



# PILLAR CHURCH

OF STAFFORD

*Church Planting Prospectus*

# THE VISION

## Welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the work that God is giving us as we plant Pillar Church of Stafford, VA. Located at the southern entrance of Marine Corps Base Quantico, Pillar Church of Stafford will bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to our nation's military and to a suburban community which deeply needs it.

Pillar Church of Stafford will be part of the Praetorian Project, which is a growing family of multiplying churches in military communities worldwide. Our mission of spiritual transformation calls us to work for the preeminence of Christ over all things (Colossians 1:18). Our mission is to have far-reaching impact in Stafford and with our military who reposition globally. We are excited as we invite you to be a part of this movement of knowing Jesus and making him known in Stafford, VA.



The Praetorian Project exists to disciple highly transient people due to the natural movements that take place in the lives of the Marines and other service members. Military families need significant support from a church family as they deal with the unique stresses of military life-- and Pillar is there for them.

The Praetorian Project has successfully planted nine other Pillar churches at bases from Oceanside California, to Jacksonville North Carolina, and even Okinawa Japan.



**Vince Blubaugh**

**Church Planting Strategist, SBC of Virginia**

*“We need new church plants in Northern Virginia and Stafford now more than ever. Our area continues to grow at a break-neck pace and the need for the gospel is staggering.”*

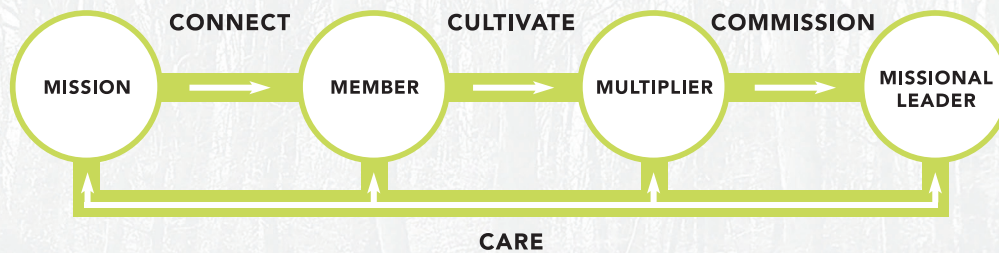
# THE MISSION

## ***Knowing Jesus and making him known.***

We exist to know Jesus and make him known by making disciples for church multiplication among all peoples. We believe that it is imperative for all people to be engaged in a gospel community and to take the important step of meaningful church membership (Mission to Member). We will equip members to become disciples that make disciples (Member to Multiplier). Once members become multipliers we will seek to develop them into missional leaders by giving training and leadership opportunities (Multiplier to Missional Leader). In this serving capacity, there will be a natural place to evaluate God's calling to become church planters.



### **PILLAR CHURCH MULTIPLICATION PATHWAY**



**Col. Joseph Craft**

**USMC Ret., Elder at Pillar Church of Dumfries**

“As the moniker “Crossroads of the Marine Corps” suggests, Quantico is a highly transitory base. Marines and their families face many challenges associated with adapting to new environments, rediscovering community, and establishing new support networks. Pillar Church of Stafford, in partnership with other Pillar Churches near military bases, is uniquely positioned and equipped to provide critical support and needed discipleship to military families stationed at Quantico. With 75% of the Marine Corps completing active duty service and returning to civilian life every four years, Pillar Church of Stafford has the unique opportunity to prepare experienced leaders for future church planting and missional service. Pillar Church of Stafford is committed to equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).”

# CORE VALUES

Our core values are what keep us on track, moving people from mission to missional leader. We communicate these core values in the words Connect, Cultivate, Commission, and Care.



## ***Connect***

Helping all peoples move from spectator to follower of Christ.  
Engagement in church membership and discipleship.  
Members who are actively sharing the gospel.

## ***Cultivate***

Regular gathered worship services.  
Faithful exposition of God's word.  
Missional Community Groups.  
Training leaders.



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## ***Commission***

Sending out church planters.

Establishing a church planting residency.

## ***Care***

A plurality of elders engaged in pastoral care.

Training members to care for one another.

Gospel care for the oppressed and disenfranchised.



# STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

Stafford, VA is located at the southern end of metro Washington D.C., and borders Quantico Marine base. Out of Stafford County's growing population of 153,000, about 16% are veterans, and many active duty Marines call Stafford home while stationed at Quantico--the headquarters of the US Marine Corps. There is no other place in the military life where the whole officer corps comes to the same base multiple times in their career. This makes it a unique opportunity to introduce Marines and their families to Christ and to disciple them for maturity in Christ--possibly multiple times in their careers. Pillar Church of Stafford will be situated near the south gate of Quantico in close proximity to The Basic School (TBS). It is here that every newly commissioned Marine Corps officer will be stationed for six months of intense training as they start their career as Marine Corps Officers.

This unique dynamic is a major factor in planting Pillar Church of Stafford in close proximity to the base. We have a vision to reach the future leaders of the Marine Corps with the Gospel of Jesus of Christ. Not only do we hope to see the Gospel naturally spread as the Marine Corps sends the leaders from base to base around the globe, but we hope to have an impact on the men and women who will become the future leaders and influencers of this country. Through the Praetorian Project we will send Marines to other Pillar Churches at other bases for continued gospel centered discipleship. Studies show that military families experience a higher rate of divorce, addiction and isolation which render many families vulnerable. These unique dynamics present us with an obligation to serve those who serve our country with the healing power of the gospel.

In addition to reaching the Marine Corps, our goal reaches also to the 125,000 plus unchurched population of Stafford County. There are approximately 70 churches in Stafford county. Assuming that every one of these churches were healthy and filled to capacity, there would only be enough room to reach 20% of the population of Stafford County. That's 80% of the population with no church they could attend in their own city! As Stafford continues to grow, so does its need for Gospel-centered churches. We hope and pray God will use Pillar Church of Stafford to advance His Gospel in this county, in the Marine Corps, and around the globe.



# STAFFORD, VA



**Clint Clifton**

**Senior Director of Send Network Resources**

*“Stafford is a very important community in the life of the Marine Corps. Much like the city of Antioch in the New Testament, Stafford is a strategic place for sending missionary leaders around the globe. I’ve seen the Lord’s hand on the forming of this new church and I’m incredibly excited about the potential packed into this new church for making Jesus known.”*



**Josh Turner**

**Church Planting Team Leader and Strategist, SBC Virginia**

*“It’s been said that NorthernVA/DC is one of the most diverse and populated regions in the United States, thus creating a sense of urgency around the idea that we need more, not less, churches to make significant advances in impacting lostness.”*

# PLANTING PASTORS



**Mike Garlem**

Mike grew up in the suburbs of Northern Virginia graduating from Oakton High School, Vienna VA. Being led to Christ as a freshman in high school and disciplined by his youth pastor, God gave Mike a heart for the lost. Mike began to serve in a number of capacities in the church. Mike met his wife Anna while attending Washington Bible College in Lanham, Maryland and they married in 2000. They have two boys, Jackson (13) and Elliot (11). Mike has owned 3 construction companies over the years and spent over 20 years as a residential home builder and remodeling contractor. He is an outdoorsman, enjoying mountain biking, fishing, hunting and trains in the martial art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Mike served in youth ministry for 17 years and in 2015 he joined the staff at Colonial Baptist Church in Stafford, VA under the leadership of his father in law, Mickey Creed. Mike spent 3 years as assistant pastor and 2 years as senior pastor after the retirement of his father in law. Currently, Mike is a Church Planting Resident at Pillar Church of Dumfries, VA, with a great desire to see the lost of Stafford come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



**Ted Vinatieri**

Ted has enjoyed thirty years of pastoral ministry in three churches from Pennsylvania to Virginia. His passions are teaching the Word, mentoring men, counseling, and hospitality evangelism.

While in college, Ted was saved and transformed by the good news of Christ. After graduation, he worked in communications and insurance for ten years before pursuing his MDiv. from Westminster Seminary in Escondido, CA. Ted and Genean have been married 41 years and have three adult daughters and one grandchild, with more coming!

Mike and Ted met in a local pastor's fellowship and expressed their interest of partnering for ministry effectiveness. This began a year-long investment of discussion and prayer which culminated in coming under the care of Pillar Church of Dumfries, VA and association with the Praetorian Project. Through the residency program and elder oversight at Pillar Church, the necessary vetting and training have now validated their calling to partner and plant Pillar Church of Stafford.



# OUR BELIEFS

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### **God**

God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and one God.

### **Scripture**

The Bible is God's word to us. Human authors wrote the Bible under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because of its divine inspiration, the Bible is the supreme source of truth for all people. We believe that every word of the Bible is inspired and that, in its original form, the Bible has no error.

