 1986. She has served as an officer in the USAF, a high school math teacher, and a budget manager for a school district. She started and directed Canyon Church's children's program for four years. Joyce and John were married on August 20, 1994.

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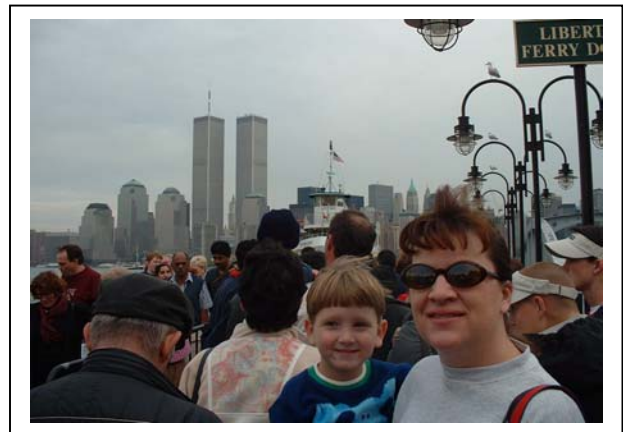
In December 1997, John and Joyce adopted two children. Hannah Maria was born on November 18, 1992 in St. Petersburg, Russia, and John Samuel Sergei was born on August 4, 1997, also in St. Petersburg.

OUR STORY



PLANTING OUR FIRST church was alternately the most exhilarating and the most exhausting experience we could have ever imagined. Joyce let me know that if she ever agreed to do it again, it could only be because God was calling us. During the five years we had served at Canyon Church, we had seen many people come to Christ and grow in their faith. We had been blessed with many friends. We had also learned many lessons. As the summer of 2000 approached, we began to sense God leading us in a new direction. I spent some months preparing the church for transition and, in August, tendered my resignation as senior pastor.

WE SOLD OUR HOME, bought a motor home, and began a trip around the United States to learn and to discover the next place God would send us. We traveled north to Seattle, across the Northwest and Midwest to Chicago, into Canada, to New York, and then down the Eastern Seaboard. We visited many churches, observing how they were reaching out to the lost of our generation.



BY YEAR'S END, we found ourselves strongly drawn to the Puget Sound region because of the great spiritual need here. After spending a restful holiday season with our families, we headed back to Seattle. By April of 2001, after much prayer and study, we came to the conviction that God was directing us to plant a new church in the suburban town of Issaquah, twenty minutes east of downtown Seattle.

THE NEED

THE GREATER SEATTLE REGION is perhaps the most under-churched metropolitan area in the United States. Approximately ninety percent of the population does not attend church. Less than four percent are affiliated with any evangelical church. Only one half of one percent are Southern Baptist.

THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH lies along Interstate 90, twenty minutes east of Seattle. Issaquah's strategic location has attracted many professional and high tech firms and large retail centers. Boeing has recently leased a six-story office complex and is consolidating divisions of high-level technical personnel here. Microsoft is developing here its second largest campus, which will accommodate 12,000 employees.



ISSAQUAH IS THE FASTEST GROWING area in King County, according to local planners. New home development is progressing rapidly as a result of two new master-planned "urban villages," Issaquah Highlands and Talus. Demographics suggest that Issaquah and its surrounding communities will see 10,000 to 12,000 new households within the next ten years.



FEW OF THE RESIDENTS of Issaquah attend any church. There are only a handful of small and medium-sized evangelical churches in the area. Yet recent experience is suggesting that people here are ready to respond to God when His Gospel is presented through an authentic and culturally relevant church.

THE CHALLENGE



STRONG PRAYER SUPPORT, a skilled team, and significant financial resourcing will facilitate the best opportunity for us to establish a high-impact church in Issaquah. Several characteristics of the area's residents account for this:

- **RELIGIOUS SKEPTICISM.** Northwesterners are typically skeptical of churches and often hostile toward persons they perceive as social conservatives. Multiple positive contacts, both in person and with well-produced promotional materials, will be required to break through their barriers of skepticism.
- **TECHNOLOGICAL SOPHISTICATION.** Eastside residents are highly educated and technologically sophisticated. Our greatest impact will be achieved if we deliver God's message with creativity and excellence, employing cutting-edge technology in a visually appealing environment.
- **YOUTHFUL AFFLUENCE.** The technology boom has generated a culture of affluent young families. They work hard and play hard. They have much disposable income, which they spend on recreational pursuits. In order connect with them relationally, we'll need to live in their community. This does not mean that our house will be as lavish or our "toys" as expensive as theirs. Yet the residents will need to perceive us as persons who can connect with them socially and understand their relational and financial concerns.
- **CONSCIENTIOUS PARENTING.** The residents here do not approach parenting casually. They are very intentional about having children; they often put it off until later in life; and, when they have children, they are highly protective of their children and highly involved in their children's lives. A quality children's program with well-trained staff functioning in an obsessively clean, safe, and well-equipped environment will be necessary to earn their confidence. No matter how positive is the parent's experience in church, if the children's experience is questionable, the family will not likely return.
- **RELATIONAL ISOLATION.** The rugged individualism characteristic of Northwesterners has created a culture in which persons often feel relationally isolated. Seminars offering help with relationship skills, such as marriage enrichment and parenting classes, can gain an audience. If we address felt needs with excellence, we can gain credibility to address root spiritual issues and introduce people to Christ. The expenses of hosting these seminars in quality settings will need to be factored into our costs.



THE CHURCH

OUR MISSION: Helping Spiritual Seekers Discover the Fullness of a Life-Giving Relationship with Jesus Christ

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10, NIV).

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19, NIV).

