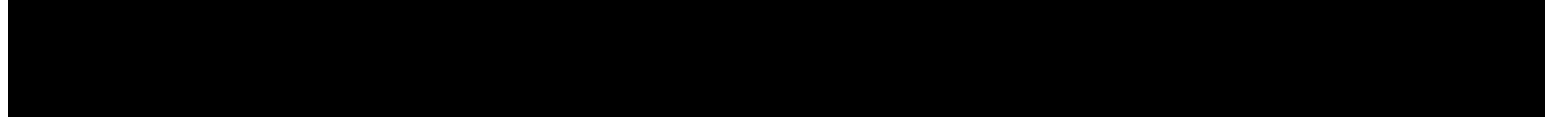


redeemer baptist church



church plant prospectus

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for looking through this prospectus. The gospel drives us to action. Jesus calls his disciples to carry the gospel to dark places, to share the good news with those who have not heard or have yet to believe. There are many in the Washington DC Metropolitan area who have yet to hear the gospel and who do not believe. In fact, there are many in this area who are hostile to the gospel and resistant to the concept of church. We believe that the best way for reaching people with the gospel is through planting healthy gospel centered churches. We also believe God is moving in this city and this area raising up gospel-centered churches. It is to this work of planting a church in the DC Metro area that God has called our family. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in this work.

Grace and Peace,

Mike Godfrey



WHO WE ARE

In 2003 Carrie and I were married and moved to Louisville, KY for me to attend seminary to receive training in gospel ministry. During our time at school the Lord began to form a desire for church planting in our hearts. We began to pursue church planting, but God in his timing stopped us for diving into church planting at that time. Upon graduating from Southern Seminary in 2007 I joined the staff of First Baptist Church Waynesboro, GA as their Youth Pastor, a role I filled for nearly eight years.



Early in 2014 we began to seek the Lord concerning the direction of our lives and ministry in the future. As we prayed and considered what the Lord would do with us for the remainder of our ministry, the desire to plant a church began to grow again. We prayed, listened, and explored. I sought the counsel of mentors and mature brothers in Christ as to whether they saw the Lord calling me to this work. These faithful brothers confirmed what we thought the Lord was telling us. At this time through conversations with trusted brothers and sisters in Christ the Lord directed us to Washington, DC. We then began the process of preparing to leave our church family in Waynesboro in order to relocate to the DC metro area to begin a church planting residency at Sterling Park Baptist Church. Additionally I sought support, training and partnership through the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia (SBCV). Upon receiving approval and affirmation we followed the Lord's call.

In June 2015 we were sent out by First Baptist Church Waynesboro as missionaries and moved to the DC Metro area to begin this new phase of preparation and ministry. Upon arrival in the DC area I began the church planting residency. We are now preparing to launch out into the mission field. We are convinced that the Bible shows us that the way to reach out to people who do not know Jesus is through planting gospel-centered churches. This is our aim. This is why we are here.

why dc?

As U.S. cities go, one would be hard pressed to name a more influential city in our nation than Washington DC. As the seat of our nations government and growing place of modern industry, DC is a city of power. DC is also a city of great lostness. there are very few evangelical churches for the large population.

why dc metro?

While the District of Columbia is small, the metropolitan footprint of DC extends into Virginia and Maryland. 600,000 people live in the district while 2.6 million people live in the DC metro area. Simply put, the DC metro area is in desperate need of gospel centered churches.



why gainesville—bristow?

As the DC metro area grows, communities filled with new construction are growing at an exponential rate. Large numbers of new homes are being built in Gainesville—Bristow area and the population continues to grow at an exponential rate. As follower of Jesus we have been charged with taking the gospel to the nations. Jesus' plan for Kingdom growth is the local church, and there are simply not enough churches in the Gainesville—Bristow area to reach the rapidly growing population. Out of obedience to the savior and passion for the glory of God we are planting a church in this community.

Area Statistics:

Population Growth:

- From 2008-12 Linton Hall, Gainesville and Haymarket are 7th, 14th and 22nd in Virginia population growth (article) -
 - http://www.fauquier.com/news/article/linton_hall_gainesville_and_haymarket_among_fastest_growing_communities
 - <http://www.usa.com/rank/virginia-state--population-growth-rate--city-rank.htm?tag=Fastest+Growing+Cities+in+VA>
- Linton Hall #1 Best Places for Homeownership in Virginia.
 - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/cities/homeownership-2/best-places-homeownership-virginia/>

Plans for the Future:

- Many residents of the Gainesville - Bristow Area are commuters. Major improvements are being done to I-66 for commuters. These improvements will serve commuters and create opportunities for continued growth of the Gainesville - Bristow community.
 - http://outside.transform66.org/learn_more/default.asp
 - Gainesville #1 Best Cities for Young Families in Virginia
 - <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/cities/lifestyle/best-cities-young-families-virginia-2015/>
 - Projected 50.7% County growth in next 15 years.
 - <http://www.washingtonian.com/blogs/capitalcomment/real-estate/the-fastest-growing-suburbs-of-washington-are-in-counties-youve-never-heard-of.php>
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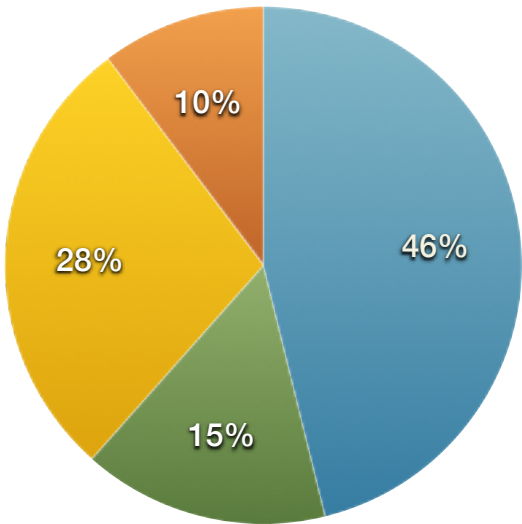
budget needs

pre-plant budget

| Item | Amount |
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| Signage | \$1500 |
| Hospitality Table | \$400 |
| Kids | \$1600 |
| Audio/Visual (sound system, projector) | \$10,000 |
| Laptop (software) | \$1500 |
| Laser Printer | \$800 |
| Bibles | \$500 |
| Promotion Cards/ Mailouts | \$1,000 |
| Trailer/Hitch | \$4,000 |
| Core Team Study Materials | \$200 |
| Total Needs | \$21,500 |

annual operating budget

● Staff - \$90,000 ● Rental - \$30,000 ● Ministry - \$55,000 ● Missions - \$20,000



Total: \$195,000





core values

Gospel Centered Worship - The Church gathers to celebrate the glorious news of the gospel. This is the most fundamental and important activity of the church. We gather together to rejoice and delight in the God who has sought and redeemed us by the blood of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Focused Community - The church thrives best when she fulfills the “one-another” commands of the New Testament. This occurs most naturally through the believers involvement in each others lives outside of the weekly gathering for discipleship, fellowship and accountability.

Gospel Proclaiming Mission - Church planting is the mission strategy of the New Testament. People come to Jesus through the faithful ministry of the local church. Therefore, we desire not simply to be a singular church plant, but to be a church plant that continues in planting more churches.

theological foundations

It is our conviction that theology matters and doctrinal commitments bring about unity within the local church. Furthermore, we believe that throughout her history the church has contributed valuable statements of faith. To that end we joyfully affirm both the Abstract of Principles and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. To read these statements please visit <http://founders.org/abstract/> (Abstract of Principles) and <http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp> (Baptist Faith and Message 2000).

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