### **Man**

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Man's decision to sin caused a division between Creator and creation leaving man in need of a Savior.

### **Salvation**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood, obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

*For further information regarding our doctrinal position, please refer to:*

*[pillardumfries.com/beliefs](http://pillardumfries.com/beliefs) & [bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000](http://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000)*

# TIMELINE

- Spring 2018 ● Mike and Ted begin praying about teaming up to reach greater Stafford needs
- Winter 2019 ● Mike and Ted burdened for planting Praetorian project church in Stafford
- Summer 2019 ● Mike and Ted enter Church Planting Residency at Pillar Church Dumfries
- Fall 2020 ● Church Plant Assessment commendation, vetting by Pillar Elders
- Winter 2021 ● Core Team formation
- Spring 2021 ● Launch Team formation
- Summer 2021 ● Vision nights
- August 1, 2021 ● Official Launch - Pillar Church of Stafford
- Spring 2022 ● Church Planting Resident recruited
- Summer 2022 ● Pillar Church of Stafford begins first Church Planting Residency
- Summer 2023 ● Pillar Church of Stafford plants first church

# FINANCIAL NEEDS

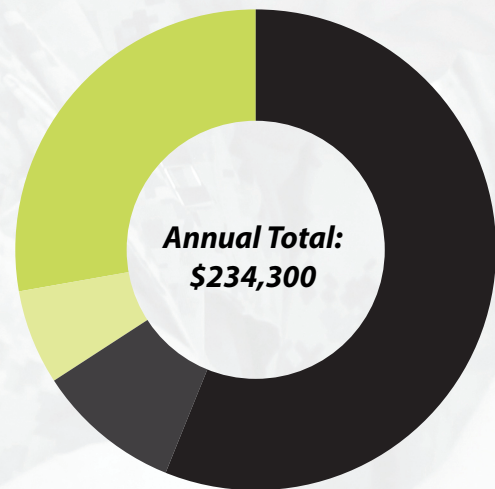
## Annual Budget:

Personnel .....	\$132,200
Ministry & Missions* .....	\$22,700
Church Planting* .....	\$15,000
Sunday Worship & Facility Costs .....	\$64,400

**MONTHLY BUDGET NEED: \$19,525**

**ONE-TIME STARTUP EXPENSES: \$25,000**

*\*Our annual budget will always include a minimum of 10% to be devoted to church planting and missions.*



# KEEP IT HAPPEN

## HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

### Give

Visit our giving page using this URL, or by scanning the QR code:

[pillardumfries.churchcenter.com/giving/to/pillar-stafford](http://pillardumfries.churchcenter.com/giving/to/pillar-stafford)

Consider giving one of these suggested gifts:

- \$2,500 Monthly
- \$1,500 Monthly
- \$1,000 Monthly
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One-time gift



Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera to visit our online giving page.

### Join us

We are praying for 70 adults to form our launch team by spring of 2021. Would you consider partnering with us and helping us plant this new church in Stafford, VA for the glory of God?

### Pray

Partner with us in praying for us:

- Pray for unity, focus, and spiritual growth for those in our launch team.
- Pray for softened hearts to the Gospel in our community.
- Pray for God's blessing as we seek to be effectively making disciples that make disciples.
- Pray for our financial stability.

## PARTNERS

Our sending church:



**PILLAR CHURCH**  
DUMFRIES



**North American  
Mission Board**





**Ashleigh Copeland**

*“ My husband and I were raised in the church and considered ourselves Christians...We were married nearly 10 years and survived his 5 deployments when we found ourselves empty and our marriage broken. We tried so many things to fix it ourselves and our hope was drying up, when God intervened. A friend suggested we try Pillar Church Jacksonville, NC. Honestly, it saved our marriage. God used the people and their shepherding to steal our hearts back into real relationship with Him. Without the obedience of the men and women at Pillar walking us through our sin and pointing us to Jesus, we would not be a whole family today. They truly practice what they preach in such a loving way. And now, we’ve had the opportunity to be part of the Pillar Okinawa family, as well. Their love for Jesus and heart for people is no less than Pillar Jacksonville. One of the hardest things about military life is searching for a healthy church family every time we move. God has allowed the Praetorian Project to relieve that burden for us. We will be forever grateful that He led us there and let us take part in His story through Pillar Church. ”*



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