OUR VALUES:

- 1. CLARITY.** To communicate the whole truth of God, especially the Good News, in language that is clear and understandable to the lost.
- 2. CREATIVITY.** To use teamwork in the planning, preparation, and leading of relevant, compelling worship, employing with excellence all available arts, media, and technologies to magnify our Lord.
- 3. COMMUNITY.** To cultivate authentic relationships, life change, and integrity through small groups. To model and to practice hospitality. To love, serve, exhort, correct, and forgive one another in committed relationships so that the world may see the reality of Christ's transforming power and the quality of Christian community. To be inclusive of persons from all generations, races, and socio-economic groups that we might reflect the breadth of Christ's kingdom.
- 4. CALLING.** To affirm the responsibility of every Christian to answer Christ's call to discipleship and to equip each to serve in fulfilling Christ's mission.
- 5. COMPASSION.** To engage our world, both locally and globally, with demonstrable expressions of the love of Christ.
- 6. CHILDREN.** To minister to the needs of every family member, seeing especially to the spiritual nurturing of our children. To provide quality programs for children and training for parents so that the message of Christ will be carried forth to future generations.
- 7. CONCERTED PRAYER.** To affirm our complete dependence on God by praying together as a body and submitting to His Spirit.



PARTNERSHIP

PRAYER

We will be asking partnering churches to make an extraordinary commitment to pray for the success of this mission. Monthly updates/prayer letters will be distributed via USPS or email. Periodic prayer alerts will also be communicated via email or by telephone. Anyone may request inclusion on our mailing list by writing John Wallace. If you provide us with an email address, your letter will be sent via email unless you request otherwise.

1. **Individual Prayer.** We'll be asking each partnering church to appoint a primary prayer contact to recruit prayer warriors and to communicate prayer requests.
2. **Corporate Prayer.** We'll ask each partnering church to include updates and prayer requests from our mission in its regular prayer bulletins and to pray for us during its regular prayer meetings.
3. **Seasons of Prayer and Fasting.** During critical phases of our mission's development, we'll ask partnering churches to join us corporately in seasons of prayer and fasting. We believe that these seasons will be necessary to see genuine spiritual breakthroughs in this region. During these times, we'll want to be in close communication with our partnering churches, both in making known our challenges and needs and in reporting the awesome things that God is doing.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Vacation Bible School.** We are seeking a group of adults and youth that would be willing to help us sponsor a Kid's Club in Summer of 2002.
2. **Servant Evangelism.** There are many large-scale community events that occur seasonally in our area. These events create opportunities for us to bring in teams to practice servant evangelism. By serving people in small, practical ways in public settings, we can open doors to new relationships.
3. **Building Project.** If we decide to lease office/industrial space, we'll be seeking a team to help us build out the space.
4. **Long-term Service.** If any families in our partnering churches sense God's leadership to relocate to the Seattle area to help us, we, with the endorsement of their church, would enthusiastically investigate ways that could facilitate such a move (career opportunities, NAMB appointments, etc). We'll especially need gifted musicians and worship leaders, administrators, and persons experienced in working with children.



PARTNERSHIP

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We estimate that the start-up and project costs for establishing a self-supporting, high-impact church in our area will total \$487,000 for the first two years. We plan to fund the project with support from the North American Mission Board, SBC, the Northwest Baptist Convention, the Puget Sound Baptist Association, partnering churches, and individuals. Donations may be given as one-time gifts up front or through monthly contributions over 24 months. Churches may become financial partners with us by including us in their annual budgets or by receiving one or more special offerings on our behalf. They may also encourage their members to consider partnering with us individually. Gifts may be designated (for children’s ministries, a worship leader, technology, etc.). We ask that you consult with us regarding met and unmet needs before designating a gift. Checks may be made payable to the *Puget Sound Baptist Association*. Please designate your gifts to “EastPointe Church,” and mail to the Puget Sound Baptist Association. We are asking God for the following gifts through church and individual partners:

Start-Up Expenses	\$115,000
Budget Expenses (2 years)	372,000
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Total Expenses	\$487,000



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THE COST OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE

Some of the costs needed to start a new church are substantial, especially when we seek to do God's work with excellence. Although we have factored these into our start-up costs, we suspect that God may choose to cut our costs significantly by providing some equipment and/or services directly. Some of our needs are:

1. Enclosed Equipment Trailer, 12' with Ramp Door (est. cost, \$5,000).
2. Rolling Equipment Crates and Bins (costs to be determined)
3. PA System, 16-24 Channel (est. cost, \$10,000).
4. Tape Duplication Machine (est. cost, \$2,500).
5. Data Projector, 1500 lumens (est. cost, \$4,000)
6. Video Monitor, 36" (est. cost, \$700)
7. Video Mixer (est. cost, \$1600)
8. Rack Mountable VCR (est. cost, \$300)
9. Portable Computer (est. cost, \$2000)
10. Nursery Paging System (est. cost, \$3000)
11. Nursery Equipment (costs to be determined)
12. Large Volume Laser Printer/Digital Copier (est. cost, \$3000)
13. Office Computers, Equipment, & Software (\$6500+, to be determined)
14. Telephones, Switchboard, and Voicemail (est. cost, \$2000)
15. Office Furniture (est. cost, \$4,500)
16. Bibles and Follow-Up Materials (\$1000+)
17. Street Signs and Informational Signs (est. cost, \$2500)
18. Graphic Design Services (costs vary)
19. Printing, 2 and 4 Color Process (costs vary)
20. Technological Consulting, Database & Web Design (costs vary)

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are interested in partnering with EastPointe Church and have further questions, please do not hesitate to call John Wallace or Gary Irby (Church Planting Missionary, Puget Sound Baptist Association). If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to 'EastPointe Church' and mail to the post office box listed below.

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